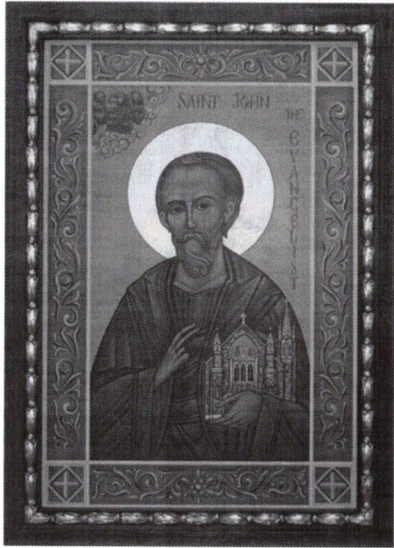




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PASTOR: REVEREND FATHER STEVEN SHAHEEN

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

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

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

*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. Please see Father Steven after Divine Liturgy.*

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 3; SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

HIEROMARTYR BLAISE, BISHOP OF SEBASTIA, AND COMPANIONS

THEODORA THE EMPRESS; NEW-MARTYR GEORGE OF SERBIA

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. BLAISE IN TONE FOUR

By choosing the Apostles' way of life, thou hast succeeded to their throne. Inspired by God, thou didst find the way to divine contemplation through the practice of virtue. After teaching the Word of Truth without error, thou didst defend the Faith to the very shedding of thy blood, O Holy Martyr among bishops Blaise. Entreat the Lord our God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF SAINT JOHN

Apostle John, speaker of deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people, powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him therefore to disperse the darkness of ignorance, and pray for peace and great mercy to be shown upon us.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Sixteenth Sunday of Matthew)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (25:14-30, + Luke 8:8)

The Lord spoke this parable: A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying: "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying: "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." As Jesus said these things He cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

House Blessings

It is that time of year!
Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Seraphim to have your home
or business blessed!

Fr. Steven (724) 448-1723

Cemetery Visitations

During February, Father will be making his rounds to all
Of our family members who have passed.
Please let him know if you would like him to visit the
Final resting place of your family members.

February Services

February 17th Saturday
Community Breakfast 8:30am—10:30am
Great Vespers 5pm

February 18th Sunday
Matins 9am / Divine Liturgy 10am / Parish Council Meeting

February 24th Saturday
Great Vespers 5 pm

February 25th Sunday
Matins 9am / Divine Liturgy 10am

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

Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Carol, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Perry, Rhonda, Karen and Cindy.

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

Prayers are offered in memory of Patriarch Ignatius IV, Metropolitan Philip, Bishop Antoun, Archbishop Peter, Archbishop Michael, Igumen George, Archpriest Peter, Archpriest Theodore, Dn. Larry, Sh. Peggy, Priest Pasil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria,, Janis, ND AP Moses, ND Pat, ND Raymond, Eleanor and Dn Innocent.

TRISAGION TODAY

Joseph, Mary, John, Jawny and

Marines who perished in fatal crash in San Diego.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The first stage of tranquility consists in silencing the lips when the heart is excited. The second, in silencing the mind when the soul is still excited. The goal is a perfect peacefulness even in the middle of the raging storm.

**John Climacus,
The Ladder of Divine Ascent,
Step 8.4**

MARTYRDOM KNOWS NO AGE LIMIT

Throughout the pages of Church History, we often hear stirring tales of men and women who willingly submitted to torture and martyrdom at the prime of their lives. The saint depicted on the cover of today's Church Bulletin falls into a different category: he gave his life for Christ at the advanced age of 113!

ST. HARALAMBOS was born in the town of Magnesia in Asia Minor in the 2nd century. He served his home town as a priest and later as a bishop. He was much loved by his flock as he worked tirelessly to bring Christ's message to them. In doing so, Haralambos incurred the wrath of the provincial governor, who launched an aggressive campaign of persecution against the Christians of Magnesia. Haralambos did not hide from the attackers. Instead, he defiantly continued to preach the Gospel openly, bringing about his arrest and imprisonment.

Haralambos certainly faced great physical torment. First, he was tied to a post in a public square and slashed repeatedly with knives. When he refused to renounce Christ, Haralambos was dragged through the streets by his beard. He was systematically tortured for several months. Still, the faith of Haralambos remained strong. Ultimately, the Emperor Septimus Severus ordered him to be brought to Antioch, where he was to be beheaded. Just as the executioners were about to carry out this sentence, the saintly bishop died, thus depriving his enemies the satisfaction of taking his life.

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