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“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26

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July 29, 2018

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

HOLY MARTYR KALLINIKOS OF GANGRA IN ASIA MINOR; HOLY VIRGIN MARTYR THEODOTA OF BITHYNIA;
PIOUS EMPEROR THEODOSIOS THE YOUNGER; CONSTANTINE III, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
LUPUS THE CONFESSOR, BISHOP OF TROYES; MARTYR SERAPIA OF ANTIOCH

TONE 8

EOTHINON 9

Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Dr. Raed Aldouri

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE EIGHT

From the heights Thou didst descend, O compassionate One, and Thou didst submit to the three-day burial, that Thou might deliver us from passion; Thou art our life and our Resurrection, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR TONE FOUR

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our soul.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make vows to the Lord thy God and perform them.
In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel.*

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay or straw, each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:22-34)

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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THE SYNAXARION

On July 29 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Kallinikos of Gangra in Asia Minor and Theodota of Bithynia.

Kallinikos was born in Cilicia and educated in Christian piety. In Ancyra, a heathen Prince Sarcedos arrested him and cruelly tortured him for refusing to worship the idols. After that, the prince ordered that he be driven into the city of Gangra. The prince was afraid to kill him in Ancyra because many others, observing the heroic patience of this holy man, converted to the Faith of Christ. Along the way the soldiers became thirsty; Kallinikos prayed to God and brought forth water from a stone. When they arrived in the city of Gangra, the torturers threw Kallinikos into a fiery furnace. The saint prayed to God saying: "I give thanks to Thee, O Heavenly Father, for making me worthy of this hour in which I die for Thy Name." When the fire died down they found his body, whole and unharmed. He entered the eternal Kingdom in about the year 250.

Theodota of Bithynia was a young widow with three children. In Thessalonica, together with St. Anastasia, Theodota labored in the work of God completely dedicated to a pious life. The women were arrested during the time of Diocletian's persecution (284-305). At the trial, the dignitary Leucadius was captivated by the beautiful Theodota and he decided to take her home with him, intending to marry her. Theodota kept herself in purity with the protection of the angels, yielding neither to inducements nor charms, nor threats or assaults by the pagan. Theodota was sentenced to death and, together with her children, was thrown into a fiery furnace. Their holy souls soared into the Heavenly Fatherland.

On this day, we also commemorate Pious Emperor Theodosios the Younger; Constantine III, patriarch of Constantinople; Lupus the Confessor, bishop of Troyes; and Martyr Serapia of Antioch. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

How can we radiate the joy of salvation when we constantly worry needlessly? Obedience chastity, poverty... where is the shame of these in the eyes of God? Yes, the world calls these shames, and tempts us with earthly pleasures. Yet, we know that even with financial security, fame and power, a man can be perfectly miserable. Happiness is found within us when we genuinely trust in God's providence. – His Eminence, Metropolitan JOSEPH



Holy Bread is offered by:

Dr. Raed & Sylvana Aldouri: for our health and the health of Mityas, Meena and Sarah. For the health of Aldouri and Mary families; for the health of Yusuf, Hend, Johnny, Joseph and Sammy Odeh and Fr. Joseph, Kh. Carol and Aidan.

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DONATIONS

Ned & Wilda Abraham: For our health and her daughter Kathy.

Blanca Anaipakos: In memory of James Vasilakis.

Martin & Sharon Madsen: honoring Deacon Michael Sifuentes.

Eva Mowad: For the health of my family.

Thank You

Ned & Wilda Abraham would like to thank all of the families and friends for their donation, cards and phone calls during their time of sorrow. God bless.



Soft Taco Luncheon
Soft Chicken Taco's platter with Mexican Rice,
Corn, drink and sweets
July 29 after Divine Liturgy
Tickets: \$10 adult and \$5 children 10 and under



LADIES SOCIETY

Calling for Donations! The Ladies Society is requesting new/gently used clothing items for all ages to donate to the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence in El Paso. School supplies (crayons, notebooks, pens and pencils, glue, erasers, markers, pencil bag, etc.) for children are also being collected prior to the start of the new school year and will be distributed to children in need throughout the community. Donations can be brought to the Mini Hall no later than August 12th. Thank you.

FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 400 pre-sale tickets, \$8000, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, *PLEASE* do so by this coming Sunday.

Jamie Isaac – Treasurer

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THE DORMITION FAST begins on Wednesday, August 1st and ends on Wednesday, August 15th after the Divine Liturgy for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**. During the Dormition Fast we encourage all faithful to observe the traditional fasting discipline (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, and olive oil) Monday through Friday, yet wine and olive oil are allowed on Saturdays and Sundays (also for fish on Monday, August 6th, the feast of the Transfiguration).

**The Paraklesis to the Most Holy Theotokos will be served on:
Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays @ 6:30 p.m.**



An Evening Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos will be celebrated on Tuesday August 14th, @ 6:30 p.m.



The Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be transferred from Monday August 6th to Sunday 5th, therefore being celebrated on instead of the ordinary Sunday Liturgy. The blessing of the grapes will take place immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Any donations for grapes are welcomed (any color grapes)!

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“A Taste of Orthodoxy” Study Group

Come and join us every Saturday from 4:00 – 5:00 PM!

Interesting discussions about our Faith, Worship, and Spiritual Life. The classes are lead by Dr. Sandra Edwards and Fr. Joseph Aboud. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to strengthen your knowledge and faith!

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hospital & Pastoral Visits (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.

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