

# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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

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**RETURN OF THE RELICS OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW  
HOLY APOSTLE TITUS OF THE SEVENTY**

**TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

**AUGUST 25, 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*

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 1)**

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

#### **Troparion Ss. Bartholomew and Titus (Tone 3)**

O Holy Apostles, intercede with our merciful God, to grant our souls forgiveness of sins.

**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)<sup>1</sup>**

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: First Corinthians 4:9-16 (10<sup>th</sup> Sun. after Pentecost)**

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.

**GOSPEL: St. Matthew 17:14-23 (10<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Matthew)**

At that time, a man came up to Jesus 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 Thy disciples, and

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<sup>1</sup> Sung in anticipation of the upcoming feast (Sept. 8).

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?” Jesus said to them, “Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting.” As they were traveling together through 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 rise on the third day.”



## UPCOMING

**Nativity of the Theotokos**, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.

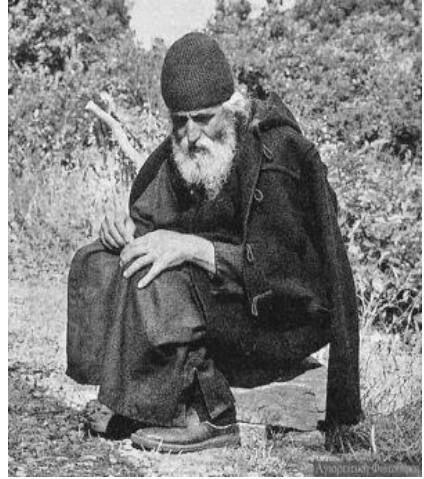
**Church School** begins Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> this year.

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

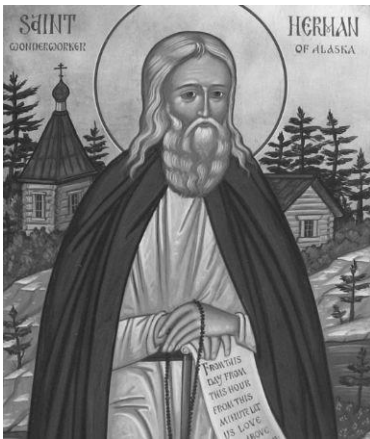
**Parish Fall Retreat** will take place the weekend of November 1-3, and will be led by V. Rev. Fr. Stephen Rogers, pastor emeritus of St. Ignatius, Franklin, TN. More details to come soon. Also, that weekend, on Sunday, we will have our annual **Fall Picnic**.

# WISE WORDS

"Grumbling is caused by misery and it can be put aside by doxology (giving praise). Grumbling begets grumbling and doxology begets doxology. When someone doesn't grumble over a problem troubling him, but rather praises God, then the devil gets frustrated and goes off to someone else who grumbles, in order to cause everything to go even worse for him. You see, the more one grumbles, the more one falls into ruin. Sometimes the devil deceives us and makes us unable to be pleased with anything; however, one can celebrate all things in a spiritual manner, with doxology, and secure God's constant blessing."



~ *St. Paisios of Mt. Athos (+1994)*



"Sin, to one who loves God, is nothing other than an arrow from the enemy in battle. A true Christian is a warrior fighting his way through the regiments of the unseen enemy to his heavenly homeland, according to the words of the Apostle: 'Our homeland is in heaven' (cf. Phil. 3:20). About warriors he says: 'Our warfare is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers' (cf. Eph. 6:12)."

~ *St. Herman of Alaska (+1836)*

# THIS WEEK

**Fast Days: Wednesday, Thursday (Beheading of Baptist), and Friday**

**Church Office will be closed Wednesday through Friday**

Monday, August 26      Martyrs Adrian and Natalia of Nicomedia; Venerable Joasaph; Venerable Adrian of Ondrutsov

Tuesday, August 27      Venerable Pimen the Great and Osios; Martyr Anthusa; Newly revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes; Caesarios, bishop of Arles; Venerable-confessor Hosios, bishop of Cordoba

**7:00 pm      Men's Fellowship (Nash Home)**

Wednesday, August 28      Venerable Moses of Ethiopia; Martyrs Diomedes, Damon and Laurence; Martyr Susanna of Georgia; uncovering of the relics of Venerable Job of Pochaev

**\*\* No Wednesday Vespers \*\***

Thursday, August 29      Beheading of the Forerunner. Venerable Theodora of Thessalonika, Theopistis and Joseph the Sanctified of Samaka

Friday, August 30      Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Martyrs Phantinos of Calabria and Januarios; Repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir; translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod; Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia

Saturday, August 31      Placing of the Belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Halkoprateia-Constantinople

**6:00 pm      Great Vespers**

**6:45 pm      Confessions**

Sunday, September 1      LORD'S DAY - Beginning of the ecclesiastical New Year. Forty Virgin-martyrs and Ammon the deacon; Venerable Simeon the Stylite

**9:00 am      Orthros**

**10:00 am      Divine Liturgy**

**11:30 am      Coffee Hour**

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