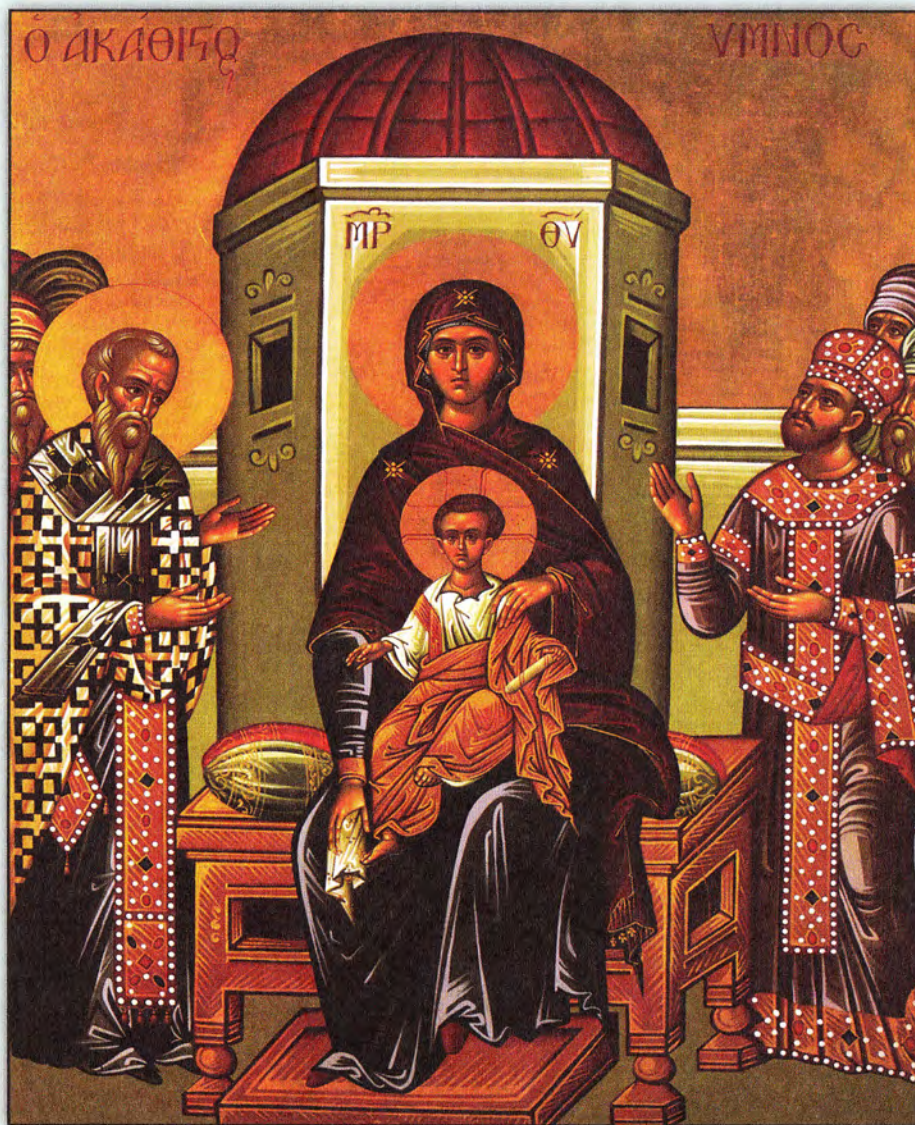


ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Theotokos Enthroned



August 9, 2015

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 2

POSTFEAST OF TRANSFIGURATION. THE HOLY APOSTLE MATTHIAS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 10 – AUGUST 16

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **NO** vespers during the Summer months unless noted in the bulletin.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 – THE DORMITION OF THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy and blessing of flowers For All Parishioners

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 – 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; POSTFEAST OF DORMITION; TRANSLATION OF THE IMAGE NOT-MADE-BY-HANDS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST FROM EDESSA TO CONSTANTINOPLE; THE HOLY MARTYR DIOMEDES, PHYSICIAN

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

For All Parishioners

*If you are reading the bulletin during the Liturgy (including the homily),
please **stop** and be attentive – будьмо уважні!*

ASK FOR REPENTANCE

Ask for repentance in your prayer and nothing else

In our struggle on the path to God, repentance must be the central theme. Only in repentance will we find the true meaning of life, for only in repentance can one enter into communion with God. This life has been given to us for one purpose, that we might be deified, and be united with God, as was His purpose from the very beginning. In our fallen state, our brokenness keeps us separated from God, for our darkened nous can not see clearly. Repentance changes our nous, clearing the way for complete union with Christ, and making us whole.

“Ask for repentance in your prayer and nothing else, neither for divine lights, nor miracles, nor prophecies, nor spiritual gifts—nothing but repentance. Repentance will bring you humility, humility will bring you the Grace of God, and God will have in His Grace everything you need for your salvation, or anything you might need to help another soul (Elder Paisios of Mount Athos).”

Love in Christ,
Abbot Tryphon

Let us Prepare Two Tables

When we return home, let us prepare two tables, one for bodily food, the other for that spiritual food which is the Holy Scripture. Let the husband repeat what has been said in the holy assembly; let the wife learn it and the children listen to it. Let each of you make your home a church. Are you not responsible for the salvation of your children? Are you not likely to have to give an account of their upbringing? Just as we, the shepherds of the flock, will give an account of what we have done for your souls, so fathers of families will have to answer before God for all the people in their home.

– St. John Chrysostom “On Genesis”

Last Sunday’s Bulletin

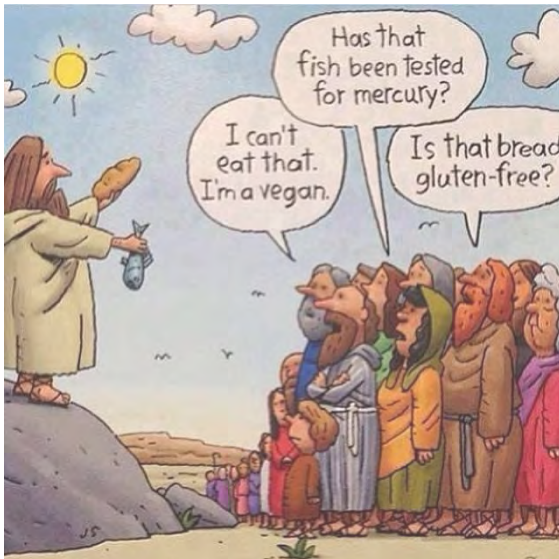
If you haven’t yet picked up last Sunday’s bulletin, it is available in the church hall, or on our website, stjohnthebaptizer.org.

Fr. James will be away...

Fr. James will be out of town through 8/14/15. In case of an emergency please contact either Fr. Brian Escobedo of Holy Angels Byzantine Catholic Church at (858) 277-2511 or (661) 800-8383, Fr. James Babcock at (714) 600-3660, or Fr. Ihor Koshyk at (323) 663-6307.

Refinancing of the Church

As discussed at the parish meeting last week, the process of refinancing the church is underway. A very important aspect of the application is demonstrating to the lender that the parish community have committed adequate financial support. **Please fill out your pledge form as soon as possible.**



Please Note:

When you are away, please don't forget that the church still relies on your contributions. Our bills do not go on vacation. Your absence on any Sunday does not negate your obligation to support your home parish.

GOD'S EXTENDED HAND

FOCUS (Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve) has provided us with a special bin for collecting donations of clothing, toiletries, etc. to be distributed at GEH. It is located near the door of the church hall.

Roof Campaign



The hall roof is in dire need of repair. There are at least six separate leaks. Numerous patch jobs have failed to solve the problems. The current drought has minimized the problem but we continue to pray for rain anyway. There is good news and bad news: The good news is - we have the money; the bad news is - it's still in your pockets. We will be soliciting quotes for repairs soon. Know a roofer you would recommend?

Roof Repair Challenge

An anonymous donor has given \$1000.00 towards the repair of the hall roof. The donor has challenged the rest of the parish to contribute to this cause so that the roof can be fully repaired rather than patched.

Roof Challenge Response: \$3110.00
Total: \$4110.00

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In Praise of the Theotokos

Hail Mary, Mother of God, through whom the faithful spirits are saved. Hail Mary, Mother of God, through you the waves of the sea, now placated and calm, carry joyfully and gently those who, like ourselves, are servants and ministers.

Hail Mary, Mother of God, most venerated treasure on all earth, inextinguishable light, crown of virginity, scepter of true doctrine, indestructible temple, dwelling place of Him who cannot be contained, Virgin and Mother, through whom we have been given Him who is called blessed par excellence, and who has come in the name of the Father.

Hail to you, who in your holy and virginal womb have enclosed the immense and the incomprehensible. Because of whom the Blessed Trinity is adored and glorified, and the precious Cross is venerated and feted throughout the earth. Because of whom heaven exults, the angels and archangels rejoice, and the devils flee. Because of whom the tempter was ejected from heaven, and fallen creature was taken up to paradise. Because of whom all men, fettered by the deceit of idols, come to the knowledge of truth. Because of

whom holy baptism is given as a gift to believers, the oil of joy is obtained, the Church is rooted all over the world, and people are moved to penance.

And what more can I say? Because of whom the only begotten Son of God shone the light on those who walked in darkness and in the shadow of death. Because of whom the prophets prophesied future events. Because of whom the apostles preached salvation to the Gentiles. Because of whom the dead rose and kings reigned, through the Blessed Trinity.

Who among men is capable of uttering the praise which Mary merits, who is worthy of all praise? She is Virgin and Mother. What a marvelous thing. I am filled with awe at this miracle. Who has heard of a case where the builder of a temple is banned from attending it? Who could be blamed for ignominiously having taken His own slave to be His Mother?

St. Cyril of Alexandria

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