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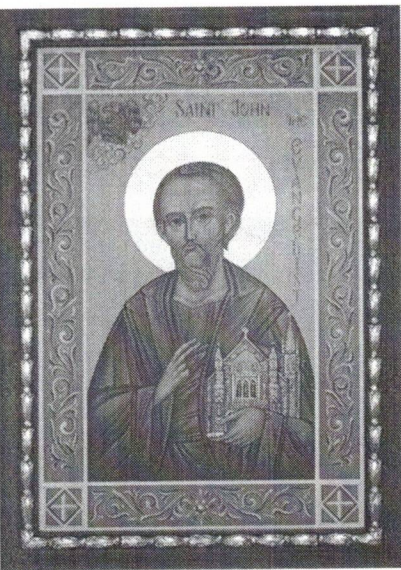
**Y**ou may be aware that the Church has laid out a path for us to achieve **SPIRITUAL SUCCESS.**

Today we highlight several steps that can lead us to daily victory and an abundant life. They encompass the FOUR H's:

**HUMILITY**  
**HOLINESS**  
**HEALTH**  
**&**  
**HONOR**



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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 .*

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*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.*

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# DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2024

## TONE 6 / EOTHINON 7; SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

### AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON EUPLOS OF CATANIA IN SICILY; NIPHON, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; NEW-MARTYRS ANASTASIOS AND DEMETRIOS OF LESBOS

#### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, in His holy mountain. Who settest fast the mountains by Thy strength, Who art girded about with power.

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

Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. The mountains shall rejoice at the presence of the Lord, for He cometh; yea, He is come to judge the earth. ***(Refrain)***

Glory... Both now... ***(Refrain)***

#### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

His foundations are in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

***Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who wast transfigured on Mount Tabor, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.***

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. ***(Refrain)***

A man will say: Mother Sion; and: That man was born in her; and: The Most High Himself hath founded her. ***(Refrain)***

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

#### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Of Thy mercies, O Lord, will I sing forever. The heavens shall confess Thy wonders, O Lord, and Thy truth in the congregation of saints. Blessed is the people that knoweth jubilation. O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance shall they walk, and in Thy Name shall they rejoice all the day long.

***Third Antiphon, chant the apolytikion of the Transfiguration.***

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb. And the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN**

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine everlasting light also enlighten us sinners, through the intercessions of the Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light, glory to Thee.

## **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.

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***COME JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2024***

***DIVINE LITURGY AT 6PM***

***DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS***

## THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost)

***O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance.***

***Unto Thee, O Lord, will I cry, O my God!***

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (15:1-7)**

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good for his edification. For Christ also did not please Himself; but, as it is written: "The reproaches of those who reproached Thee fell on Me." For whatever was written beforehand was written for our learning, that we might have hope, through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures. Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be of the same mind with one another, according to Christ Jesus, that with one accord and one mouth you may glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, receive one another, even as Christ has also received you, to the glory of God.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)**

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES

**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**

**SEPTEMBER 4TH WEDNESDAY — 6PM COMPLINE PRAY-  
ERS, A LIGHT MEAL, & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP**

**September 7th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**September 8th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM  
NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**September 13th Friday — Divine Liturgy 6PM  
ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**

**September 14th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM**

**September 15th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM**

**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 Infant Micah and Eleanor.

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**ATTENTION TO ALL—COME JOIN US**

Weekly gathering will start on Wednesday, September 4th at 6PM — Compline prayers, a light meal, & time of study/fellowship. Study time is helpful to inquirers, catechumens, and those in church desiring to deepen faith in Orthodox Tradition. Fr. will offer weekly topics with one page study sheets. This study will be available for 15 weeks. Please make time to join us.

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***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY***

“The Church is one and the same with the Lord — His Body, of His flesh and of His bones. The Church is the living vine, nourished by Him and growing in Him. Never think of the Lord apart from Jesus Christ, from the Father and the Holy Spirit.

(St. John of Kronstadt)

**HUMILITY** is this quality that makes us more like Jesus. Do not forget that pride is the first step towards a fall. Consider for a moment the humility our Lord displayed. He had a humble birth in a stable. During His ministry, Christ took upon Himself the form of a servant. He came to serve, not be served. In the end Jesus was obedient thru His painful death on the cross, dying for our salvation.

**HOLINESS** identifies us as Christians. We must have reverence and trust in our one true God. We recognize what we have done wrong, vow repentance and turn to Jesus for the remission of our sins. He is our example. By trusting in Christ as our Saviour, we receive the power to overcome hardship.

**HEALTH** of both body and soul will improve because of our holy lifestyle. There certainly are physical and spiritual benefits to be had. We are able to forgive because we have been forgiven. We can stop worrying because we have learned to trust God. We are able to find true joy because we walk in God's will.

**HONOR** the Lord with all your heart. Our Lord asked us to be charitable and giving of our riches. In doing so, God increases His Blessings. There is a phrase that goes: Fear says, "I'm afraid to give" while Faith says, "I'm so blessed I cannot withhold."

As we reflect inward, we must ask if we have been using these four basic keys to spiritual success. By doing so, our daily quality of life will be greatly improved.

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