

ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



August 10, 2025





NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & NINTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW AFTER-FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

MARTYR AND ARCHDEACON LAURENCE OF ROME, HIEROMARTYR
SIXTUS, BISHOP OF ROME & THOSE WITH THEM; VENERABLE
LAURENCE OF KALUGA, THE FOOL FOR CHRIST'S SAKE



DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (TONE 8 / EOTHINON 9)

RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION TONE 8

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 OF THE TRANSFIGURATION TONE 7

When, O Christ our God, Thou wast
transfigured on the mountain, Thou didst
reveal Thy glory to Thy Disciples in
proportion as they could bear it. Let Thine
everlasting light also enlighten us sinners,
through the intercessions of the
Theotokos. O Thou Bestower of light,
glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JAMES TONE 4

As a disciple of the Lord, O righteous one,
thou hast received the Gospel. As a Martyr
thou art never turned away. As the
Brother of God, thou hast boldness. As a
hierarch thou canst intercede. Do thou
intercede with Christ God that He save our
souls.



KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION TONE 7

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.

WELCOME!

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to
share our faith with you! Please join us for
coffee hour and take a few moments to fill
out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is
found in the narthex

*As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox
Christians who have properly prepared
themselves through fasting, prayer, and
recent confession may approach the Holy
Chalice to receive Holy Communion.*

*Confession is available after Divine Liturgy,
as well as before or after Vespers on
Saturday evenings. You can also Contact
Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.*

THE EPISTLE READING

(For the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost)

*Make your vows and pay them to the Lord our God.
God is known in Judaea; 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 husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

THE GOSPEL READING

(For Ninth Sunday of Matthew)

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.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Tues., Aug. 12 @ 6 PM – Small Paraklesis to the Theotokos

Wed., Aug 13 @ 6 PM – Great Paraklesis to the Theotokos

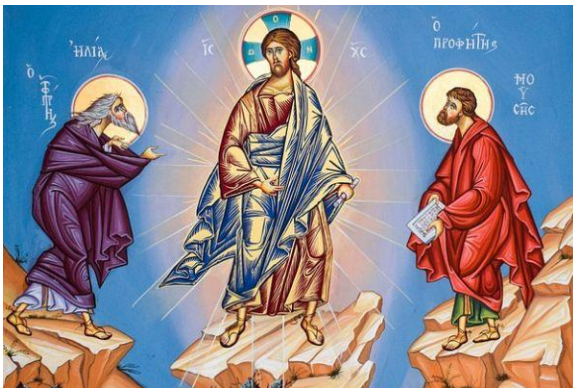
@ 7 PM – Catechumen / Inquirer Class

Thurs., Aug. 14 @ 6 PM – Great Vespers, Lamentations, and Artoklasia for the Feast of the Dormition

Fri., Aug 15 @ 10 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition

Your Prayers are Requested:

REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Elias, Longinus, Xenia, John, Nectarios, Cassiane, Andrew, Jerald, Cassiane, Aidan, Raphael, Joseph, Patrick, Matthew, Xenia, Paisius, Helen, Emmelia, Gabriel, Joseph, Nicholas, Matthew, Cecelia; Olga, Conner, Khouria Janet, Andrew, Constantine, Julie, Jay, Archpriest Peter, Christina, Lucy, Olga, Thelma & family, Mia, Bishop Nicholas, Deacon James, Sarina, James, Dallas & mother, Subdn Michael, Graham, Madeline, Photini, George, Mary, Elizabeth, Leah, Angie, Susan, Justin, Donna, Michael, Petey, Marie, Mary, Madeline, Mary Anne, Jeannette, Nectarios, Jerry, Barbara, Pasquale, Patricia, Mary, Maria, Alex, Sarah, Sara, Joshua, Shirley, Theodore, Elizabeth, Maria; Newly-departed Steve; Those who perished in the Texas floods; Newly-reposed Deacon Leo; PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES



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