Sunday, July 30, 2023

8th Sunday of Matthew

Sts. Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eighth (John 20:11-18)

Mode of the Week: Grave/Βαρύς

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, νίκης τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενοι καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάτων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests:
We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping 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!

Upcoming Schedule

Today, July 30
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8th Sunday of Matthew
   Student/Backpack Blessing for the Beginning of the New School Year at the end of the Divine Liturgy
   Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Tuesday, August 1
5:30pm Small Paraklesis (Beginning of the Dormition Fast)

Wednesday, August 2
5:30pm Great Paraklesis
6:30pm Ministries Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 3
5:30pm Small Paraklesis

Saturday, August 5
5:00pm Great Vespers for the Transfiguration (at Holy Transfiguration, Marietta)

Sunday, August 6
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
   Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Tuesday, August 8
5:30pm Great Paraklesis

Wednesday, August 9
5:30pm Small Paraklesis
6:30pm Adult Study Class

Saturday, August 12
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, 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 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 Vesper
6:30pm Adult Study Class

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

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (8/6) Pete Tsamolias, Diana Cazacu; (8/13) Kostas Iakovidis, Panos Drakopoulos
Upcoming Ushers: (8/6) Maria S.; (8/16) Hazel D.; (8/3) Tassie C.; (8/6) Cristina and Jim L.; (8/8) Maria S.
Upcoming Video Operators: (8/1) Natalia S.; (8/6) David Z.; (8/10) Cristina L.; (8/13) Gray Y., David N.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (8/6) Sarah Drakopoulos; (8/13) Christine and Ron Sprouse; (8/20) Philoptochos
Epistle Reading

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor. (Psalm 28)

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The reading is from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)

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Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (14:14-22)

8th Sunday of Matthew

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." Then he made the crowds sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Apostles among the Seventy: Silas, Silvanus, Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (+1st Century)
+ Saint Silas was a companion and fellow laborer of the Apostle Paul: “And Paul chose Silas and departed...and he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches” (Acts 15:40-41). He later became Bishop of Corinth, and reposed in peace. Saint Silvanus became Bishop of Thessalonica, and also reposed in peace. Saint Crescens, whom Saint Paul mentions in his Second Epistle to Timothy (4:10), became Bishop of Chalcedon, and brought many to the Faith.
+ Saint Silvanus also engaged as of last weekend to Daniel Smith of Terrell, high schooler for the Dive! Congratulations Ins:
  - Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac
  - Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelanos, Marty, Denna


- **Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Κατέλυσας το Σταυρώ, Γραμμα Mode):** You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women’s lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- **Hymn of the Holy Cross (Ξάρδον Κύριε, First Mode):**

  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.

- **The Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Εις τον όρος μεταμορφώθης, Grave Mode):**

  Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father’s radiance.

- **Prayers Requested:**
  - Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valeriana, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Solky, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelanos, Marty, Denna

- **Prayers for expecting mothers:**
  - Katina B., Maggie B.

- **Prayers for our Catechumens and Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes (usually) online by Zoom meeting (next meeting is planned for Tuesday, August 1 after 7:30 PM or Paraklesis). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!**

- **GREEK FESTIVAL:**
  - Please mark your calendars for this year’s festival: October 20-22. Also, please save the date for October 19 for set-up! Also, please refer to the bulletin email for more festival info and links! Preparation dates: Spanakopita (August 12) and Dolmades (September 30). We are asking each family to sell 5 boxes for the Raffle Draw. Please see Natalia to get your tickets if you have not already.

- **Name Days—Chronologia Polia, Many Years!**
  - None in the Records

- **Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**
  - July 31: Charlotte Douglas

- **Upcoming Celebrations This Week:**
  - Name Days—Chronologia Polia, Many Years! None in the Records

- **Annuals—Congratulations!**
  - July 30: Emily and Spyros Dermatas, Maria and Bob McCluskey

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- **Youth:**
  - At the end of Divine Liturgy today is the blessing of students and teachers for the new school year. May God bless you and your studies! Next plan to begin Sunday School on Sunday, September 10.

- **Be sure to Save the Date for the 2nd Annual Cross Dive which will be taking place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 29. The registration is live on the Church’s website. Be sure to RSVP and register your high schooler for the Dive!**

- **Congratulations to Amanda Lord who is now engaged as of last weekend to Daniel Smith of Terrell, Texas. Kala Stefana, may it be blessed!**

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**Today’s Office Days:**

- **Monday**
- **Tuesday**
- **Wednesday**
- **Thursday**
- **Friday**
- **Saturday**
- **Sunday**

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**This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fastings Guidance:**

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John 20:11-18;
1 Corinthians 11:16-17; Matthew 14:14-22

**Monday (7/31—No Fasting):**

1 Corinthians 11:31-34, 12:1-6; Matthew 18:8-11

**Tuesday (8/1—Strict Fast):**

Hebrews 11:33-40; Matthew 12:25-29

**Wednesday (8/2—Strict Fast):**

Acts 6:8-15; 7:1-5, 47-60; Mark 12:1-12

**Thursday (8/3—Strict Fast):**

1 Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28

**Friday (8/4— Strict Fast):**

1 Corinthians 14:26-40; Matthew 12:13-21

**Saturday (8/5—Wine + Oil):**

1 Peter 1:1-25, 2:1-10; Matthew 15:32-39

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