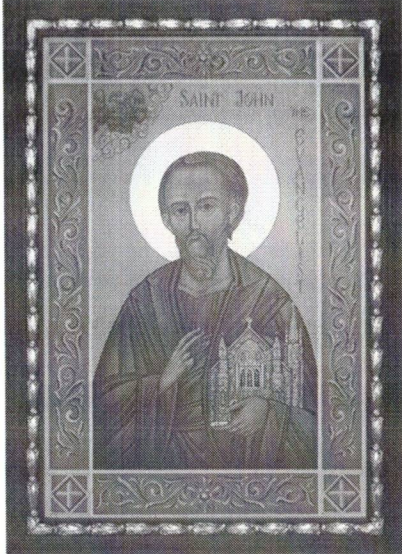




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*Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where 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, SEPTEMBER 01, 2024

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 10

BEGINNING OF THE INDICATION: ECCLESIASTICAL NEW YEAR

RIGHTEOUS SIMEON THE STYLITE; SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS AT MIASINAE

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

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.

APOLYTIKION OF THE INDICATION IN TONE TWO

O Maker of all creation, Who hast established the times and the seasons in Thine own power: Bless the crown of this year with Thy goodness, O Lord, and keep our rulers and Thy flock in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, and save us.

APOLYTIKION OF THE SYNAXIS OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE SEVEN

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, haven and protection of the race of man; for the Redeemer of the world became incarnate of thee; for thou alone art both mother and virgin, ever blessed and glorified. Intercede with Christ God that peace be granted unto all the world.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON THE STYLITE IN TONE ONE

Thou becamest a pillar of patience and didst emulate the Forefathers, O righteous one: Job in his sufferings, Joseph in temptations, and the life of the bodiless while in the body. O Simeon, our righteous Father, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

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 FOR THE INDICTION IN TONE FOUR

*(**Thou Who wast raised up**)*

O God of all, Thou Who hast made all the ages, * O Sovereign Lord, truly transcendent in essence, * bestow Thy grace and blessing on the year to come; * and, O Most Compassionate, * in Thine infinite mercy * save all them that worship Thee, * Who alone art our Master, * and that with fear, O Savior, cry to Thee: * Grant unto all men a fruitful and godly year.

THE EPISTLE

(FOR THE INDICTION)

Great is our Lord, and great is His power.

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-7)

Timothy, my son, first of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

THE GOSPEL

(FOR THE INDICTION)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (4:16-22)

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and He went to the synagogue, as His custom was, on the Sabbath day. And He stood up to read; and there was given to Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good

GOSPEL (continued)

news to the poor and to heal the broken hearted. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” And Jesus closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” And all spoke well of Him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth.

**** The readings of the Epistle and Gospel that were just read during Divine Liturgy will not be repeated in the Supplication service.**

AFTER.....

“Blessed Be The Name of the Lord”, the “Service of Supplication on the Frist Day of the New Year” takes place.

REPORT FROM METROPOLITIAN SABA

The following has been requested by Metropolitan Saba in a report to clergy:

1. We will cease from kissing the cross at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy as “you need no other blessing after Holy Communion”. It is an over-piety practice.” This is not common in the Greek, Serbian nor Antiochian tradition. “Kissing is not a sin or a heresy, but when we do this we are asking for more blessings after Christ.” Rather than hold a cross at the conclusion of Liturgy, Fr. Seraphim will offer blessed bread from the bowl held by an altar server and greet those who come forward.

2. “ We do not kneel in church on Sunday or during the Paschal season.”

3. The Metropolitan reminded the clergy that “we only offer fasting food at parish activities on fasting days.”

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER SERVICES

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

**SEPTEMBER 25TH Wednesday —Evening Divine Liturgy 6PM
Repose of St. John the Evangelist & Theologian**

A fasting buffet will follow hosted by the Parish Council.

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, Mary Jo, 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

“Everything, both good and evil come from our thoughts. Our thoughts become reality.... If our thoughts are kind, peaceful, and quiet, turned only toward good, then we also influence ourselves and radiate peace all around us.”

(Elder-Thaddeus, “Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives”.)

"I SHALL NOT DENY MY GOD AND MY KING"

The HOLY MARTYR MAMAS was a saint of the Early Church. Born in Cappadocia, Mamas is known to us today largely through the writings of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory, who chronicled his remarkable life.

St. Mamas came into the world at a time when the Church suffered great persecution from the Roman authorities. His parents, Theodotus and Rufina, were devout Christians. They were both cast into prison at a time when Rufina was pregnant, and Mamas was eventually born in a jail cell. Both were to die while in custody, and Mamas was placed in the care of a pious woman named Ammias.

For the first 5 years of his life, Mamas did not utter a word. One day, the lad spoke! Since the first word he said was "Mama," the name "Mamas" was given to him from that day forth. He grew to become a shepherd.

Like his parents had done before him, Mamas refused to conceal his Christian faith. He was brought before the Emperor Aurelian, who ordered him to deny Christ. The brave boy responded: "*I SHALL NOT DENY MY GOD AND MY KING -- NOT IN MY HEART OR WITH MY LIPS.*" The enraged Emperor ordered his execution, but an Angel of the Lord rescued him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea. Here Mamas lived alone in prayer and solitude. It is said that his kindness and gentleness even won over the wild animals who lived on the mountain.

Eventually, the persecutors of Mamas found his hiding place. He was taken back for trial and was beheaded.

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