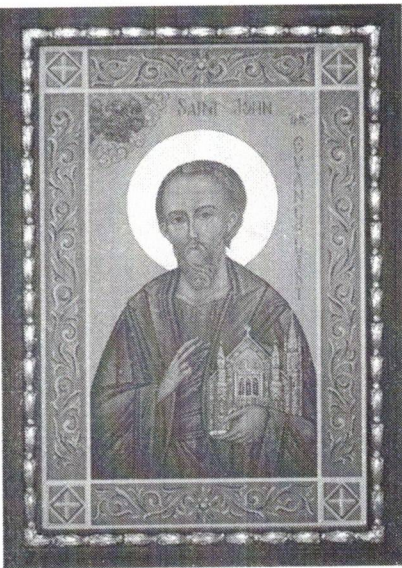




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**REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER**

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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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## THE SYNAXARION

On August 25 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the return of the holy relics of the holy glorious Apostle Bartholomew.

### *Verses*

Bartholomew is found, though was hidden, that we the faithful might reap  
grace in abundance.

They found thy body on the twenty-fifth, O Bartholomew.

When Bartholomew was crucified in Albanopolis (Derbend) in Armenia, Christians removed his body and honorably buried it in a lead sarcophagus. When numerous miracles and healings occurred over the grave of the apostle—because of which the number of Christians increased—the pagans then took the sarcophagus containing the relics of Bartholomew and tossed it into the sea. They did the same to the sarcophagi of four other martyrs. However, by God's providence, none of them sank and the current carried them to separate but safe shores. Agathon, bishop of the island of Lipara, mystically learned of Bartholomew's approaching relics and, with the clergy and people, came to the shore to receive them with great joy. On that occasion, many healings of the sick occurred from the relics of the holy Bartholomew.

On this day, we commemorate the holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy, bishop of Gortynia in Crete. Titus was born in Crete and educated in Greek philosophy and poetry. Following a dream, he began reading the Prophet Isaiah and doubted all the wisdom of the Hellenes. Hearing about Christ the Lord, Titus traveled to Jerusalem with other Cretans and personally heard the words of the Savior and witnessed His mighty works. His young heart completely adhered to Christ. Later, he was baptized by the Apostle Paul whom he served as a son to a father in evangelization. Titus was present at the suffering and death of Paul in Rome and honorably buried his body. After that, Titus returned to Crete where, with great success, he baptized the pagans and prudently governed the Church of God until his repose at age 94.



## THE EPISTLE

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

***Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.***

***God is known in Judaea; His Name is great in Israel.***

### **The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)**

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

## THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday of Matthew)

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)**

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.

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024**  
**TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9; NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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

**RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT**

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.

**APOLYTIKION FOR SS. BARTHOLOMEW & TITUS IN TONE THREE**

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

**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 NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

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.



## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES

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 PRAYERS, 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 11TH WEDNESDAY — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A LIGHT MEAL, & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

September 14th Saturday — Divine Liturgy 10AM  
ELEVATION OF THE CROSS

September 14th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM  
September 15th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

\*SEPTEMBER 18TH WEDNESDAY — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A LIGHT MEAL, & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP

Sept. 21st Saturday — Community Breakfast 8:30—10:30AM  
Great Vespers 5PM  
September 22nd 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***

**“Pardon my sins both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance....”**

**(from the Pre-communion Prayer).**



## A PRAYER TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

“**Ⲑ** Holy Forerunner John, the Baptizer of our Lord Jesus Christ: you were the last of the prophets and among the first of the martyrs; you were the instructor of fasters and desert-dwellers and a teacher of purity. We sing your praises as being the “... greatest of those born of woman.” We humbly beseech you to assist us in knowing our place in life, just as you recognized that it was necessary for you to “step back” and allow the Lord to take His own rightful place as the One Who was the answer to your “... voice crying in the wilderness.” You proclaimed the teachings of the prophets of old about the coming of the Messiah. Help us to seek the repentance that you urged so many to search for as you baptized along the banks of the Jordan River, so that one day we may be worthy of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. As we commemorate your beheading through the treachery of Herodias and Salome, may we be inspired by your example of always speaking and defending the truth — even at the expense of sacrificing your own life in the process. O great and glorious John the Baptist, receive from us this heartfelt supplication which we offer to you with the hope that our intentions are pleasing to God. Deliver us from evil of every kind and rescue us from eternal torment. Make us heirs to God’s eternal dwelling place and intercede for us before the Throne of our Heavenly Father. For you are the radiance of the shining light of the Gospel and the fulfillment of God’s promise to mankind. Amen.”



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