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Sunday, August 13, 2023

10th Sunday of Matthew
Translation of the Relics of St. Maximos the Confessor
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Tenth (John 21:1-14)
Mode of the Week: First/Πρότος

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Upcoming Schedule

Today, August 13
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 10th Sunday of Matthew
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Monday, August 14
6:00pm Great Vespers and Encomia for the Dormition of the Theotokos

Tuesday, August 15
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Dormition of the Theotokos

Wednesday, August 16
5:45pm Vespers
7:00pm Adult Study Class (Intro to Orthodoxy)

Thursday, August 17
6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday, August 19
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, August 20
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday after the Dormition
Visit and Procession of the Holy Icon of Panagia Prousiotissa
12:15pm Panagiri (Celebration) hosted by the Philoptochos in honor of the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Tuesday, August 22
5:30pm Great Vespers
7:00pm Adult Study Class (Intro to Orthodoxy)

Wednesday, August 23
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Panagia Prousiotissa (name day of the Chapel)

Friday, August 25
6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the eve of the Feast of Sts. Adrian and Natalia
Saturday, August 26
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, August 27
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 12th Sunday of Matthew and the Feast of St. Phanourios
Blessing of Phanouropites at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Tuesday, August 29
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (8/20) Aleca Hortman, Cleo Bennette; (8/27) George Saratsiotis, Isabelle Saratsiotis
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (8/20) Philoptochos; (8/27) Mandi Saratsiotis; (9/3) Christina Danforth

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταύροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a warm welcome to all worshipping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You. Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright. (Psalm 32)

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The reading is from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

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Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ’s sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."
Saint Dorotheos was born in Antioch, Syria, in the year 506 or 507. His father, Theodorus, was a wealthy man of noble birth and his mother, Theodosia, was a pious woman. Both of his parents were active in the Church and it was within this environment that Dorotheos was raised. As a child, he was known for his intelligence and love of learning.

When he was about 25 years old, Dorotheos left his life of luxury and wealth to pursue a more ascetic path. He traveled to various monasteries throughout the region, seeking out the best spiritual leaders of the time. He was particularly drawn to the teachings of St. Maximus the Confessor, who was known for his deep understanding of the divine nature of Christ and His Incarnation.

Dorotheos eventually settled at a monastery near Antioch, where he spent the rest of his life in prayer and service to the Church. He was known for his holiness and was much loved by his contemporaries. He died in the year 585 or 586, leaving behind a legacy of faith and devotion.

His feast day is celebrated on August 17th, in commemoration of his life and service to the Church.