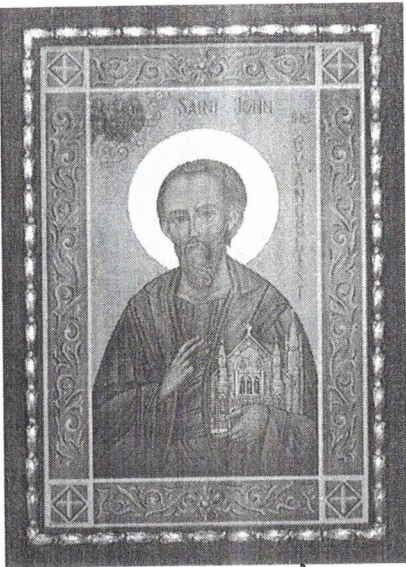




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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Fr. Seraphim

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5; FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

DORMITION FAST — AUGUST 1ST THRU 15TH

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

How great are Thy works, O Lord! In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)

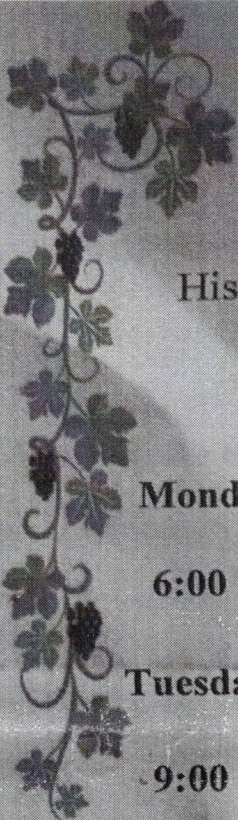
Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.



PATRONAL FEAST
Annual Pilgrimage

Presiding Hierarch
His Grace the **Right Reverend Irinej**
Bishop of Eastern America
The Serbian Orthodox Church

Monday, August 5—Eve of Transfiguration

6:00 Festal Vigil Service

Tuesday, August 6—Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 Greeting, Procession, and Vesting of
Hierarch in Outdoor Church

9:30 Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:30 Holy Unction with singing of
Paraklesis Hymn



JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

July 27th Saturday — NO Great Vespers

July 28th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

August 1st thru 15th — Dormition Fast.

August 3th Saturday — NO Great Vespers

August 4th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

August 6th Tues. -TRANFIGURATION will be Celebrated at
Monastery of the Transfiguration

August 10th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

August 11th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
Council Meeting 12 NOON

August 14th Wednesday—Divine Liturgy 6PM
Dormition of the Theotokos

August 17th Saturday —Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM
Great Vespers 5PM

August 18th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

August 24th Saturday — NO Great Vespers

August 25th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

August 31st Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

September 1st Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Jim, Shannon, Aiden, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Yvonne, Cindy, Joann, and Julianna.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of ND Mark, Infant Micah and Eleanor.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Devil takes captive and conquers man in this world by excessively exciting his natural, spiritual, and bodily needs such as: the need of food and drink...the need of clothing; the need of pleasures; the need of honors or fame, and of a good name...and diverts the soul from God through its attachment to material things, and through its falling into sensuality and into the passions of malice, pride, envy, despondency, slothfulness, gluttony, fornication, drunkenness, covetousness, ambition, etc. And therefore fasting, chastity, disinterestedness, kindness, meekness, humility, faith, hope, and love, prayer, and meditation, are necessary.

* * * TWO-FOLD BEAUTY * * *

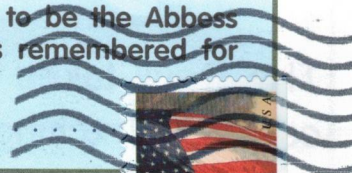
The story of ST. IRENE OF CHRYSOVALANTOU is truly a tale of beauty, both PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL. She was born in the 9th century in Cappadocia, the daughter of noble parents. It has been written that she possessed exquisite features, highlighted by long-flowing, golden hair. Standing nearly six feet tall, it would seem that St. Irene's appearance would be the envy of all in today's society, which places great importance on such matters!

From an early age, however, St. Irene was interested only in dedicating her life to the Lord. She desired to flee the world and the pleasures it offered. She longed to live a life of monasticism. For awhile, it appeared her dream would never be fulfilled. Irene was chosen by the royal family of Constantinople to be the wife of Prince Michael, the heir to the throne. Filled with dismay, Irene visited the renowned hermit Ioannikios, who assured her that this marriage would never take place. The words of this saintly recluse came true, when the brother of the Empress Theodora fell in love with Irene's sister! After this unexpected wedding, Irene was free to become the "handmaiden of the Lord!"

Irene entered a woman's monastery in Chrysovalantou, where she soon became well-known for her spiritual accomplishments. Her most famous feat centered around spending a period of THREE YEARS where she prayed constantly from sunrise to sunset, existing only on a minimal amount of food and water. This miraculous display of SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE won her the admiration of her sisters-in-Christ, and soon she was selected to be the Abbess of her beloved monastery. Long after her death, Irene was remembered for being a "model of devotion" to Christ.

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