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Venerable Cosmas, the Eunuch

Cosmas was a monk from the Pharan Lavra. He was well versed in Holy Scripture. So much did he value the words of St. Athanasius the Great that he said to his disciples: "Whenever you hear any word from the books of St. Athanasius and, if you have no paper, write it down on your handkerchief." In his old age, Cosmas came to Antioch to Patriarch Gregory (+584 A.D.) and there ended his life. The patriarch ordered that the body of Cosmas be buried in the monastery of the patriarchate. A man frequently came to the grave of Cosmas, honoring the saint and prayed to God there. Asked why he did this, he revealed that he lay paralyzed for 12 years and that St. Cosmas had healed him.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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August 3, 2025
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost
The 8th Sunday of Matthew

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 1:10-17

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 14:14-22

Saints of the Day

Venerable Isaac, Dalmatos and Faustus, of the Dalmaton monastery; Venerable Theoklites and Theodora; Salome the myrrh-bearer; Venerable Anthony the Roman, wonder-worker of Novgorod.

Spiritual Counsels...

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. – Proverbs 22:6



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

As Orthodox believers, we are blessed to have available to us many beautiful prayers and hymns. Among them are Akathists. These are special prayers used to honor holy persons and to mark special feasts. The word “Akathist” means “not sitting” since such prayers are chanted while standing. The name was given to hymns of praise for the Theotokos that were used during the reign of Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in the 7th century. During this time Constantinople was under repeated attacks from enemies and the Theotokos is credited with saving the city several times. The best known of these hymns is the Akathist to the Mother of God. The likely writer of the hymn is St. Romanos the Melodist who composed many hymns in the late fifth century in Homs, Syria. The Akathist hymn to the Virgin Mary is a very biblical service, abundant with images of the Old Testament that describe how she was chosen by God, how she gave birth to the Lord Jesus Christ, her virginity and her holiness. This Akathist is served at St. Basil during Great Lent. There are many other Akathists. Since there are Akathists for most of the major Saints, it is possible to observe one’s Name Day by praying or chanting that Saint’s Akathist. Books of Akathists are commercially available and many are available through the internet. Almighty God, fill us with the desire to pray to you at all times and in every place. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 2th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 3rd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wed., Aug. 6th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Dormition Fast** began on Friday, August 1st, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Wednesday, Aug. 6th, for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and an allowance for alcohol and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The fast ends with the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Sunday, August 15.

Attention **church school teachers**: We will have a brief meeting with Fr. Peter in attendance following Liturgy on Aug. 3rd in the large classroom to make sure everyone has what they need for the upcoming church school year. Thank you for your efforts in advance

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord**. The blessing of the grapes will occur at the end of liturgy.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their August meeting next Sunday Aug. 10, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 15, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! The **Ladies Guild** is having their **Ice Cream fundraiser** on Sept. 7. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale now. We can beat the heat together. Please see **Tania Russell** for tickets.

Bookstore News: Purchases can now be made using the QR code by the clipboard in the bookstore area. Please see **Kathleen Field** or **Elias Ioup** for more information. (Remember to jot down your items on the clipboard, however you may pay for them.)

Our Littlest Members

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise." The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is **NO FOOD** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 1. Thank you. **Next Week**: Team 2.