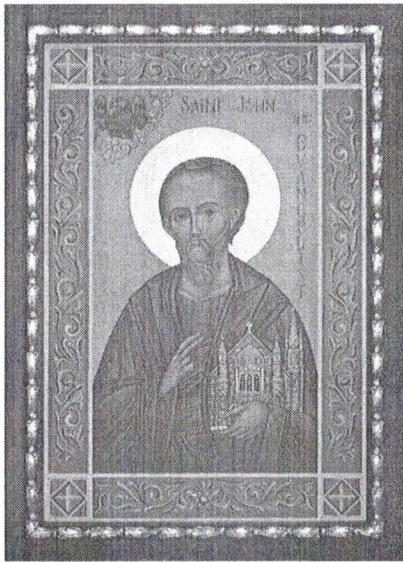




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OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC***

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 VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**TONE 4 / EOTHINON 4; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

LEO THE GREAT, POPE OF ROME;

AGAPITOS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF SYNNAIDA IN PHRYGIA, AND HIS COMPANIONS

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.

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.

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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

O Lord, how magnified are Thy works.

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians. (6:16-7:1)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them," says the Lord, "and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

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March is Antiochian Women's Month

The *AWE Spring Retreat* is March 15-17 at the Antiochian Village. Join the Eastern Dioceses Ministry Council and the Antiochian Women of the East for a weekend of fellowship and spiritual growth!

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventeenth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to
St. Matthew. (15:21-28)

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But He did not answer her one word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TODAY FEB. 18TH AT 12 NOON*

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-MARCH Services

February 24th Saturday

Great Vespers 5 pm

February 25th Sunday

Matins 9am / Divine Liturgy 10am

TRISAGION on February 25th

40 day Memorial Service for Patricia Tony

March 2nd Saturday - Great Vespers 5PM

March 3rd Sunday - Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
(Sunday of the Prodigal Son)

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

Fr. Steven, Evie, Debbie, Jim (Health), Jeffery, Ann, Carol, Aiden, Shannon, Justin, William (Cancer), Donald, Harriett (Health), Jan (Health) Fr. Andrew (Health), Perry, Adalena, 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 Basil, Priest Solobadon, and Archpriest John, Mary, Infant Clyde Eddy, Child Mica, Mother Nektaria, Janis, Joseph, Mary, John, AP Moses, Pat, Raymond, Eleanor and Dn Innocent.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“A spiritual father is indispensable. He forgives all sins and advises with enlightenment. He has the grace to do this. He does not put forward his own interest or advantage. He considers the immortal soul.”

**Elder Arsenios the Cave-dweller.
(1886-1983)**

DISCOVERING TREASURES THRU TROUBLES

As Orthodox Christians, we are different. Once we were lost, but now we are found. Once we were bound for hell, but now we are bound for heaven. We are believers in God, merely travelling thru this world towards our ultimate destination . . . PARADISE. But what makes us react differently? We have discovered answers and found a new reason for living.

We recognize that our TREASURES are ETERNAL. God has a plan for us and nothing is a surprise to Him. We have been set apart by the Holy Spirit. We found peace, having been cleansed by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We have been provided with a living hope. We know our eternal inheritance awaits us in heaven.

We realize that our TROUBLES are TEMPORARY. We have cause to rejoice. Our sins have been forgiven. Although we are not immune to trouble, we are confident that it will not last. Discouragement is short-term; joy in Christ is permanent. Know that God will wipe away all the tears from your eyes.

Our TRIALS are filled with PURPOSE. Life is full of troubles which test our will power. Remain strong in your faith and these passing problems will ultimately seem small when we dwell with Christ.

The News is good! We repentant sinners can come to Christ and receive comfort and eternal life. This is the promise of our loving God.

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