
June 17, 2018

The Third Sunday of Matthew

Saints and Feasts: Isaurus the Holy Martyr and his Companions of Athens; Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael the Martyrs of Persia; Righteous Father Botolph, Abbot of the Monastery of Ikanhoe; Alban the Protomartyr of Britain

Fasting Rule:

*Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.
It is the fast of the holy Apostles.*

Tone Two :: Third Orthros Gospel

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

Reader: *May the Lord hear you in the day of afflictions; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.*

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Reader: *O Lord, save Your King, and hear us in the day we call upon You*

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: *The reading is from the Letter to the Romans.*

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

HYMNS FOR THE LITURGY

Resurrection Hymn (Second Tone)

When you descended unto death, O Life Immortal, then You slew Hades with the lightning of Your Divinity. And when You also raised the dead out of the nether world, all the powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory be to You.

Hymn for the Transfiguration

Kontakion of the Theotokos

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant: O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

PARISH NOTICES

We warmly welcome our guests today. Please join us downstairs after Liturgy for refreshments and fellowship. **Fellowship hosts are needed for coming Sundays.** Sign up on the clipboard downstairs.

Happy Fathers Day to our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and fathers in Christ!

The **Apostles Fast** continues through June 28th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Father Sava has been granted a "sabbatical leave" by His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah. Parish priests of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America are permitted to request a three-month sabbatical leave every six years. This is Father Sava's tenth year of service; he requested only a one-month sabbatical leave so as not to place an excessive burden on parish resources.

Father Sava will be away from June 20 through July 20. During this time Father will make two spiritual pilgrimages—one pilgrimage to the ancient Celtic Christian holy places of the Inner Hebrides islands of Scotland, and another to a holy place here in America. He asks your prayers for his safe travel and return. He will miss each and every one of you!

If there is an urgent need for the ministry of a priest in Father Sava's absence, please call **Parish Council President Kathy Theodosopoulos**, who will arrange what is needed as she deems appropriate. Kathy's number is **(605) 690-0599**.

Christopher and Kristin Stanichar cordially invite you to join them in celebrating an important event in the life of Christopher's son Joseph.

Event: Graduation open house for Joseph Stanichar

Date: June 22nd 2018

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 P.M.

Address: Sertoma Place Community Center
1817 South Sertoma Avenue, Sioux Falls

THE COMING MONTH AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

There will be no weekday services during Father Sava's absence. Sunday services will continue as usual:

- Sunday June 24th :: **Nativity of John the Forerunner**
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.
Father Elias Warren serving
- Sunday July 1st :: **Fifth Sunday of Matthew**
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.
Father Dennis Heifner serving
- Sunday July 8th :: **Sixth Sunday of Matthew**
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.
Father Elias Warren serving
- Sunday July 15th :: **Sunday of the Holy Fathers**
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.
Father Thomas Lynch serving
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LOOKING AHEAD

- June 30 Youth bowling party
July 22 Parish Council meeting
July 28 Philoptochos picnic at Lake Poinsett
August 19 Annual Parish Picnic
October 6-7 Transfiguration Church's 60th anniversary celebration
Visit of His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah
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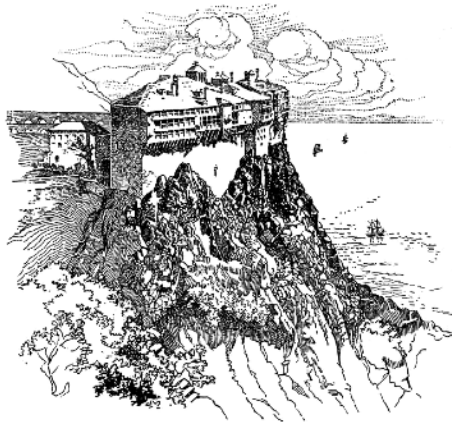
WORDS OF LIFE



So we have come to church, to the Liturgy! Let nothing disturb the tranquility of your soul. God is present. Wherever we look, God is before us! If we don't see Him, this doesn't mean He isn't there, but only that our eyes are not used to seeing Him...

With the eyes of our mind, let us see the king for whom we sinners opened the way, and let us say with the Psalmist: "Come let us worship and fall down before Him and cry to the Lord... for He is our God." (Ps 94.6-7) Let us open the depths of our hearts to the Lord, who is present here with us, and let us advance more each and every day, so that we will be able to discover everything that God, our redeemer, has done for us.

— Archimandrite Aimilianos
Former Abbot of Simonopetra




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