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HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA , ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA
HIS GRACE BISHOP THOMAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC

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 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 worshiping 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, OCTOBER 05, 2025

TONE 8 / EOTHINON 6; SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

HOLY MARTYR CHARITINA OF AMISOS; JOHN, BISHOP OF EUCHAÏTA;
EUDOKIMOS OF VATOPEDI MONASTERY ON ATHOS

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

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 prayer on 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.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The “GOLDEN RULE” is a minimum of Christian virtue. It is but the first step on the path to the perfection of virtue where God’s mercy is the standards.

(Orthodox Study Bible on Luke 6:31).

THE EPISTLE

For the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

God is known in Judah; His Name is great in Israel.

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

Brethren, we 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.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

THE SYNAXARION

On October 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Charitina of Amisos.

Verses

*That for which she prayed, the loosing of the body,
Charitina receiveth, behold, by praying.*

On the fifth Charitina entered the city of God.

Orphaned young, Charitina was adopted by an eminent Christian man called Claudius, who brought her up as his own daughter. Charitina studied the law of God, day and night, and vowed to live in perpetual virginity as a true bride of Christ. The governor Dometius wanted to kill Charitina because she led many to the Lord. A judge ordered that her hair be cut off and live coals put on her head, but the maiden was preserved by God's power. She was bound to a wheel which began to turn, but an angel of God stopped the wheel and Charitina remained unharmed. Then the wicked judge sent some dissolute youths to take her virginity. Fearing this attack, Charitina knelt in prayer to God to receive her soul before that could happen. At that moment, her soul soared to the immortal Kingdom of Christ in 290.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable John, bishop of Euchaita; and Venerable Eudokimos of Vatopedi monastery on Athos. .

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MESSAGE FROM METROPOLITAN SABA

Fr. Seraphim included a message from Metropolitan Saba in your bulletin last week, he felt that it was important for all to read. If you need another copy or did not get one, please check the table in the Narthex for a copy. May you be blessed in prayer and worship of the Lord throughout these days. Fr. Seraphim

OCTOBER NOVEMBER SERVICES

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

NOV. 5TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed by
Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

NOV. 8TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5 PM

NOV. 9TH 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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**RECAP FROM THE SPTEMBER 20th RETREAT BY
ANGELA SALIBY, AWE PRESIDENT**

On Saturday September 20th the AWE held a service retreat at St. Moses the Black and Neighborhood Resilience Project in Pittsburgh, PA, with Fr. Paul Abernathy and Kh. Kristina. Our day started out in prayer with Bishop Thomas, Fr. Paul Abernathy and Fr. Don Shadid. Followed by a tour and overview of the Neighborhood Resilience project. We sorted donated clothing and worked on the clothing closet. We were blessed to have a conversation with Fr. Paul and learn more about the different projects they are working on and how it is making an impact in their community and other communities. Crime is down 72% in their community. We helped set up and were honored to share in a celebration with our sisters Christ from the grief group "Healing your Heart." Truly a blessed day. Glory to God for all the good works happening at St. Moses and the Neighborhood Relilience Project!

*** The Joy of All Who Sorrow ***



ur Church is privileged to have several icons of the Theotokos that are known to be wonderworking and miraculous in nature. One such icon is referred to as "The Joy of All Who Sorrow."

One event associated with this sacred image dates back to 1688. Tradition has it that a certain woman named Euphemia, who was the sister of Patriarch Joachim in Moscow, was suffering from a dangerous wound. Doctors were unsuccessful with every treatment they attempted and there was little hope that Euphemia would survive. Believing that prayer was the best "medicine," Euphemia earnestly and fervently prayed to the Virgin Mary for her intercession. She then heard a voice with these instructions: "Go to the Church of the Transfiguration of my Son. There you will find my icon: The 'Joy of All Who

Sorrow.' Ask the priest to pray before that icon, and you will be healed." Obediently, Euphemia did as she was told. The priest offered a service before this holy icon and blessed her with holy water. To her amazement, Euphemia was completely healed!

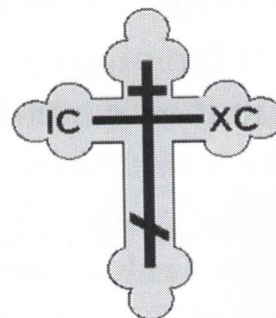
This wonderful icon depicts the Theotokos standing among the flowers in paradise. Her Son, the King of Heaven and Earth, is visible above her in the clouds. Along both sides of the icon - framing the Mother of God - are those asking for her intercession, just as Euphemia did so long ago. Angels are present to guide the needy. She stands with her arms extended and her head tilted, as if she is listening to everyone. The compassion of a loving mother is evident in her face. Symbolically, she stands in paradise, and yet dwells among us.

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