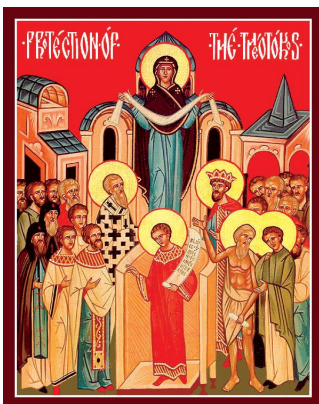




NEWSLETTER & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

19th Week after Pentecost

Monday, October 12 — Sunday, October 18, 2020



The Protection of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary



Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens



Synaxis of the Hierarchs of Moscow

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~ A NOTE FROM FATHER JOHN ~

Luke 4:18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me. Because He has anointed Me to teach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. To set at liberty those who are oppressed. To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.” This is the Lord’s proclamation as he ventures from Nazareth to the surrounding communities in Galilee. He says to us, “These things I do so shall ye do and greater.” This is what the Lord calls us to in Baptism and Chrismation. He calls us to be active participants in the Resurrection from the dead. No matter what work we are doing, we must be active in what He teaches us in Luke 4:18. As we move forward in this week, let us remember to take care of the neighbor who is next to us. Let us make our prayers truly touch the lives of everyone we meet. God Bless!

~ “TWITTER SUMMARY” ~

The main points from Sunday’s sermon, in 280 characters or less!

Many people have fallen into darkness and bondage because they do not realize how much God loves them. We all have desperate need for Jesus in our lives. It is our duty to love others and spread the good news of Christ’s resurrection. May God give us the strength to proclaim the fullness of His Truth.

~ THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY ~

Scripture and liturgical readings to enrich your prayer life every day of the week

**~ MONDAY~
(10/12)**

Holy Scripture:

Philippians 1:1-7
Luke 4:37-44

Excerpt from the Menaion:

Venerable Father Cyriacus the Anchorite, Troparion in Tone I —

*A desert dweller, an angel in the flesh,
and a wonderworker wast thou shown to be,
O our God-bearing father Cyriacus,
for having acquired heavenly gifts through
fasting, vigilance, and prayer,
thou dost heal the infirm,
and the souls of those who have recourse to thee with faith.
Glory to Him Who hath given thee strength!
Glory to Him Who hath crowned thee!
Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee!*

Commemoration of the Day:

Venerable Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine (556)

**~ TUESDAY~
(10/13)**

Holy Scripture:

Philippians 1:8-14
Luke 5:12:16

Excerpt from the Menaion:

Holy Hieromartyr Gregory of Greater Armenia, Troparion in Tone IV —

*As thou didst share in the ways of the apostles/
and didst occupy their throne,
thou didst find thine activity to be a passage to divine vision,
O divinely inspired one.
Wherefore, ordering the word of truth,
thou didst suffer for the Faith even to the shedding of thy blood.
O hieromartyr Gregory,
entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.*

Commemoration of the Day:

Hieromartyr Gregory, bishop of Greater Armenia (335)

**~ WEDNESDAY~
(10/14)**

Holy Scripture:

Hebrews 9:1-7 Epistle, Theotokos
Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28 Gospel,
Theotokos

Excerpt from the Menaion:

Protection of the Theotokos, Troparion, Tone IV —

*Overshadowed by thy coming, O Mother of God,
we the right faithful people,
celebrate today with splendor,
and gazing at thine all-precious image,
we say with compunction:
Cover us with thy precious omophorion,
and deliver us from all evil,
entreating thy Son, Christ our God,
that He save our souls.*

**~ THURSDAY~
(10/15)**

Holy Scripture:

Philippians 1:20-27
Luke 6:12-19

Excerpt from the Menaion:

Holy Hieromartyr Cyprian & Holy Martyr Justina, Troparion, Tone IV —

*As thou didst share in the ways of the apostles/
and didst occupy their throne,
thou didst find thine activity to be a passage to divine vision,
O divinely inspired one.
Wherefore, ordering the word of truth,
thou didst suffer for the Faith even to the shedding of thy blood.
O hieromartyr Cyprian,
entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.*

<p>Commemoration of the Day: The Protection of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary</p>	<p>Commemoration of the Day: Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin-martyr Justina and Martyr Theoctist of Nicomedia (304)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">~ FRIDAY~ (10/16)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: Philippians 1:27-2:4 Luke 6:17-23</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: St. Dionysius the Areopagite, Troparion, Tone IV — <i>Having learned goodness and been watchful in all things,/ arrayed as befitteth a priest, in a good conscience,/ thou didst draw forth ineffable things from the chosen vessel;/ and, having kept the Faith, thou didst complete a course like unto his.// O hieromartyr Dionysius, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.</i></p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Hieromartyr Dionysius (Dennys) the Areopagite, and with him Martyrs Rusticus and Eleutherius (96)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">~ SATURDAY ~ (10/17)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58-16:3 Luke 5:17-26</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion: Holy Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens, Troparion, Tone IV — <i>Having learned goodness and been watchful in all things,/ arrayed as befitteth a priest, in a good conscience,/ thou didst draw forth ineffable things from the chosen vessel;/ and, having kept the Faith, thou didst complete a course like his.// O hieromartyr Hierotheus, entreat Christ God, that our souls be saved.</i></p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Hieromartyr Hierotheus, bishop of Athens (1st c.)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">~ SUNDAY ~ (10/18)</p> <p>Holy Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Luke 6:31-36</p> <p>Excerpt from the Menaion : Troparion of the Holy Hierarchs of Moscow. Tone IV — <i>O primates of Russia,/ true preservers of the Traditions of the apostles,/ unshakable pillars, instructors in Orthodoxy,/ Peter, Alexis, Jonah, Philip and Hermogenes:/ entreat the Master of all,// that He grant peace to the whole world and great mercy to our souls.</i></p> <p>Commemoration of the Day: Holy Hierarchs of Moscow</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Their sound hath gone forth into all the earth, * their words unto the ends of the world.”</p> <p>[Prokeimenon of Pentecost, Tone 8, Liturgy]</p> <p>To read more: https://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/calendar/</p>

~ PONDER THIS ~

A few thoughts to ponder in light of this week's lessons and sermons.

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2019/10/03/102843-hieromartyr-dionysius-the-areopagite-bishop-of-athens>

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens

Saint Dionysius' book *On Mystical Theology* also sets forth the teaching about divine knowledge. The theology of the Orthodox Church is totally based upon experience of divine knowledge. In order to know God it is necessary to be in proximity to Him, to have come near to Him in some measure, so as to attain communion with God and deification (theosis). This condition is accomplished through prayer. This is not because prayer in itself brings us close to the incomprehensible God, but rather that the purity of heart in true prayer brings us closer to God.

(... TO CONTINUE READING, CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE)

~LOOK IT UP~

Did you know: The angelic (or Celestial-Heavenly) hierarchy comprises the nine angelic Ranks: Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones, Dominions, Powers, Authorities, Principalities, Archangels, & Angels.

Read more:

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~ PRAYER CORNER ~

- Father John and Matushka Deborah.
- Please keep in prayer our older parishioners who, if they contract the COVID-19 virus, will be in
- Anna and her family
- Ekaterina, memory eternal
- Please keep in prayer our heroic parishioners who work in the health care profession and are on

greater risk of serious health complications.

the front lines of our society's fight against the Novel Corona Virus and COVID-19 disease.

~ THIS WEEK'S SERVICES ~

Tuesday	6pm - Vespers
Wednesday	8am - Matins 6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live) 6:40 - Akathist: St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Thursday	6pm - Vespers 6:40 - Akathist: Joy of All Who Sorrow
Friday	8am - Divine Liturgy 6pm - Vespers (Facebook Live)
Saturday	7am - Matins 8:30 - Divine Liturgy 5pm - Vigil (Facebook Live)
Sunday	9am - Divine Liturgy Noon - Vespers 1pm - Parish Council Zoom Meeting

~ BOOKSTORE ~

- New extra-large icons from Russia!
- *The Heavenly Banquet: Understanding the Divine Liturgy* by Fr. Emmanuel Hatzidakis now in stock!

To submit **commemorations for the next Divine Liturgy**, to make an appointment with Fr. John to give **confession by telephone**, to alert us to any pastoral needs, to submit an item for the **Prayer Corner**, or just to chat, please contact Fr. John or Mat. Deborah using the following contact information:

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Glory to Thee, our God, glory to Thee!