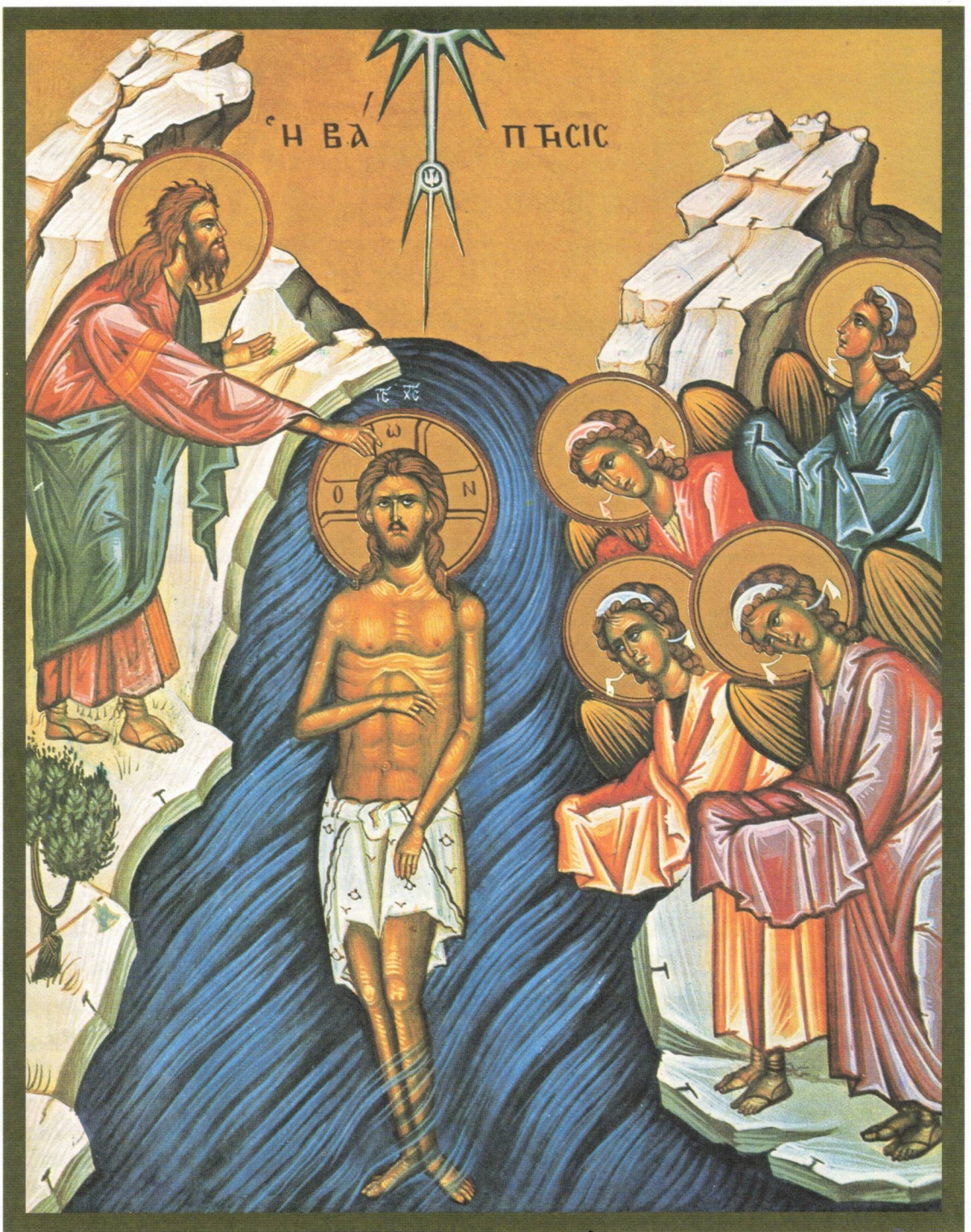
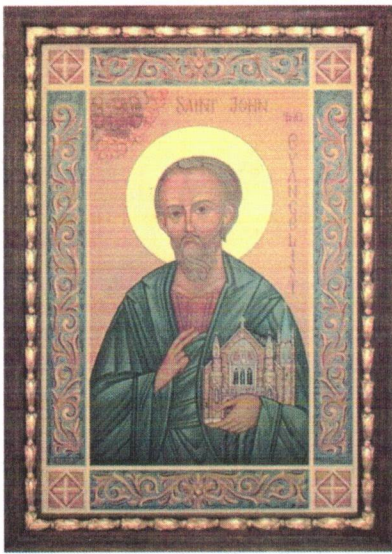




OCTOBER 12, 2025



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**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA , ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK AND
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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 ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7

SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

MARTYRS PROBOS, ANDRONIKOS AND TARACHOS AT TARSUS; MARTYR DOMNINA AT ANAZ-
ARBUS IN CILICIA; VIRGIN MARTYR ANASTASIA OF ROME

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, 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.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Holy Fathers)

***Blessed are Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.
For Thou art just in all that Thou hast done to us.***

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)

The Lord spoke this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Jesus said this, He called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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October, 2025

Beloved clergy and faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Next year will mark the 45th year that our teens have sponsored and participated in the Special Olympics Sports Camp at the Antiochian Village. This means we are now in our third generation of this wonderful ministry—an experience that is life-changing not only for the Special Olympians, but also for our teens, who learn from these athletes as they assist them in competition.

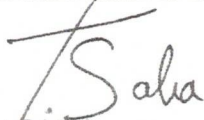
Each year, Teen SOYO sponsors—free of charge—a week of joy, fellowship, and faith for over 320 athletes and coaches. This ministry is especially close to my heart, as it puts our faith into action: helping those in need while bearing witness to the Gospel. At the same time, it teaches our youth how to give and how to love. Having spent many years caring for my own brother who was physically challenged, I can only wish that he might have experienced such a beautiful opportunity.

For all these reasons—and because of the ever-increasing costs of providing for these beloved Special Olympians—we ask each year that our faithful help offset the expenses of this outreach of love. In appreciation for your generosity, our teens will once again offer a beautiful icon card. This year's card features Christ the Great High Priest and highlights the theme for our 2026 Parish Life Conferences: "You shall be to Me a Royal Priesthood and a Holy Nation" (Exodus 19:6).

All of us—clergy and laity alike—share in the royal priesthood of Christ. As such, we are called to be examples of love, mercy, compassion, faithfulness, and every virtue. Supporting this ministry is one concrete way of living out our calling to the royal priesthood. With that in mind, I urge you to give generously.

Praying that our Lord will bless all who participate, help, and contribute to this worthy cause, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,


+SABA

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

CONGRATULATIONS

TO

ESTEVEN AND PHEPHILE

ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER

KYRIELLE ILEANA DEJESUS

ON OCTOBER 10, 2025

LET US ALL WELCOME THIS

LITTLE BUNDLE OF JOY

WITH OUR PRAYERS !

THE SYNAXARION

On October 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyrs Probos, Andronikos and Tarachos at Tarsus; Martyr Domnina at Anazarbus in Cilicia; and Virgin Martyr Anastasia of Rome.

On this day, we commemorate the holy and blessed Fathers who came together for the second time in Nicaea, during the reign of the pious and Christ-loving Sovereigns Constantine and Irene, against those who impiously, ignorantly and foolishly asserted that the Church of God worshippeth idols, and rejected the august and holy icons.

Verses

***Thy champions, O Word, with words as their weapons,
Turn to flight the foes of the venerable icons.***

The Council met in 787 to refute the Iconoclast heresy, whose camp believed that all depictions of Christ, His Mother and the saints should be destroyed. The iconophiles believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; and they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty. The council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype, or the person depicted. It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"He saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit
When a house is in a cracked and unsound state, no one sets underprops for supports, nor patches together the old building, but pulls it down to its foundations, and rebuilds it anew. In a little manner did he also make us. He did not repair us, but made us anew. How? 'By the Spirit.'"

OCTOBER NOVEMBER SERVICES

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 — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30am
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

NOV. 12TH WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM

NOV. 15TH SATURDAY—ADVENT FAST BEGINS

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, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca
Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile and their daughter Kyrielle Ileana Dejesus

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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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) As Metropolitan Saba requested, we will receive special offering for seminary students each Sunday in October (12,19,26). Donations may be left in the bowl in the front of the church. Checks may be made out to St. John the Evangelist Church and marked for SEMINARY FUND.
- 2) Between now and November 16th the BCOCM will be glad to receive donations for Thanksgiving boxes to those to whom we minister through the year the year. Each box will have food for each size family requesting one as well as a Turkey. Donations may be marked or made to BCOCN and left in the offering plate. Distributions will be made one week before Thanksgiving. Nearly 30 families will be helped with your donations. BCOCM really want to Thank you for your support.
- 3) **SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS DAY**—Sunday October 19th, Teen Soyo raises awareness and collects funds for special OLYMPIANS! Please read Metropolitan Saba's message to all!

THE SACRED WATER OF THE JORDAN RIVER

The Baptism of our Lord is closely identified with the Jordan River, a body of water that had great significance for the Israelites long before this mysterious event. After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, this was the river God's chosen people crossed to enter the "**promised land**." It was from the banks of the Jordan that the Prophet Elias was taken up into heaven by a chariot of fire. It was also in these waters that Elisha – the successor of Elias – commanded that Naaman the Syrian wash and be cleansed of leprosy. The Second Book of Kings chronicles how Naaman was skeptical of this, claiming that the rivers of Damascus could be used to cleanse him just as well. Nevertheless, he did as Elisha instructed him to do and he was healed.

This was the river to which Christ came to be baptized. It was already "**sacred water**" for the Israelites, and our Lord's baptism in the Jordan served to reinforce Christ's claim to be the Messiah. There is no doubt that its relevance was not lost on the pious Jews of His time. Nor should its importance be lost on us either.

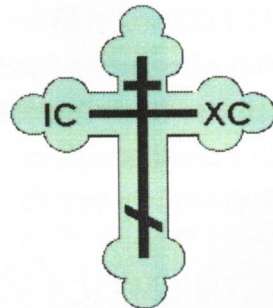
We cannot cross over into the "**promised land**" of God's heavenly kingdom unless Christ leads us there, just as Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan. Only Christ can wash and cleanse us of our spiritual illnesses. He is our only source of spiritual healing – just as Naaman had only one source of assistance for his physical ailments.

As we celebrate the great Feast Day of Theophany, may we remember how the Jordan River was sanctified forever by Christ's baptism in its waters.

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