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Sunday, August 18, 2024

8th Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

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

Mode of the Week: Grave / Βαρύς

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, August 18</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8 th Sunday of Matthew 50 Year Memorial for Nick Dermatas, father of Spyros, at the end of the Divine Liturgy Artoklasia honoring the visit of the Panagia Prousiotissa icon Panagiri in the House/Courtyard following the Divine Liturgy
<i>Wednesday, August 21</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Thursday, August 22</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of Panagia Prousiotissa (the name day of the Chapel) 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Saturday, August 24</i>	3:30pm Orthodoxy 201/Catechumen Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, August 25</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9 th Sunday of Matthew Sunday School for the Youth begins after Holy Communion Blessing of Fanouropitas at the end of the Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Monday, August 26</i>	6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of Sts. Adrian and Natalia
<i>Wednesday, August 28</i>	5:00pm Orthros 6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the eve of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
<i>Sunday, September 1</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Ecclesiastical New Year Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy Greek Dance in the Courtyard 12:45pm
<i>Monday, September 2</i>	Labor Day — Office Closed
<i>Wednesday, September 4</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis
<i>Saturday, September 7</i>	3:30pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class in the Library 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, September 8</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Nativity of the Theotokos Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship, Philoptochos Meeting, Bible Study after Liturgy

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (8/25) Kostas Iakovidis, Sarah Drakopoulos; (9/1) Kostas Iakovidis, Rene Esquivel
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (8/25) Gray Yates; (9/1) Maria Spicer; (9/8) Jim Lekas; (9/15) John Apostolou
Upcoming Ushers: (8/21) Melanie M; (8/23) Joanna P; (8/24) Sarah D; (8/25) Cleo B, Sarah D; (8/26+28) James S.
Upcoming Video Operators: (8/25) Gray Y., David N.; (8/28) David Z.; (9/1) Gray Y./David N.; (9/8) David Z.
Fellowship Hosts: (8/25) Beth Zoumberis; (9/1) **OPEN**; (9/8) Parish Council; (9/15) Cross Dive; (9/22) Mandi S.

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.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ 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 offered only to 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!

Epistle Reading

*Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει,
Κύριος εὐλογήσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν
εἰρήνῃ.*

*Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ, υἱοὶ Θεοῦ,
ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.*

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*Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα, ἥτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῦ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσι. λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει· ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλῶ, ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν; ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; εὐχαριστῶ τῷ Θεῷ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον, ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλέ με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν, ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι, οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

*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 Crispus 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)

Eighth Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· ἔρημός ἐστιν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρήλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· οὐ χρεῖαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· φέρετέ μοι αὐτούς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους, οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦραν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδιῶν. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.

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; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to 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.

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Bulletin for the week of August 18, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf

Video: Natalia Saratsiotis Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek); Caroline Saratsiotis (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Philoptochos

PC Member On-Duty: Melanie Moye



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

This feast was celebrated on August 15 and the after-feast lasts until August 23. The Feast of Panagia Prousiotissa is celebrated on August 23, as well.

+ The Holy Martyrs Floros and Lauros of Illyria (+2nd Century) along with the 300 Paupers martyred and inspired by Sts. Florus and Laurus

These Martyrs were twin brothers, and stonemasons. After the martyrdom of their teachers Proclus and Maximus, they left Byzantium and came to the city of Ulpiana in Illyricum, where a certain Licinius hired them to build a temple for the idols. The wages he gave them, they distributed to the poor, and when the temple was built, Floros and Lauros gathered the paupers, and with their help put ropes about the necks of the idols, pulled them to the ground, and furnished the temple as a church. When Licinius learned of this, he had the paupers burned alive in a furnace. Floros and Lauros were tormented, then cast into a deep well, where they gave up their souls to the Lord. When their holy relics were recovered years later, they poured forth myrrh and worked many miracles; they were enshrined in Constantinople.

+ The Holy Martyrs Hermus, Serapion, and Polyaenus of Rome (+2nd Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Juliana near Stroblious and the Holy Martyr Leo near Myra in Lycia

+ The Four Devout Ascetics in the Desert

+ Our Fathers among the Saints, John (+674) and George (+683), Patriarchs of Constantinople

+ The Translation of the Relics of Our Devout and God-Bearing Father Arsenios the New from Paros (+1877)

Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

• Hymn of the Dormition (Ev τη Γεννήσει, First Mode):

You gave birth yet preserved your virginity. You fell asleep in death yet did not desert the world, O Theotokos. You were transported to life, as you are Mother of Life and, by virtue of your intercessions, deliver our souls from death. (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Hymn of the Resurrection)

• Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου, Grave 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.

• Hymn of Panagia Prousiotissa (Της Ελλάδος, First Mode):

As champion of all Greece you stand arrayed, and worker of extraordinary wonders by Your Icon from Proussa, Immaculate Virgin Mary; for swiftly you give light to the blind, drive dread demons far away, and also loving Lady, brace the paralyzed. All those who have recourse to you, you save from beetling cliffs and every harm. Glory to your child-bearing without seed! Glory to the One who made you great! Glory to the One who through you works such wonders!

• Hymn of the Memorial Service (Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin he has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

• Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον 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 Dormition (Την εν προεβείαις, Second Mode):

The Theotokos is undying in intercession. Immovable is our hope in her for protection. Neither death nor burial prevailed over her. As she is Mother of Life, she was removed to life by Him, the Lord who lived in her ever-virgin womb.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, August 18—No Fasting: John 20:11-18;

I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 14:14-22

Monday, August 19—No Fasting: I Corinthians 11:31-34, 12:1-6; Matthew 18:1-11

Tuesday, August 20—No Fasting: I Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 18:18-22, 19:1-2, 13-15

Wednesday, August 21—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 13:4-13, 14:1-5; Mark 3:13-21

Thursday, August 22—No Fasting: I Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28

Friday, August 23: Panagia Prousiotissa—Strict Fast: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Saturday, August 24—No Fasting: Romans 14:6-9; Matthew 15:32-39

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Lucas

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Nancy (+July 12), Fotini (+July 25), Matt (+July 28),

Bill (+August 6), Keath (+August 14)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julia E., Bobbie I.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Adam, Bobbie, Dakota, Hannah, Jessica, Mary Emma, Mary Elizabeth, Nate, Schyler, Sophia, Susan, Tammy and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. John of Damascus on how iconography encourages us: "All images reveal and make perceptible those things which are hidden. For example, a man does not have immediate knowledge of invisible things, since the soul is veiled by the body. Nor can man have immediate knowledge of things which are distant from each other or separated by place, because he himself is limited by place and time. Therefore the icon was devised that he might advance in knowledge, and that secret things might be revealed and made perceptible. Therefore, icons are a source of profit, help, and salvation for all, since they make things so obviously manifest, enabling us to perceive hidden things. Thus, we are encouraged to desire and imitate what is good and to shun and hate what is evil."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

August 20: Tommy "Samuel" Roden

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

August 23: Angelika Passias

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

August 19: Despina and Arty Passias

August 20: Fr. Mike and Presvytera Kalliopi Vastakis

August 24: Cristina and Jim Lekas

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* We are blessed with the yearly visitation of the Panagia Prousiotissa icon today—we also have a Panagiri/Celebration after the Liturgy today. We hope you can join! Thank you to the Philoptochos for their preparations.

* The next meeting of the Catechumen/Orthodoxy 201 Class will take place this coming Saturday, August 24 at 3:30pm in the Library with the topic of "The Bible and our approach as Orthodox Christians." Contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

* FESTIVAL INFO: Raffle tickets are here, and they are ready to be sold! We are asking each family to sell or purchase a minimum of five books. Contact Natalia to get your raffle tickets today! **Committee Chairmen:** Start looking for parishioners to help in your area. If you have any concerns for your area, please contact one of the Festival Chairmen. Other dates to mark on your calendar: Dolmades Prep (Saturday, September 21).

* **Philoptochos News: Fanouropita:** NEXT Sunday, August 25 to assist the Youth Activities of the Metropolis. Please contact Cleo at philoptochos@holycrossga.org or by phone if you are able to make a Fanouropita for that Sunday! *Lastly, the tentative date for the next Philoptochos meeting is Sunday, September 8 after the Divine Liturgy.*

* Please be sure to save the date for the 3rd Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive on Sunday, September 15. We will begin with Orthros and Liturgy at the Church, celebrate with a Panagiri/Celebration for our Church's Name Day after the service and conclude with the Cross Dive at Lake Tobo. An email has been sent that contains more information and registration/ticket details—signup today!



* An important email was sent a few weeks ago regarding our **ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT**. We are kindly asking each parishioner to submit a minimum of five names along with addresses to help build our database. Your participation is crucial to the success of this campaign. To submit names, you can either scan this QR Code or you can pick up a hard copy in the Narthex or Parish House. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Emily Dermatas.

* **Sunday School** begins for the youth NEXT Sunday, August 25 after Holy Communion. Please be sure to have your children, grandchildren, etc. attend!