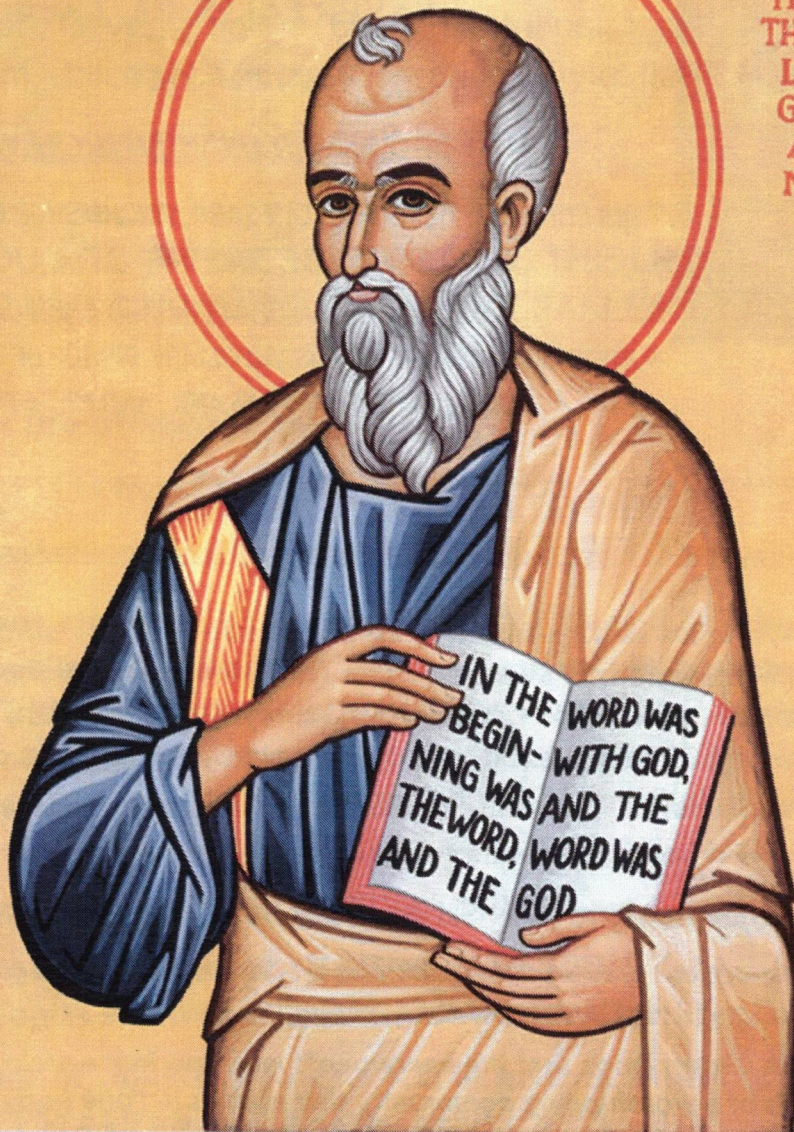


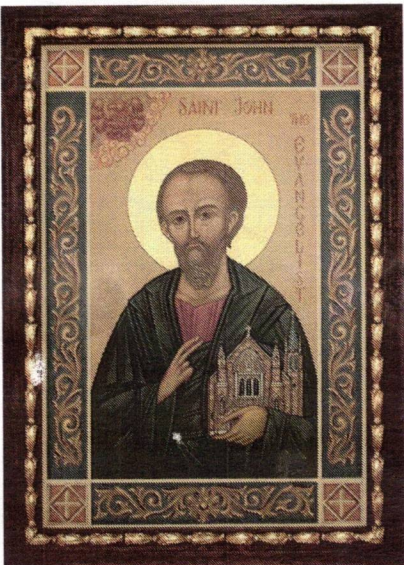
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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is 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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2025
TONE 4 / EOTHINON 10; TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST & FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

**Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and
Anempodistos of Persia**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PERSIAN MARTYRS IN TONE TWO

Blessed is the earth that drank your blood, O prizewinners of the Lord, and holy are the tabernacles that received your spirits; for in the stadium ye triumphed over the enemy, and ye proclaimed Christ with boldness. Beseech Him, we pray, since He is good, to save our souls.

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.

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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**“THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY EVENING
VESPER SERVICES UNTILL DECEMBER 6TH..”**

THE EPISTLE

(For the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost)

***O Lord, how magnified are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.***

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the Law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the Law, because by works of the Law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (16:19-31)

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

THE SYNAXARION

On November 2 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the contest of the holy Martyrs Akindinos, Pegasios, Anempodistos, Aphthonios, Elpidophoros and their companions of Persia.

Verses

The fire slew Akindinos; as for the others: some were slain with fire, others by beheading.

On the second, to Aphthonios and the others come fire, sword and contest.

The first three men were servants at the court of King Sapor in 355, but secretly served Jesus Christ. The king gave them over to harsh torture which they endured courageously and prayerfully. Angels and Christ Himself appeared to them. When one of the torturers, Aphthonios, saw that boiling lead did no harm to the martyrs, he believed in Christ. He was then immediately beheaded. Then the king commanded that his three servants be sewn into goat-skins and thrown into the sea. Aphthonios appeared from the other world with three shining angels, took the martyrs to dry land and set them free. Elpidophoros was a courtier. When he revealed that he was a Christian and denounced the king, the king beheaded Elpidophoros along with about 7,000 other Christians. Then the three martyrs named earlier were thrown into a burning furnace, along with 28 soldiers and the king's mother, who had also come to faith in Christ.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Blessed are our eyes, and those of all who love Him. We have heard His ineffable teaching; He has given us the knowledge of God the Father; He has shown Him to us in His own nature. The things that by Moses were but types and symbols; Christ has revealed the truth to us. He has taught us that not by blood and smoke, but rather by spiritual sacrifices we must honor Him who is incorporeal and immaterial, and above all understanding; “

(St. Cyril of Alexandra)

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER SERVICES

NOV. 1ST SATURDAY — NO GREAT VEAPERS

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 — NO GREAT VESPERS

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—COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30 AM

ADVENT FAST BEGINS TODAY

NO GREAT VESPERS

NOV.16TH SUNDAY— MATINS 9AM /DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**NOV. 19TH WEDNESDAY —SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed`
` by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

NOV. 22ND SATURDAY — NO GREAT VESPERS

NOV. 23RD SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**NOV. 27TH THURSDAY—THANKSGIVING DIVINE LITURGY 9AM
BREAKFAST TO FOLLOW**

NOV. 29TH SATURDAY — NO GREAT VESPERS

NOV. 30TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10 AM

**DEC. 3RD WEDNESDAY — SMALL COMPLINE @ 6PM followed
by Light meal and Study Session 7-8 PM**

DEC. 6TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS 5 PM

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, Pephile, Kryiel Ileana, and Kayla.

And are 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) Between now and November 16th, BCOCM will be taking donations for the Thanksgiving boxes to those to whom we minister through 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 BCOCM and left in the offering plate. Distributions will be made one week before Thanksgiving. Nearly 40 families will be helped with your donations. BCOCM wants to "Thank Everyone" for your generous support.
- 2) Reading by Metropolitan SABA—"ON SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD"
"Copies are available on the table in the Narthrex."
- 3) Baptism of Jonathan Kocher will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 3 PM. All are welcome to attend.

OVERCOME THE DAILY PRESSURES OF LIFE

From time to time, the daily pressures of Life can make us feel that we are powerless. By focusing only on are problems, it can even weaken our faith. But we are reminded by St. Paul in his Epistle to the Philippians: "Be anxious for nothing." (Phil 4:6) But how can we achieve this important goal?

We must learn to **TRUST** instead of **TREMBLE**. Be aware that anxiety prevents achievement. Focused thinking is what we need, so we may accomplish God's plan for us. It has been said that faith and fear are opposites. While faith brings peace and salvation, fear harbors sadness and discouragement. With faith, fear is driven away, placing anything within our reach.

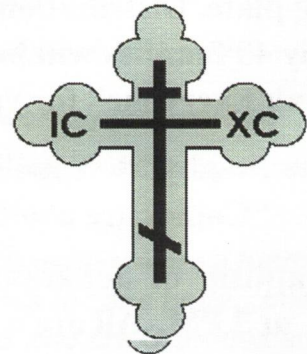
We must learn to **FORGIVE** instead of **FUME**. After all, anger is a roadblock to accomplishment: Forgiveness is the antidote to anger. We have been instructed by our Lord to give up resentment and be kind to one another.

We must learn to **RELEASE** instead of **RETAIN**. We faithful have proof of God's caring love for us. Christ died on the cross, so we may live in peace. We have been instructed to cast our cares and worries to Jesus so we may be free of them.

By trusting, forgiving and releasing, we turn on the power of God. Allow it to flow through you and you will find the secret to contentment. A carefree mind will be the positive result.

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