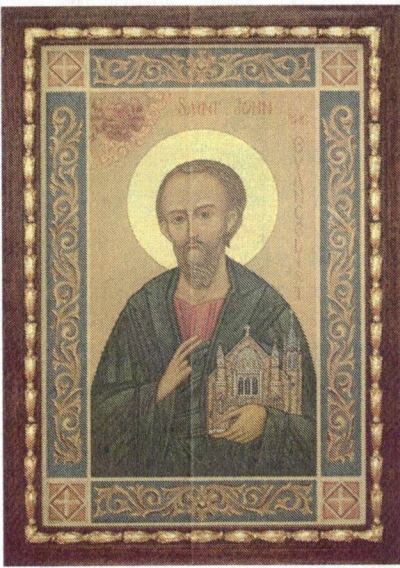


MOTHER'S DAY



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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 worshiping 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 FOR SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025
TONE 3 / EOTHINON 5; FOURTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Hieromartyr Mokios, priest in Macedonia;
Cyril and Methodios, equals-to-the-Apostles and enlighteners of the Slavs

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

Shout with joy to God, all the earth; sing to His Name, give glory to His praises.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Say to God: How awesome are Thy works; let all the earth worship Thee, and sing to Thee. Let it sing a song to Thy Name, O Most High. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... (***Refrain***)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

May God have mercy upon us, and bless us, and may He cause His face to shine upon us, and have mercy upon us.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy salvation among all nations; let the peoples give thanks to Thee, O God, let all the peoples give thanks to Thee. (***Refrain***)

May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear Him. (***Refrain***)

Glory... Both now... ***O, only begotten Son and Word of God...***

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered, and let those that hate Him flee from before His face.

Refrain: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing life!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish; as wax melteth before the fire. (***Refrain***)

So let sinners perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous be glad. (***Refrain***)

This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad therein. (***Refrain***)

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NO FAST DAYS FROM PASCHA THROUGH TO MAY 30TH.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PASCHA

In the gathering places bless God the Lord, from the springs of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

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. Be-seech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

THE KONTAKION OF PASCHA IN TONE EIGHT

Though Thou didst descend into the grave, O Immortal One, yet didst Thou destroy the power of Hades, and didst arise as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women, Rejoice, and giving peace unto Thine Apostles, O Thou Who dost grant resurrection to the fallen.

THE EPISTLE

O chant unto our God, chant ye. Clap your hands, all ye nations.

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles. (9:32-42)

In those days, as Peter went throughout all regions, he came down also to the saints who dwelt at Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden for eight years and paralyzed. And Peter said to him: "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; arise and make your bed." And immediately he arose. And all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned back to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha (which means Gazelle). She was full of good works and of charitable deeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they place her in an upper chamber.

THE EPISTLE (cont.)

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him: "Come to us without delay!" So Peter arose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him into the upper chamber. All the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and other garments which Tabitha made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body, he said: "Tabitha, arise!" And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and raised her up. Then he called the saints and widows and presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (5:1-15)

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first, after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, He said to him; "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befalls you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus Who had healed him.

MEGALYNARION FOR PARALYTIC SUNDAY IN TONE ONE

The angel spake to her that is full of grace, saying, O pure Virgin, rejoice; and I say also, Rejoice; for thy Son is risen from the tomb on the third day.

We believers in unison bless thee, O Virgin, crying: Rejoice, O gate of the Lord. Rejoice, O living city. Rejoice, O thou from whom didst rise upon us from the dead the Light of Resurrection, He Who was born of thee.

MAY/JUNE SERVICES

**ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS
(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturday's away)**

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May 11th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

"MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST AFTER DIVINE LITURGY"

May 17th Saturday —COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30—10:30am

May 18th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON

(FR. SERAPHIM WILL BE AWAY MAY 19-26.)

May 25th Sunday — SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

FR. CHRIS DAVIS WILL BE SERVING ON May 25.

May 28th Wednesday Evening 6PM for Holy Ascension 5/29

June 1st Sunday — FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL

Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

June 8th Sunday — PENTECOST (No Matins)

Divine Liturgy 10AM followed by Kneeling prayers

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

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet, Sassic Family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Lori, Oliver. Claire, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

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

Prayers are offered in memory of...ANN Hilton

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

"CHRIST IF RISEN FROM THE DEAD TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH BY DEATH AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMB BESTOWING LIFE."

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TRISAGION TODAY FOR ANN HILTON

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HAPPY

MOTHER'S

DAY



THE GREATEST MOTHER OF ALL



n this special day, may we take a moment to honor all the Mothers in our lives. Throughout history, there have been many great mothers. Let's take a look back at the great mothers of the saints of the Church.

Think of how the mothers of all the apostles and disciples shaped their lives. Eunice the mother, and Lois the grandmother of the Apostle Timothy taught the young boy God's Word. Let us honor Nonna, the mother of St. Gregory the Theologian; Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, and Anthusa, mother of St. John Chrysostom. Remarkable women fill the pages of Church history.

But there is one that ranks above them all. There is one of whom an angel of the Lord called "Blessed amongst women." There is but one called by God's Word "full of grace." She is none other than the Mother of our Saviour, who was the Holy Virgin Mary.

We see her in all humility giving birth to her Son in the most meager of circumstances. She had to flee into Egypt to save His life. Then she fulfills a mother's role in full as she raises her Child in Nazareth.

We see her in all anguish as she stands under the cross as her Son dies the cruel death of crucifixion. What pen can describe the agony of this mother's heart? What words can be adequate to depict that event? There are none.

It has been thousands of years since God said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Let us do so today, across all of America. And as we pay due respect and acknowledge the debt we owe to our mothers, let us not forget the one who is greatest of all: the Mother of God, the Theotokos, who gave birth to our Savior.

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