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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 .***

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***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 Dan Volitich, Joann Rossman or leave message on 724-847-1111.***

***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 VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2026**

## **TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3; FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

### **THE MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN COLOSSAE**

**Archippos of Hierapolis; Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia**

### **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE**

Let us worship the Word, O ye faithful, praising Him \* that with the Father and Spirit is co-beginningless God, \* Who was born of a pure Virgin that we all be saved; \* for he was pleased to mount the Cross \* in the flesh that He assumed, accepting thus to endure death. \* And by His glorious rising, He also willed to resurrect the dead.

### **APOLYTIKION OF ARCHANGEL MICHAEL IN TONE FOUR**

*(\*\*Thou Who wast raised up\*\*)*

Supreme Commander of the Hosts of the Heavens, \* we, the unworthy, importune and beseech thee \* that by thy supplications thou encircle us \* in the shelter of the wings \* of thine immaterial glory, \* guarding us who now fall down \* and cry to thee with fervor: \* Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, \* as the great Marshal of the heavenly hosts on high.

### **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 ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

### **KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR**

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

## **THE EPISTLE**

(For the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

***Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.***

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)**

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

## **THE GOSPEL**

(For the Fourteenth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (22:2-14)**

The Lord spoke this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

## **THE SYNAXARION**

On September 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the dread miracle of the Chief Commander Michael that took place in Colossae of Phrygia; and we also commemorate Saint Archippos of Hierapolis.

### *Verses*

*Most mighty in thy temple, O Michael, Great Marshal,*

*Thou hast marshaled the river's floods into a funnel.*

*On the sixth, Michael, Prince of Angels, hid the confluence of rivers.*

The Archangel Michael delivered from destruction a church and a holy, miraculous spring named for him. The pagans, moved by malice, sought to turn the course of two rivers against the church and the spring. But the Archangel appeared by the prayers of the holy Archippos and, by means of the Cross and a great earthquake that shook the entire area, diverted the waters into an underground course. Henceforth, the name of that place changed from Colossae to Chonae, which means “funnels” in Greek. Archippos lived there until age 70, when he entered peacefully into Heaven.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Eudoxios, Zeno, Romulus and Makarios at Melitene in Armenia.

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**When we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving (all these are attributes of God), to be generous, to love their fellow men, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them.**

**(St. John Chrysostom)**

**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICES**

***(NO VESPER OR MATINS SERVICES  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.)***

**SEPT. 6TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
MIRACLE OF THE ARCHANGEL MICHAEL**

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**SEPT. 13TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
SUNDAY BEFORE THE CROSS  
COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON**

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**SEPT. 19TH SATURDAY —COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM**

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**SEPT. 20TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
SUNDAY AFTER THE CROSS**

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**SEPT. 27TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
CALLISTRATUS & HIS 49 COMPANIONS**

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**OCT. 4TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM  
HEIROTHEUS OF ATHENS**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

**INSTRUCTOR IS JESSICA HILL**

**(AFTER COMMUNION WILL MEET BEHIND ALTAR)**

## **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, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Joni, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew, Yvonne, Rosemary, Patty, Jessica, Eric, Mikayla, Mira, Asher, and Benjamin.

**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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### **UPCOMING SERVICES**

**SEPT. 8TH TUESDAY — NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS**

**Monastery of the Transfiguration —DIVINE LITURGY 9:30AM**

**SEPT. 14TH MONDAY — ELEVATION OF THE CROSS**

**Monastery of the Transfiguration —DIVINE LITURGY 9:30—11:00am**

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF THE EAST PROGRAMS**

**AWE plans for SEPTEMBER 2026:**

**+Summer Book Club, culminating on September 13, 2026 via Zoom.**

**+Service Retreat on September 19, 2026 at St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church and Neighborhood Resilience Project in Pittsburgh, PA.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Fall Retreat at Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven, PA on NOVEMBER 7, 2026. Additional information, including registration details available closer to date.**

## HEED THE WARNING

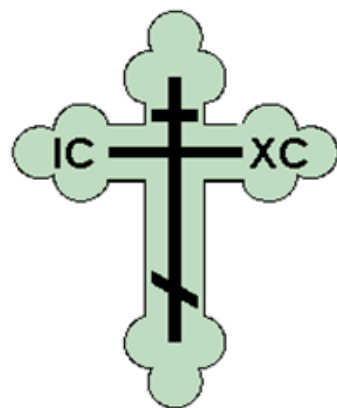
Now we wouldn't be so foolish — certainly we wouldn't ignore warnings given to us — or would we? Just think for a moment about all of the times in life we have been warned about doing something, and we did it anyway. Our parents, our friends, our doctors all warned us about things and more often than not, we ignored them— and that's foolish and often dangerous. But even worse is when we ignore warnings from another “source” — that being **OUR GOD**

**GOD** warned Adam and Eve not to eat from a certain tree and that if they did, they would suffer dreadful consequences. They failed to heed his warnings and God's entire plan for the world was altered. He warned the people of Sodom and Gomorrah to change their sinful ways. They didn't and their cities were destroyed. Likewise the people at the time of Noah were warned to change their wicked ways. When they refused to do so, they experienced a flood worse than any hurricane ever caused.

But how do we react to Christ's stern words? Pretty much like those asked to evacuate before a hurricane: we either refuse to believe the warnings or we feel that there is plenty of time for us before we start paying attention to them. Oh, if that were only so!

Time will, one day, run out for all of us. Let us remember the most chilling warning our Lord gave us. *“Watch, therefore, for you know not the hour when the Son of God will return.”* If we don't heed **THIS** warning, no one will be able to rescue us.

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By Appointment**