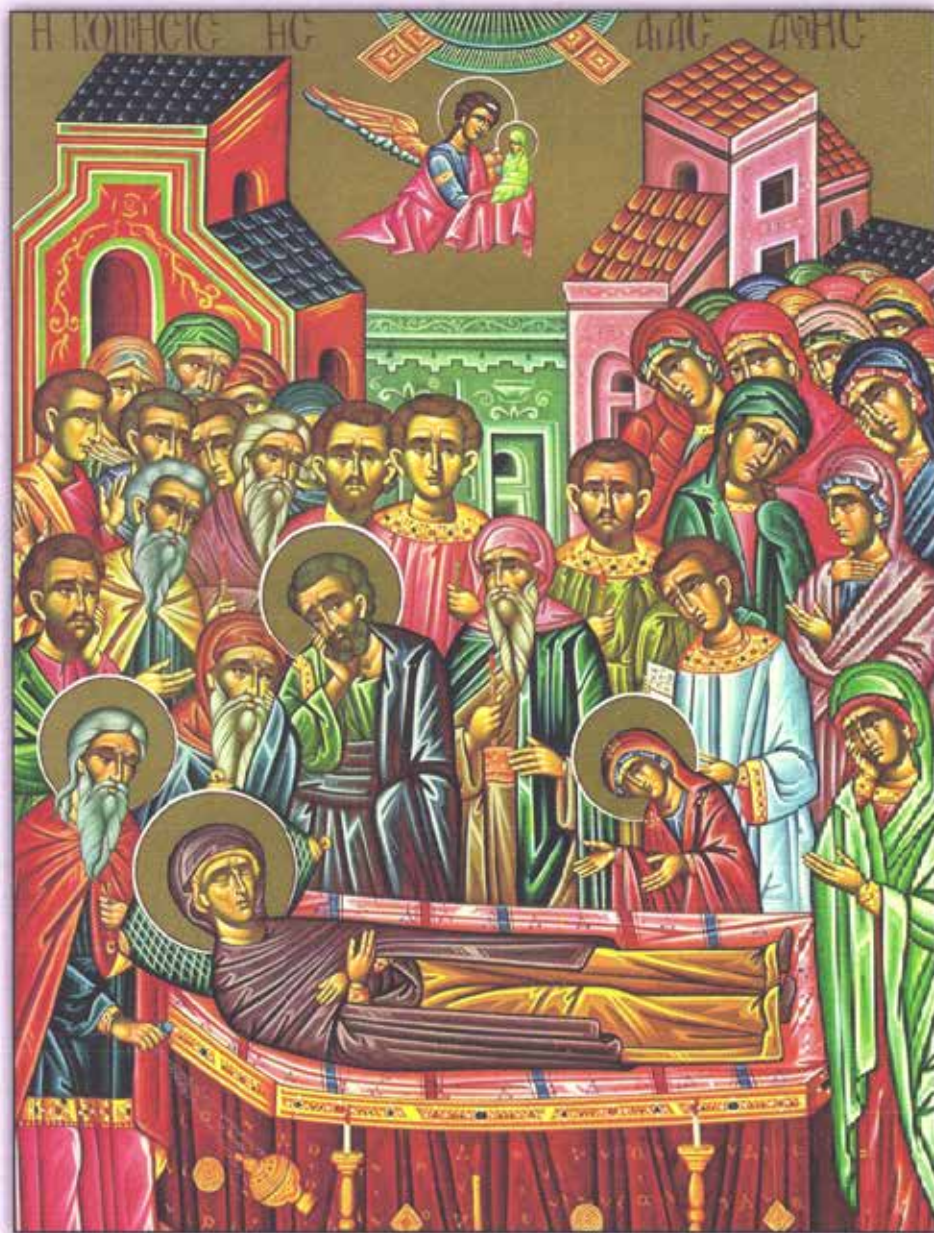


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Dormition of Saint Anna -- July 25th

July 21, 2013

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – TONE 8

OUR VENERABLE FATHERS, SYMEON OF EMESSA, THE FOOL FOR CHRIST'S SAKE
AND JOHN, HIS COMPANION; THE HOLY PROPHET EZEKIEL

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 15– JULY 21

Please Note: There will be NO Vespers during the Summer months unless noted in the bulletin.

SATURDAY, JULY 27 – THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR AND HEALER PANTELEIMON

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy ✙ Maria Fedunyak; Req: Olga Fedunyak

SUNDAY, JULY 28 – 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST; THE HOLY APOSTLES AND DEACONS PROCHORUS, NICANOR,
TIMON AND PARMENAS

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy For All Parishioners



Blessing of Automobiles

O Lord our God, Who makes the clouds Thy chariot and Who walks on the wings of the wind, Who has sent to Your servant, the Prophet Elias, a chariot of fire, Who has guided man to invent these vehicles which are as fast as the wind. We thank You for You have provided Your servants with these vehicle to serve their various needs.

Therefore, O Master, pour out now upon it Your heavenly blessings; assign to it a guardian angel to preserve it from all evil. And as You granted faith and grace by Your deacon Philip to the man from Ethiopia who was sitting in his chariot and reading holy Scripture, show the way of salvation to Your servants. So that helped by Your grace and always intent on doing good works, they may after all the trials of their pilgrimage on earth, attain to everlasting joys, through the intercessions of our Most-pure Lady, the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, by the power of the precious and lifegiving Cross; through the prayers of the holy Angels; of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker and of all the Saints: For You are the Provider and Sanctifier of all things and to You do we ascribe glory, and to Your Only-begotten Son, and Your All-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

This vehicle is blessed by the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"Modernity sought to build a universal brotherhood based on equality, yet we gradually came to realize that this brotherhood, lacking a reference to a common Father as its ultimate foundation, cannot endure."

– Pope Francis, *Lumen Fidei*

Abba John said that the saints are like a group of trees, each bearing different fruit, but watered from the same source. The practices of one saint differ from those of another, but it is the same Spirit that works in all of them.

– From the Desert Fathers

Sunday offering for July 14

Amount	Number
\$9.00	1 (loose)
\$10.00	3
\$15.00	1
\$20.00	4
\$40.00	2
\$50.00	1
\$80.00	1
\$100.00	4
\$125.00	1
\$3000.00	1
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\$3749.00	

Parishioner Total: \$3749.00

Guest Total: \$120.00

Average / parish household (42): \$89.26

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Surplus: **\$1624.00**

ON THE EPISTLE FOR THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – 1 CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

From *A Year of the Lord*, by Fr. Theodore Stylianopoulos

In the Epistle for this Sunday the Holy Apostle Paul speaks to us about the Church. Here, the Apostle is speaking not about the Church as a building but the community of believers as the Church.

The Church is more than a physical building or an organization, it is the People of God built upon the Foundation of Jesus Christ. Using the images of foundation and building, St. Paul has some important things to say about the relationship between Christ and Christians, as well as the relationship between the work of Christians and God. The Apostle teaches three main things in this passage:

1) Christ is the foundation of the Church

This means that Christ provides the unshakable security and ground of hope for everything in the Christian community. Everything done in the Church, all the design and work of Christians, must be anchored on and related to the living Christ, if the community is to hold together and function as what it is meant to be, God's living temple permeated by God's Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16).

2) The Church leaders and by extension all Christians laboring in the Church are "co-workers with God" (1 Cor. 3:9).

The correct translation of *synergoi Theou* (1 Cor. 3:9) is not "co-workers under God" which would mean partners working together for God or fellow workers in God's service. Rather it is "co-workers with God," which means laborers together with God or God's fellow laborers. In other words, Christians are not only brothers and sisters co-operating with one another and working under God's care; they are also God's direct partners, working immediately with God in their various specific acts of service, administration, teaching, helping, giving, guiding, evangelizing, and witnessing. This is a powerful statement of *synergia* (co-operation) between human beings and God.

3) All Christians are accountable to God

The Christian community (the parish church) includes people of different personalities, gifts, strengths, weaknesses, abilities, zeal, commitment and contributions. Their task is not to compete, compare, or critique one another, but to offer all their labors as a gift to God for the up-building of the entire community of Christ. God alone will test and evaluate the work of each person's work on the Day of Judgment.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:9-17



- ❖ What two images does St. Paul use for the Church in Corinth? (vs. 9)
- ❖ What does St. Paul mean by "the gift that God gave me"? (vs. 10) What is this gift?
- ❖ What is his warning about how to build? (vs. 10)
- ❖ Who is the "one and only foundation" of the Church? (vs. 11) What does this imply about the nature of Christ?
- ❖ In practical terms, what is the "gold or silver or precious stones... or wood or grass or straw" in God's eyes as far as the life of the Christian community is concerned? (vs. 12)
- ❖ When the fire comes, what do you think will be standing of your own work? (vs. 13)
- ❖ What new attitudes, new priorities, and specific steps can you adopt as God's partners to make your parish more aware that you all are "God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you"? (vs. 16)



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A Mother Dies Many Deaths

It is difficult to avoid sufferings in married life. The wife, even though she will only have to die once herself, is still afraid of many deaths. Though she has only one soul of her own, she is deeply concerned for many souls.

She is afraid for her husband; she is afraid for her children. The more the family tree has blossomed, the more the fears increase. If one of her family suffers misfortune, such as the loss of money or an illness, she is desolated, and more agonized than the victim himself.

If all the rest of the family leave this life before she does, this is an intolerable suffer-

ing for her. If death has not taken its toll of them all, the fact that any one of them is left is certainly a consolation to her, but a consolation imbued with anxiety. The fear that troubles her for those still alive is no less than her grief for those who have departed this life.

Indeed, although it may surprise you, her case is even more desperate. For time softens the grief caused by the death of her loved ones, but anxiety for the living never ceases.

St. John Chrysostom