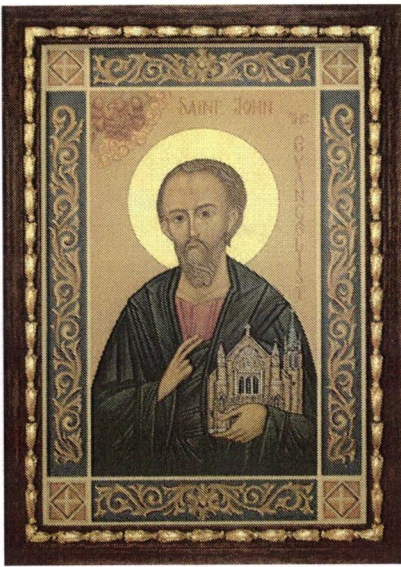




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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***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, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

**TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9; TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

APOSTLES OLYMPAS, RODION, SOSIPATER, TERTIOS, ERASTOS AND
QUARTOS OF THE SEVENTY; GREAT-MARTYR ORESTES OF CAPPADOCIA

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. 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 ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR

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

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

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**FR. SERAPHIM WILL BE AWAY
FROM NOV. 21ST THRU NOV 23RD
RETURNING NOV. 24TH**

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost)

O chant unto our God, chant ye.

Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (1:11-19)

Brethren, I would have you know that the Gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people; so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when He Who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other Apostles except James the Lord's brother

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he

GOSPEL (cont.)

passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE SYNAXARION

On November 10 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Apostles Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Tertios, Erastos and Quartos of the Seventy.

Verses

With words I hymn six disciples of the Word and Wisdom,
Who with their words delivered mortals from want of wisdom.

On the tenth the six Apostles passed from this life.

Olympas and Herodion were followers of the Apostle Peter and when Peter suffered, they were beheaded by the command of Emperor Nero. Erastus had been the steward of the church in Jerusalem, and later became Bishop of Paneas in Palestine. Quartos was the first Bishop of the Apostolic See of Beirut. He suffered greatly, but converted many to the Christian Faith. Sosipater was the bishop in Iconium and Tertios was the second bishop in that city. They waged spiritual warfare and, as victors, received heavenly wreaths of glory.

On this day, we also commemorate the Great-martyr Orestes of Tyana in Capadocia. He was a Christian from birth and a physician by profession. He was harshly tortured by a certain wicked eparch Maximus during the reign of Diocletian. When Maximus advised him to deny Christ and worship idols, Orestes replied: "If you knew the power of the Crucified One, you would reject idolatrous falsehoods and worship the true God. I am prepared to endure every pain, having the sign of my Lord Jesus Christ inscribed on my heart." A man bright as the sun appeared, gathered Orestes' relics, and honorably buried them on a hill near Tyana. This wonderful saint appeared to St. Dimitri of Rostov and showed him all the wounds on his body.

NOVEMBER SERVICES

November 9th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

November 10th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

****November 13th Wednesday — 6PM COMPLINE PRAYERS, A
LIGHT MEAL & TIME OF STUDY/FELLOWSHIP***

**November 16th Saturday— Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM
GREAT VESPERS 5PM**

**November 17th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM
Council Meeting 10 Noon**

**November 20th Wednesday — Divine Liturgy 6PM
ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE
followed by LIGHT MEAL in Hall.**

November 23rd Saturday— NO GREAT VESPER

November 24th SUNDAY — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

****November 27th Wednesday — NO FELLOWSHIP STUDY***

November 28th Thursday — Divine Liturgy 9AM

THANKSGIVING DAY

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

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Shannon, Aiden, Elise, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Yvonne, Mary Jo, Charlene, Cindy, Joann, Marlene, Ray, Julianna, Breana and Jessica.

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

Prayers are offered in memory of ND James, Infant Micah, and Eleanor

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THE NATIVITY FAST (ST. PHILLIP'S FAST) BEGINS THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH AND END ON DECEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“The Spirit changes souls from one state to another-that is, from corruption to incorruption, from spiritual death to spiritual life, from darkness to light, from the estate of our being (where the passions are tied up like dumb animals and wild beasts) into a temple of divinity.”

(St. Seraphim of Sarov)

ST. NECTARIOS: A SAINT OF OUR TIMES

We all tend to think of saints as being people who lived centuries ago. The popular saint who graces the cover of this morning's Church Bulletin, however, was literally a 20th century saint -- falling asleep in the Lord in 1920! Yes, St. Nectarios can truly be called "a saint of our times."

St. Nectarios was born in Turkey in 1846. At the age of 14, he went to Constantinople to find work. Instead, it can be said that this is really where he found Christ. Nectarios quickly became known as a brilliant scholar and a well-respected theologian. He entered a monastery on the island of Chios at the age of 21, and soon after, he was ordained to the priesthood. The preaching and teaching skills that Nectarios possessed made him a likely candidate for the episcopacy. After becoming a bishop, however, St. Nectarios was victimized by the petty jealousies exhibited by his fellow clergy. Although stripped of some of his hierarchical authority and prestige, St. Nectarios continued to devote his life to serving Christ in whatever way he could. His accomplishments included serving as the dean of a theological school in Alexandria and establishing a convent and school for girls on the small island of Aegina. Scores of pilgrims would flock to Aegina, seeking the wise counsel of this saintly man. After his death, people continued to come and pray before his grave, and many miracles were reported by those who asked for the help and intercession of St. Nectarios. In 1961, he was proclaimed a saint, only 41 years after his death. Known as a "healing saint," St. Nectarios is the Patron Saint of cancer patients.

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