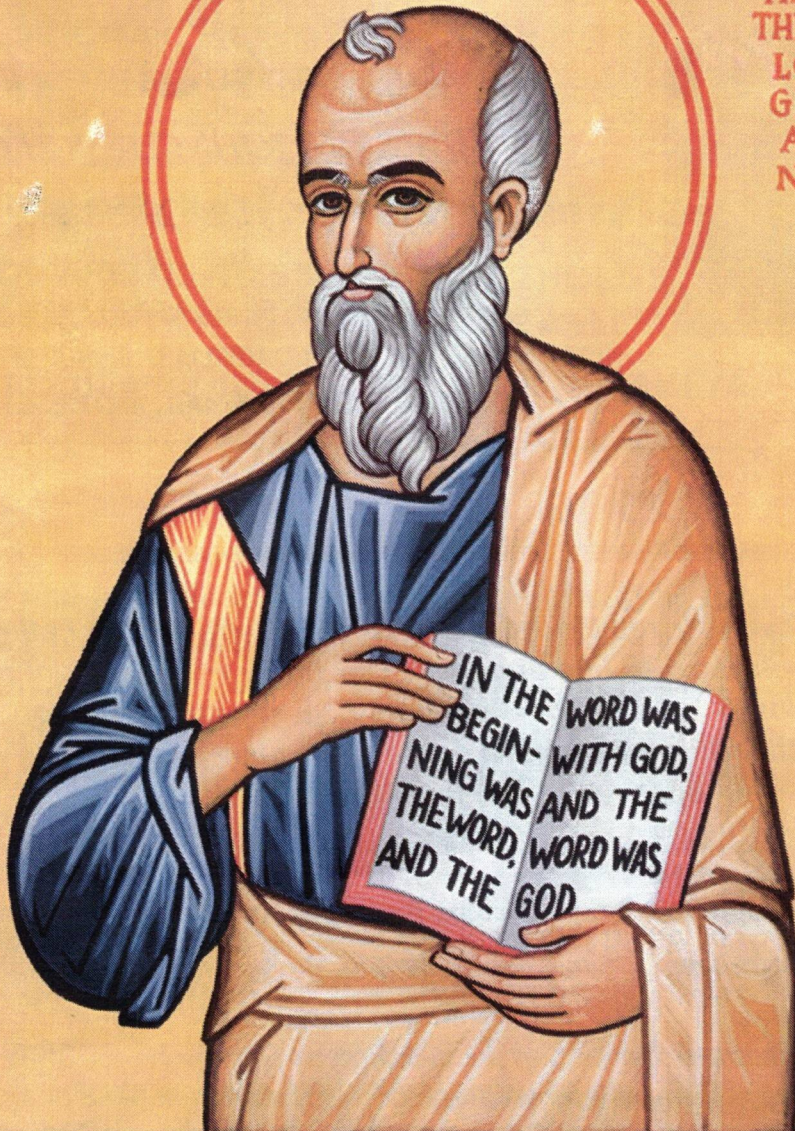


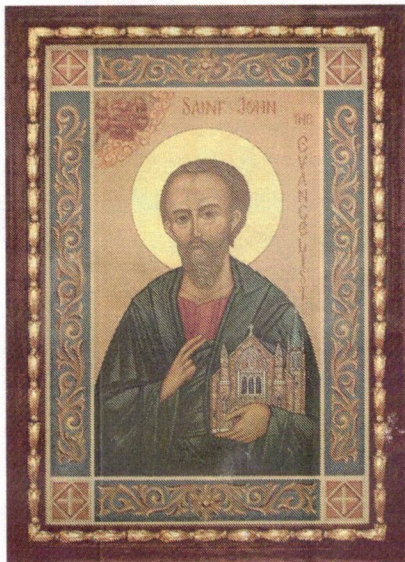
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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***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 FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2025

TONE 5 / EOTHINON 11; NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA AND PENTAPOLIS, THE WONDERWORKER & SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

**Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus;
Venerable Matrona of Constantinople**

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. NEKTARIOS OF AEGINA IN TONE ONE

The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who didst appear in the last years, O Nektarios, we faithful honor thee as a Godly servant of Christ, for thou pourest forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee.

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 St. Nektarios)

The Saints shall boast in glory. Sing unto the Lord a new song.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

THE GOSPEL
(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet, he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

THE SYNAXARION

On November 9 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our father among the saints Nektarios of Aegina, Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt, the wonderworker.

Verses

Since thou drinkest the nectar of life eternal, thou gushest, O Nektarios, streams of healings.

On the ninth, the soul of Nektarios was taken from his body.

Nektarios was born in Selyvria of Thrace on October 1, 1846. Because of his brilliance and holiness, Nektarios ascended in the Church of Alexandria from monk to metropolitan of Pentapolis in eastern Libya. His flock loved him. Nektarios' swift ascent aroused the envy of lesser clergy and laity. In 1890, Patriarch Sophronios relieved the innocent Metropolitan Nektarios of his duties and commanded him to leave Egypt. He became a provincial preacher and teacher around Athens. Through his eloquent sermons his untiring labors to educate fitting men for the priesthood, his generous alms and deeds despite his own poverty, and the meekness and fatherly love that were manifest in him, Nektarios became a spiritual guide to many. In 1904, he began the building of Holy Trinity Convent on the island of Aegina. Nektarios spent the rest of his life there, and through his prayers delivered the island from drought, healed the sick, and cast out demons. The saint's relics continue to work miracles since his entry into eternal life on this day in 1920. He was canonized in 1961. In 1998, Patriarch Petros VII and the Holy Synod of Alexandria begged the saint to forgive them and their predecessors.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Onesiphoros and Porphyrios of Ephesus; and Venerable Matrona of Constantinople.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The world has now become fit only for those who live in sin. For this reason, people will separate themselves—the sheep will be separated from the goats. Those who want to live a spiritual life will eventually find that they are not able to do it in this world; they will be searching to find people like themselves, people of God.

(St. Paisios of Athos)

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER SERVICES

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
COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON**

**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 8:50AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

BAPTISM & CHRISMATION FOR KYRIEL DEJESUS AT 9:30AM

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

DEC. 6TH SATURDAY — GREAT VESPERS AT 5PM

AT 3PM BAPTISM FOR JONATHAN KOCHER

DEC. 7TH 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, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Pephile, Kyriel, Holden, Yvonne and Kayla.

And 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 NICK VUJAKLYA

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **NOW and until November 16th, BCOCM will be taking donations for the Thanksgiving boxes to those 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 on THURSDAY, Nov. 20th, a week before Thanksgiving. 42 families will be helped with your donations. BCOCM wants to “THANK EVERYONE” for your GENERIOUS support.**
- 2) **Reading by Metropolitan SABA —“ON SPIRITUAL FATHERHOOD”**
“Copies are available on the table in the Narthrex.”
- 3) **Baptism and Chrismation for Kyriel Dejesus will begin at 9:30 AM on November 30th to be included in the Divine Liturgy that follows.**
- 4) **Baptism for Jonathan Kocher will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 3 PM. All are welcome to attend.**

“SAYING” AND “DOING” ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS

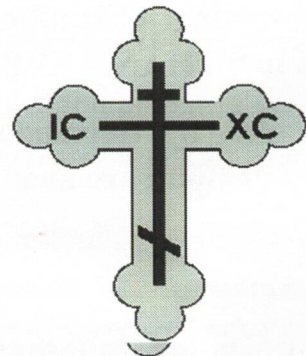
A child asked his Sunday School teacher; “Can I do whatever I want and still go to heaven?” As innocent as the child is who asked the question, sadly, there are some adults who have this distorted view of religion. They believe that all they have to do is believe in Jesus—that is all that matters; that you can do whatever you want and still go to heaven.

What can be easier than merely proclaiming: “I believe, Lord”? Yes, the Bible tells us plainly that it is our faith that brings us salvation. Certainly we are taught that Christ died for our sins—all of our sins. But that hardly means that all we have to do is SAY “I believe in Jesus” and heaven is ours. After all, even Satan believes that Jesus is the Son of God! Christ Himself said **“NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME ‘LORD’ WILL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT THOSE WHO DO THE WILL OF MY FATHER.”**

In Christ’s own words, it’s not SAYING but DOING that really matters. St. James puts it beautifully in his epistle: “Faith without good works is dead.” Yes, if we truly believe in Christ, then we will naturally do all of the acts of mercy that He instructed us to do. Just saying we believe in Jesus doesn’t mean we are not responsible for our actions. Yes, Christ died for all of our sins, but if we have no sorrow for them, what reaction can we expect from our Him? God is merciful. He is loving. But he is also just. Only know that we will never be with Him if we do not practice our belief in Christ with our ACTIONS as well as our WORDS.

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