



OCTOBER 4, 2026



***ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH***

1501 8TH AVENUE

BEAVER FALLS, PA. 15010

(724) 847-1111

WWW.SAINTJOHNCHURCH.ORG

**HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SABA, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK
AND**

METROPOLITAN OF ALL NORTH AMERICA

**HIS GRACE BISHOP THOMAS, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE
OF CHARLESTON, OAKLAND, AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FR. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

***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 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.

Divine Liturgy for Sunday, October 04, 2026
Tone 1 / Eothinon 7; Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
& Second Sunday of Luke

Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens; Hieromartyr Peter of Capito-
lia in Syria; Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

When the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding
Thine most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Saviour, granting
life to the world, for which caused the heavenly powers cried aloud unto to
thee, O Giver of life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Thy King-
dom, Glory to Thy providence, O thou who alone, art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no re-
course. 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.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE FOUR

O undisputed intercessor of Christians, the mediatrix who was unrejected by
the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sin-
ners.. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art
good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever inter-
cede for those who honor thee.

+++++

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY.
CLASS WILL MEET AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to 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."

+++++

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whether or not our prayer is heard depends not on the number of our words, but on the fervor of our souls.

St. John Chrysostom

THE SYNAXARION

On **October 4** in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the
Hieromartyr Hierotheos, bishop of Athens.

Verses

***Of old Hierotheos to Thee was consecrated;
Now gone hence, O Word, he hath to Thee been united.
On the fourth dawn, the grave covered Hierotheos.***

He was a friend of Dionysios the Areopagite, and received the Christian faith from the Apostle Paul a little after Dionysios. This Apostle later made Hierotheos the first bishop of Athens. At the time of the Dormition of the most holy Mother of God, Hierotheos arrived in Jerusalem, carried by the clouds, and took part in the funeral. With his divine singing, he brought heartfelt joy to many and showed himself to be greatly inspired. He labored greatly for the sake of the Gospel, brought many pagans to the truth, governed his flock well and finally ended a martyr for Christ in the first century.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Peter of Capitolia in Syria. He was born in Capitoliās (modern-day Bayt Ra'as in northern Jordan), he was married and had three children. After his wife died, he and his family entered the monastic life. He became a priest and later served as the Bishop of Bosra (Busra) in Hauran. He was executed around 715 AD during the early Islamic conquests after openly confessing his Christian faith and denouncing Islam before local Muslim authorities and Caliph al-Walid. His suffering and death — surviving severe mutilation before being beheaded were recorded in early hagiographic texts with traditions preserved in Georgian and Greek recensions.

Also on this day, we commemorate Martyrs Domnina and her daughters of Syria.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVICES

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

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

+++++

**OCT. 11TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH COUNNCIL**

+++++

**OCT. 18TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
LUKE THE EVANGELIST
COUNCIL MEETING 12:00 NOON**

+++++

**OCT. 25TH SUNDAY—DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
MARCIAN & MARTYRIUS the Notaries**

+++++

IOCC EVENTS

- 1) **OKTOBERFEST HAPPY HOUR: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 6-9 pm**
BENEFIT INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES
- 2) **BOURBON TASTING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026 7:00 PM**
TO BENEFIT IOCC

REFER TO ADVERTISMENT SHEETS on TABLE IN NARTHREX

+++++

**PERRY SASSIC WAS ADMITTED TO SEWICKLEY HOSPITAL
PLEASE KEEP HIM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Roddy, Perry Sassic & family, 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, Benjamin and Marlene.

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of..... Trisagion for Helen (Koumbara)

Requested by Jan Clark

+++++

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF THE EAST PROGRAMS

AWE PLANS FOR FALL:

AWE BOOK CLUB will meet by **ZOOM** on **OCTOBER 25, 2026 @ 6:30pm EST**. The book to be discussed is titled "The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis. Deadline to register is by midnight, October 20, 2026.

FALL RETREAT— at Holy Protection Monastery, White Haven, PA on **NOVEMBER 7, 2026**. Speaker is V.Rev. Fr. Joseph Samaan, Topic is *They Did Not Flee: Uniqueness of the Women in the Life of the Church*.

SPRING LENTEN RETREAT — April 16-18, 2027, on weekend of St. Mary of Egypt, at Antiochian Village Conference Center, with guest speaker Kh. Melinda Johnson, CEO of Ancient Faith Ministries. Details to come.

(FLYERS ON TABLE IN NARTHREX FOR ALL ABOVE EVENTS)

SIGNIFICANCE OF COFFEE HOUR

A message from Father Joshua, St. George Cathedral, Pittsburgh: Hope this finds you all well. Just wanted to take a moment to focus on

"COFFEE HOUR"

Many of us may perceive coffee hour as an "extra" to attending liturgy on Sundays. However it is far more than that. Inevitably we all have to miss coffee hour sometimes, but it is important that we make it an important part of our lives. This world can take over and push anything spiritual out to the periphery. What is just a busy few weeks can easily become a new norm.

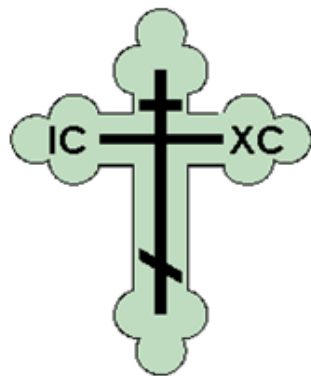
Missing too much coffee hour or not participating at all is much like a family home where members are busy all day, come home, go right to bed, and then repeat the next day. When this becomes a norm or too frequent, we can start to exist in a repetitive monotonous cycle of life that isn't exactly how God intended us to live. Our lives are deeply interpersonal.

Coffee hour is where we spend time with our spiritual family and practice "koinonia". In the New Testament this means far more than socializing. It means an intimate sharing of life, resources, and life experiences between believers. It is where we have communion with one another. Sadly this world pressures may to sacrifice this important spiritual concept for worldly affairs.

Coffee hour can also be a place where we have interactions and experiences that help carry us through the rest of the week. Indeed, the church hall is a place filled with memory. So, attend and serve coffee hour, there is far more significance to it than we realize.

WITH MUCH LOVE IN CHRIST, FATHER JOSHUA

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST
ORTHODOX CHURCH
1501 8TH AVENUE
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010**



**CHECK WEBSITE FOR FEAST DAY SERVICES
WWW.SAINTJOHNCHURCH.ORG**

**OFFICE HOURS
By Appointment**