

## Please Pray For...

Sandra, Gordon, Steven, Simsun, Carole, Anthony, Kirk, Matthew, Sheree, Chris, Zachary, Casey, Nadya, Jo Anna, Chad, Anna, Dimitry, Zachariah, Rachel, Sevrin, Christopher, Macrina

### For those in the Armed Services:

Brook, John, Michael, Travis, Zachary, Scott, Greg, Alyssa, Lane, Benjamin, Cassian, Isaac

### For those expecting:

Rebecca, Olga, Alena, Emelia, Anna, Elizabeth, Abigail, Sophia, Rebecca

### For the Catechumens:

Benjamin, Taylor, Aaron, Bridget, Anna, Josiah, Tawny, Lily, Ellen, Max

### For those in prison:

David, Jeremy, Victor, Andrew, Michael, Stephen, Douglas, Jason, Christopher, Joshua, Eugene, Elijah, Nikolai, Nicholas, Simon

**For the reposed:** Pam; Charles; Nick; Theodora

### Prayer requests:

Please continue your prayers for our beloved Father and Pastor, **Archpriest Matthew**, as he receives treatment for leukemia.

Thank you all for your fervent prayers for my family the last few weeks. **Daniel** has about a week and a half left of bed rest and then hopefully the doctor will clear him to get up again. Baby **Seraphim** has learned how to latch and our breastfeeding issues have slowly been resolving. Glory to God! My health issues also have for the most part clearing up. Hopefully we will be back and seeing you all sooner than later! In Christ, **Lana** (Euphrosyne) Pavlenko

I humbly ask your prayers for Titi **Margie**, my aunt in Florida, who is suffering from arterial blockages in her neck. Gratefully, Anthony Sweetman

Please pray for me as I begin searching for a new job. God is faithful and I am grateful for those who have prayed for me over the past few months as I worked in a very challenging situation. With much gratitude, **Emilia** Reynolds

Thank you for all of your fervent prayers on behalf of our son **Samuel**! He has been discharged and is receiving further treatment. Keep praying for good progress on health, as he learns how to manage symptoms! Sincerely in Christ, Simeon & Catherine

Please continue to pray for my coworker (**Brian** Downey) who had intensive oral surgery a few weeks ago. He has been dealing with a lot of pain from the surgery and is having some complications from the medication they have had him on. Pray for him through this process and that the Lord will have mercy. Thank you, Aaron Luke

**Bruce's** wife, Rosalie, reports that he came through the long and difficult surgery just fine and today is doing better than his doctors expected. He is "talking up a storm on his 'Happy pills'" in recovery - so we'll take that as a good sign. Bruce potentially has a long recovery ahead of him, so please continue to keep him in your prayers. With gratitude for your cherished prayers from Bruce and all who love him! Mka Theresa

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♦ October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025—October 12<sup>th</sup> 2025 ♦ TONE EIGHT

## 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Martyr Charitina of Amisis

Sts. Peter (1326), Alexis (1378), Jonah (1461), Macarius (1563), Philip (1569), Job (1607), Hermogenes (1612), Philaret (1867), Innocent (Veniaminov) (1879), Tikhon (1925), Macarius (Nevsky) (1926), and Peter (Polyansky) (1937), hierarchs of Moscow. Hieromartyrs Dionysius, archbishop of Alexandria, and the deacons Gaius and Faustus, and others with them (ca. 265). Martyr Mamelta (Mamelchtha) of Persia (344). St. Gregory (Grigol), archimandrite of Khandzta in Klarjeti, Georgia (861). Synaxis of holy fellow-strugglers of St. Gregory of Khandzta in the Klarjeti desert (9<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Cosmas, abbot in Bithynia (10<sup>th</sup> c.). St. Damian the Healer, priest (1071), and Sts. Jeremiah (1070) and Matthew (1085), clairvoyants of the Kiev Caves. St. John (Mavropos), metropolitan of Euchaita (1100). St. Charitina, princess of Lithuania (1281). St. Sabbas of Vatopedi, Mt. Athos, fool-for-Christ (1350). Uncovering of the relics (1841) of St. Eudocimus the Unknown, monk of Vatopedi, Mt. Athos. St. Varlaam, desert-dweller of Chikoysk (1846). St. Methodia of Cimola (1908). New Hiero-confessor Gabriel, archimandrite in Melekes (Saratov) (1959). Uncovering of the relics (1985) of New Hiero-confessor Basil (Preobrazhensky), bishop of Kineshma (1945). St. Seraphim (Amelin), schema-archimandrite, of Glinok Hermitage (1958). *Repose of Nun Agnia (Countess Anna Orlova-Chesmenskaya) of Novgorod (1848) and Hieroschemamonk Paisius (Olaru) of Sihastria, Romania (1990).*

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36

### A Warm Welcome to all our Guests!

We are very pleased you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that reception of the **Holy Eucharist is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church** who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.

Sun Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Sunday School  
8:30 Matins  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy  
*streamed on Youtube*

### This Week's Services and Events

Mon	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Apostle Thomas; Glorification of St. Innocent, Met. of Moscow, Enlightener of the Aleuts, and Apostle to the Americas <b>7:00 Matins</b> <b>6:00 pm Vespers</b>
Tue	Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus <b>7:00 Matins (FDL)</b> <b>8:30 am Patristics Class</b> <b>6:00 pm Vespers</b>
Wed	Oct 8 <sup>th</sup>	St. Pelagia the Righteous <b>7:00 am Matins</b> <b>6:00 pm Vespers (FDL)</b> <b>7:00pm Parish Council</b>
Thu	Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Apostle James, son of Alphæus Glorification of St. Tikhon, Enlightener of North America <b>8:40 am Hours</b> <b>9:00 am Liturgy</b> <b>6:00 pm Vespers</b> <b>No Catechism</b>
Fri	Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	Martyrs Eulampius and Eulampia, and 200 Martyrs with them <b>7:00 am Matins</b> <b>6:00 pm Vespers</b> <b>6:00 pm Young Adults at the Jensen's</b>
Sat	Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Apostle Philip of the Seventy; St. Theophanes the Hymnographer <b>7:00 am Matins</b> <b>7:00 pm Great Vespers</b>
Sun	Oct 12 <sup>h</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost— Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council <b>8:30 Sunday School</b> <b>8:30 am Matins</b> <b>10:00 am Divine Liturgy</b>

### Matins (Tone 8)

*After "God is the Lord..."*

**Troparia: Resurrection (twice)...Glory...Martyr...Now and ever...Resurrectional Dismissal (4)**

**Polieley and Magnification: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord..."**

**Exapostilaria: Resurrection—6, Glory... now and ever...Resurrectional Theotokion**

**Gospel Stikheron—6**

### Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

**Prokeimenon, (Tone 8): Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

*vs. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel*

**Alleluia: Tone 8**

#### Tone 4 Troparion

Thy lamb Charitina, calls out to Thee, O Jesus, in a loud voice:  
"I love Thee, my Bridegroom, and in seeking Thee, I endure suffering.  
In baptism I was crucified so that I might reign in Thee,  
and I died so that I might live with Thee.  
Accept me as a pure sacrifice, for I have offered myself in love."  
Through her prayers save our souls, since Thou art merciful!

#### Patristic Quote:

*The evil speaker eats the flesh of his brother and bites the body of his neighbor. Because of this Paul utters the fearful saying, "If you bite and devour one another, take heed that you are not consumed by one another" (Gal 5:15). You have not fixed your teeth in his flesh, but you have harmed in a thousand ways yourself and him and many others, for in slandering your neighbor, you have made him who listens to the slander worse... Besides this, you have struck at the common welfare of the Church herself, for all those who hear you will not only accuse the supposed sinner, but the entire Christian community.*

† St. John Chrysostom

### ◆ ANNOUNCEMENTS ◆

**Need Parish Directory Information:** I am continuing to collect information for the 2025 edition of our parish directory. If you or your family is new to our parish (including catechumens!), or if your information has changed (address, phone, email, or children, including children who have turned 18) -- Please notify Lois Herring at [herring.or@gmail.com](mailto:herring.or@gmail.com), or 971-255-3875.

I rely **very much** on your help, in order to be sure our directory is complete and accurate. Thank you very much, everyone!

And thank you to those who have already sent me information!

#### Birth Announcement

Inquirers Seth and Payton welcomed their first child--Arthur David--last Saturday, Sept 27th. Please keep them in your prayers in these coming days.

### Becoming Little Children

The Church honors the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke on October 18th.

In Luke's Gospel we read that as people bring their little ones to Jesus so that He may touch them, the disciples "sternly" order the people to stop. But Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."

Then He adds words that make us stop and think: "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

How do we become those "little children" to whom the Kingdom is promised? As Joachim Jeremias writes in his "New Testament Theology", the Gospel tells us that it means taking some new attitudes toward things that were well-known in Jesus' time.

First, Jesus models a way of praying that isn't restricted to the communal liturgical prayer, offered at three prescribed times of day. Jesus prays alone, sometimes through a whole night, as in Luke 6: 12.

In addition, the prayer He teaches His disciples, known to us as the Lord's Prayer, is an Aramaic prayer, not a Hebrew one. Aramaic is His mother tongue. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus Christ continues to respect and take part in the thrice-daily liturgical prayer, in Hebrew, known to all pious Jews. But here He is giving to those who want to become "little children" the example of

something else: offering personal prayer at any time of day, in their own language.

In this same prayer, Jesus instructs the disciples to address God as Abba, or Father. This is a new and huge privilege. Saint Paul emphasizes the point in Romans 8:15-16: "When we cry, 'Abba! Father! ' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God..." To become "little children" we must accept this privilege and put ourselves in God's hands, trusting Him as our loving Father.

When we do so, some things will change. For example, in John 9:2 we see the common belief that physical disability is a punishment for sin. When the disciples see a man blind from birth, they ask the Lord who sinned—the man or his parents. Jesus answers by giving a new reason for disability: "that God's works might be revealed in him." And in the Beatitudes, He tells His disciples to rejoice when they are reviled, persecuted and falsely accused. The Father who loves them has authority over everything, so they need not fear this kind of evil and injustice.

Even the length of our prayers can change. In Matthew 6: 7, the other place in the New Testament where Jesus gives His disciples the Lord's Prayer, He begins by telling them not to "heap up empty phrases" in the belief that they will be "heard because of their many words." Those who are God's "little children" can trust that He knows their needs and hears a short prayer.

Luke 12: 32 gives us this assurance: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."