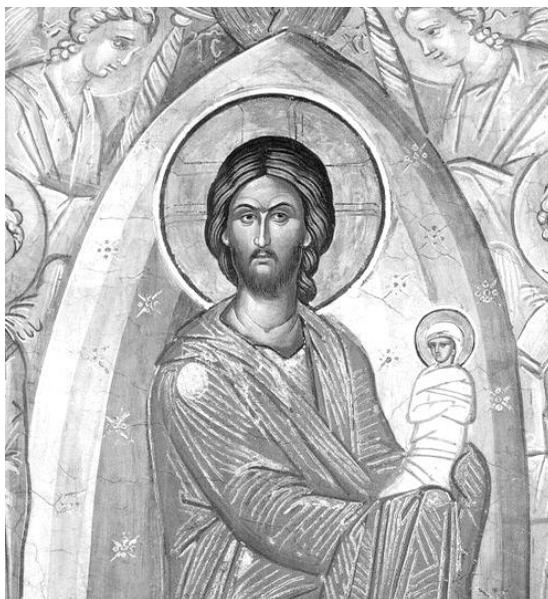


HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York
and Metropolitan of all North America

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Miami
Archpriest Joseph Bittle, Pastor



NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
AFTER-FEAST OF DORMITION
AUGUST 18, 2019

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

Come, O you people, let us sing a song to Christ our God, Who divided the sea, and made a way for the nation which He had brought up out of the bondage of Egypt; for He is glorious.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

May Thy holy Body be for me the bread of eternal life, O gracious Lord, and may Thy precious Blood be a remedy for my many forms of sickness.

Cast me not away from Thy Face, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Defiled by misguided deeds, wretched as I am, I am unworthy, O Christ, to partake of Thy immaculate Body and divine Blood, but make me worthy of them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O blessed Bride of God, O good land which produced the unploughed Corn which saves the world, grant that I may be saved by eating it.

(Canon of Preparation for Holy Communion, Ode 1)

A Word for Newcomers

A warm welcome to all those worshiping 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

(Verses for Dormition)

Verse: Shout with jubilation unto the Lord all the earth;
chant unto His name, give glory in praise of Him.

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

Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord and call upon His name;
Declare His works among the nations.

Verse: In the city of our God,
in His holy mountain.

Verse: And His place hath been made in peace,
and His dwelling in Zion.

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

SECOND ANTIPHON

(Verses for Dormition)

Verse: The Lord loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

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

Verse: Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O City of God.

Verse: God hath laid her foundations unto eternity
We have thought, O God, of Thy mercy in the midst of Thy people.

Verse: The Most High hath hallowed His tabernacle.

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

THIRD ANTIPHON

(Verses for Dormition)

Verse: Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart;
I will sing and chant in my glory.

Refrain - Dormition Troparion (Tone 1):

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Verse: What shall I render unto the Lord
For all that He hath rendered unto me?

Verse: I will take the cup of salvation,
And I will call upon the name of the Lord.

AFTER LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

Troparion for Dormition (Tone 1)

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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 Dormition (Tone 2)

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

EPISTLE: First Corinthians 3:9-17 *(9th Sun. after Pentecost)*

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

GOSPEL: St. Mathew 14:22-34 *(9th Sun. of Matthew)*

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee,

bid me come to Thee on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, “O man of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, “Truly, Thou art the Son of God.” And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



UPCOMING

Diocesan Fall Retreat opportunity at St. Ignatius in Franklin, TN, September 6-7. Please see the notice on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Nativity of the Theotokos, September 8th, falls on Sunday this year.

Exaltation of the Cross will be celebrated with Divine Liturgy and the Service of the Elevation of the Cross on Saturday, September 14, at 9:00 AM.

Church School begins Sunday, September 15th this year.

The yearly **Parish General Meeting** will be held after Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 29th.

Parish Fall Retreat will take place the weekend of November 1-3, and will be led by V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Rogers, pastor emeritus of St. Ignatius, Franklin, TN. More details to come soon. Also, that weekend, on Sunday, we will have our annual **Fall Picnic**.

BACKPACK DELIVERY

We have had another successful year providing backpacks filled with school supplies for the children of Meadowcliff Elementary School.

A giant “thank you” to all who participated in filling the backpacks with supplies. Special thanks as well to Sharon Lear and our Antiochian Women for their efforts in organizing the project this year.



Delivering Backpacks to Meadowcliff Elementary

THIS WEEK

Wed. & Friday are fast days.

Monday, August 19 Martyr Andrew the General ('Stratelates'); Venerable Theophanes of Docheiariou monastery on Athos

Tuesday, August 20 Prophet Samuel; Martyrs Heliodoros of Persia and Photeini of Blachernae

Wednesday, August 21 Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy; Martyrs Bassa, Theognios, Agapios, and Pistos of Edessa; Venerable Abraham of Smolensk and his disciple, Venerable Ephraim

6:00 pm Vespers

Thursday, August 22 Martyr Agathonikos of Nicomedia and those with him

Friday, August 23 Martyr Loupos; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympos

12:00 pm Ladies Book Group (*“Wounded by Love” by Elder Porphyrios*)

Saturday, August 24 Hieromartyr Eutychos, disciple of John the Theologian; New hieromartyr Cosmas Aitolos, equal-to-the-Apostles and evangelizer of southern Albania; Dionysios the wonder-worker, bishop of Zakynthos; Venerable Gerasimos of Kephallenia; translation of the relics of Peter the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow

6:00 pm Great Vespers

6:45 pm Confessions

Sunday, August 25 LORD’S DAY - Apostles Titos of the Seventy and Bartholomew

9:00 am Orthros

10:00 am Divine Liturgy

11:30 am Coffee Hour

All Parishioners,

From your preferred email address, please send a simple email to me at frjosephbittle@gmail.com with the subject line “Email Address as Requested.” Please do so even if you believe I already have your email address. This will assist me in updating my database for communicating parish news with you and your families. Thank you.

~ Fr. Joseph