

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

~ a Pan-Orthodox parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese ~

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HOLY MARTYR MAMAS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

Preparing to Worship the Thrice-Holy God

Upon Entering the Church

I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy;
and in thy fear I will worship toward thy holy temple.

(Ps. 5:7)

A Prayer before Holy Communion

O Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ, our God,
who alone hast authority to forgive men their sins:
overlook in thy goodness and love for mankind all my offences
whether committed with knowledge or in ignorance;
and make me worthy to receive without condemnation
thy divine, glorious, spotless, and life-giving Mysteries,
not for punishment, nor for an increase of sins, but for purification and sanctification and as a
pledge of the life and the kingdom to come,
as a protection and help, and for the destruction of enemies,
and for the blotting out of my many transgressions.
For thou art a God of mercy and compassion and love for mankind, and to thee we send up
glory, to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(St. John of Damascus)

A Word for Newcomers

A warm welcome to all those worshipping with us at Holy Trinity! If you are from a non-Orthodox background you may see many new and unfamiliar things. Rest assured that everything has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please join us for coffee after the service. And feel free to ask Fr. Joseph any questions you may have.

About receiving Holy Communion: The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a formal unity with all the dogma and practice and discipline of the Orthodox Church, **non-Orthodox** guests do not receive Holy Communion. **Orthodox** communicants are reminded that we approach the Chalice with due preparation including recent Confession, keeping the appointed fasts of the Church, and appropriate prayers of *preparation* for the reception of Holy Communion and *thanksgiving* after.

**DIVINE LITURGY of
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Variable Hymns and Readings



FIRST ANTIPHON

*Verse: It is good to give praise unto the Lord, and to chant unto Thy name,
O Most High.*

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: To proclaim in the morning Thy mercy, and Thy truth by night.

Verse: Upright is the Lord our God, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Glory to the . . . Now and Ever . . .

SECOND ANTIPHON

Verse: The Lord is King, He is clothed with majesty;

the Lord is clothed with strength and He hath girt Himself.

Refrain: O Son of God, who arose from the dead, save us who sing to Thee.
Alleluia.

Verse: For He established the world which shall not be shaken.

Verse: Holiness becometh Thy house, O Lord, unto length of days.

Glory to the . . . Now and ever . . . Only begotten Son ...

THIRD ANTIPHON

The Beatitudes: In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when thou comest in Thy kingdom.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,
for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and shall persecute you
and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake;
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

AFTER LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for St. Mamas (Tone 4)

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee * received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. * For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants * and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. * O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Troparion for Pentecost, patronal feast of the parish (Tone 8)

Blessed art Thou, O Christ our God, who hast revealed the fisherman as most wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit; through them Thou didst draw the world into Thy net. O Lover of Man, glory to Thee!

Kontakion for Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)¹

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

EPISTLE: Second Corinthians 1:21-2:4 (14th Sun. after Pentecost)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

¹ Sung in anticipation of the upcoming feast (Sept. 8).

GOSPEL: St. Matthew 22:2-14 (*14th Sun. of Matthew*)

The Lord spoke this parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.’ But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.’ And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

UPCOMING

Exaltation of the Cross will be celebrated with Divine Liturgy and the Service of the Elevation of the Cross on Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 PM.

Bishop NICHOLAS will be visiting our parish the weekend of October 13-14.

Nativity Fast Retreat – “The Inner Heaven of Man”, an exploration of the healing of mind, heart, and will according to St. Nicholai of Zica – led by Fr. John Finley will take place the weekend of November 16 – 18.

All Saints of North America Tropar

Tone 1



The first fruits of sanc-ti-ty sown in this new land we of-fer to



Thee our Fa-ther in hea-ven; the bless-ed asce-tic Herman of A-la-ska and



Ho-ly Hi-er-arch Inn-o-cent, A-post-le to A-me-ri-ca, to-ge-ther with the Mar-tyrs the



Priest. Ju-ven-al-y and the A-le-ut Pe-ter, and the un-known ho-ly men and wo-



men who did wit-ness to Thy name in A-me-ri-ca. Fill Thy Church with He-ven-ly



joy. Grant peace to our land and sanc-ti-fy all those who wor-ship Thee through the



prayers of the The-o-to-kos and of all Thy saints O most Mer-ci-ful One.

THIS WEEK

Usual Wednesday and Friday fast.

Monday, Sept. 3	Hieromartyr Anthimos of Nicomedia; Martyr Chariton; Newmartyr Polydoros of Cyprus; Venerable Theoktistos, fellow-faster with Euthymios the Great; Phoebe the deaconess; Uncovering of the relics of Nektarios of Pentapolis, the wonder-worker; Ioanikios I, patriarch of Serbia
Tuesday, Sept. 4	Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch; Prophet Moses the God-seer; Martyrs Jerusalem, Sekendos, Sekendios and Kegouros in Aleppo; Martyr Hermione, daughter of the Apostle Philip the deacon
Wednesday, Sept. 5	Prophet Zachariah and Elizabeth, parents of the Forerunner; Obadiah, bishop of Persia ; martyrdom of the Holy Passion-bearer Gleb
6:00 pm	Vespers
Thursday, Sept. 6	commemoration of the miracle of the Archangel Michael in Colossae; Martyrs Eudoxios, Andronikos and Kalodote
7:00 pm	Parish Council
Friday, Sept. 7	Martyr Sozon of Cilicia; Apostles Euodos and Onesiphoros of the Seventy; New-martyr Athanasios; John, archbishop of Novgorod; Venerable Kassiane; Venerable Cloud of Nogent-sur-Seine
Saturday, Sept. 8	NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS
9:00 am	Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm	Great Vespers
6:45 pm	Confessions
Sunday, Sept. 9	THE LORD'S DAY - Holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; Great-martyr Severian of Sebaste; the fathers of the Third Ecumenical Council; Venerable Joseph of Volotsk; uncovering of the relics of Theodosios, archbishop of Chernigov
9:00 am	Church School
9:00 am	Orthros
10:00 am	Divine Liturgy
11:30 am	Coffee Hour