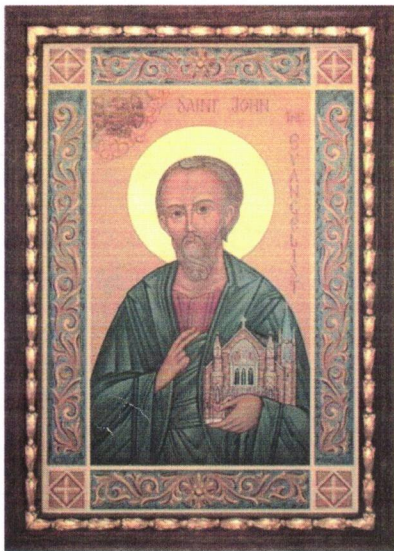




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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

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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.

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DIVINE LITURGY FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 5; SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

**VENERABLE CHARITON THE CONFESSOR AND ABBOT OF
PALESTINE**

Prophet Baruch; Venerable Neophytos and Auxentios of Cyprus

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. CHARITON THE CONFESSOR IN TONE EIGHT

The barren wilderness thou didst make fertile with the streams of thy tears; and by thy deep sighing thou hast given fruit through thy struggles a hundred-fold. Accordingly, thou hast become a star for the universe, sparkling with miracles. Therefore, O righteous Father Chariton, intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR 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 pleason our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

***The Lord will give strength to His people.
Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the
Lord glory and honor.***

**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 First Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (5:1-11)

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And He saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, Jesus asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Thy word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish, which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

THE SYNAXARION

On September 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Chariton the Confessor and Abbot of Palestine.

Verses

Having trampled down the delight of things earthly, Chariton enjoyeth the graces of Heaven.

On the twenty-eighth, Chariton died in deep old age.

When a harsh persecution of Christians broke out under the Emperor Aurelian, Chariton was immediately brought to trial before the governor. The judge ordered him to worship false gods, to which Chariton refused. Then the governor ordered that Chariton be so beaten and tortured that his whole body became covered with wounds until it was like one great wound. After the evil death of Aurelian, Chariton was released from torture and imprisonment. He withdrew to the wilderness of Pharan, where he founded a community and gathered a group of monks together. Chariton founded two more monasteries and died at a great age on September 28, 350. The practice of tonsuring monks is attributed to Chariton.

On this day, we also commemorate the Prophet Baruch; and Venerable Neophytos and Auxentios of Cyprus. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER SERVICES

SEPT. 27TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS — 5PM

SEPT. 28TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

OCT. 1ST WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by
Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

OCT. 4TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM

OCT. 5TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

OCT. 8TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by
Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

OCT. 11TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM

OCT. 12TH SUNDAY — FATHERS OF THE 7th COUNCIL

“ MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

OCT. 15TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed `
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

OCT. 18TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM

OCT. 19TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON

OCT. 22TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed `
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

OCT. 25TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5PM

OCT. 26TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

OCT. 29TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed `
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

NOV. 1ST SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5 PM

NOV. 2ND SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin,
Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene,
Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Margaret,
Carrie, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

Welcome to our new catechumen Jonathan K.

**FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY
SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:**

Prayers are offered in memory of

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The spiritual means of “launch out into the deep” is an invitation to
give one’s life over to the deep mystery of the knowledge of God.
(st. Ambrose)

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THOUGHT FROM LAST SUNDAY

“We practice self-denial for the sake of the love of God and the
Gospel. Accepting this suffering is not a punishment, nor is it an
end in itself, but a means to overcome the fallen world for the
sake of the Kingdom and to crucify the flesh with its passions and
desires.”
(Orthodox Study Bible note on Matthew 1624)

SO YOU ARE A GODPARENT!



any Christians are asked to be sponsors at the Baptism of a newly-born child. This is looked upon as an HONOR, as indeed it is; but it is also a solemn RESPONSIBILITY which lasts a lifetime.

Our Lord called Baptism a second birth. Just as an infant is born physically of a father and mother, so a child is born again spiritually, having spiritual parents called sponsors. And just as natural parents have serious obligations for the care and upbringing of their child, so Godparents have important duties to their Godchildren. In particular, it is to see to it that the child receives a Christian upbringing in the bosom of the Church.

This means, then, that Godparents are not to forget their Godchildren after the Baptism and Chrismation. Sponsors can remember them on their "spiritual birthdays" and can give them gifts or tokens having religious significance, such as an icon, prayerbook, Bible or Cross.

Surely there must be prayer for the Godchild. And if parents themselves neglect the spiritual nurture of their children, then it behooves the Godparents to bring every effort to bear to see to it that the child receives a good Christian education. It is obvious from all this that Godparents themselves must be baptized and good members of their parishes. They must know the Faith and live it. It is the duty of parents, therefore, to choose Godparents with considerable care.

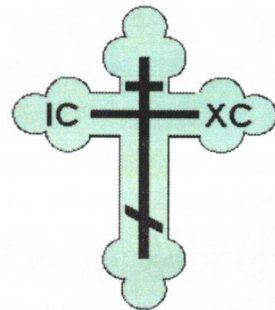
The lovely icon of the Birthgiver of God and Child Jesus serves to remind us of the need for Christian nurture of children. Parents and sponsors must coordinate their efforts in this vital holy task.



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