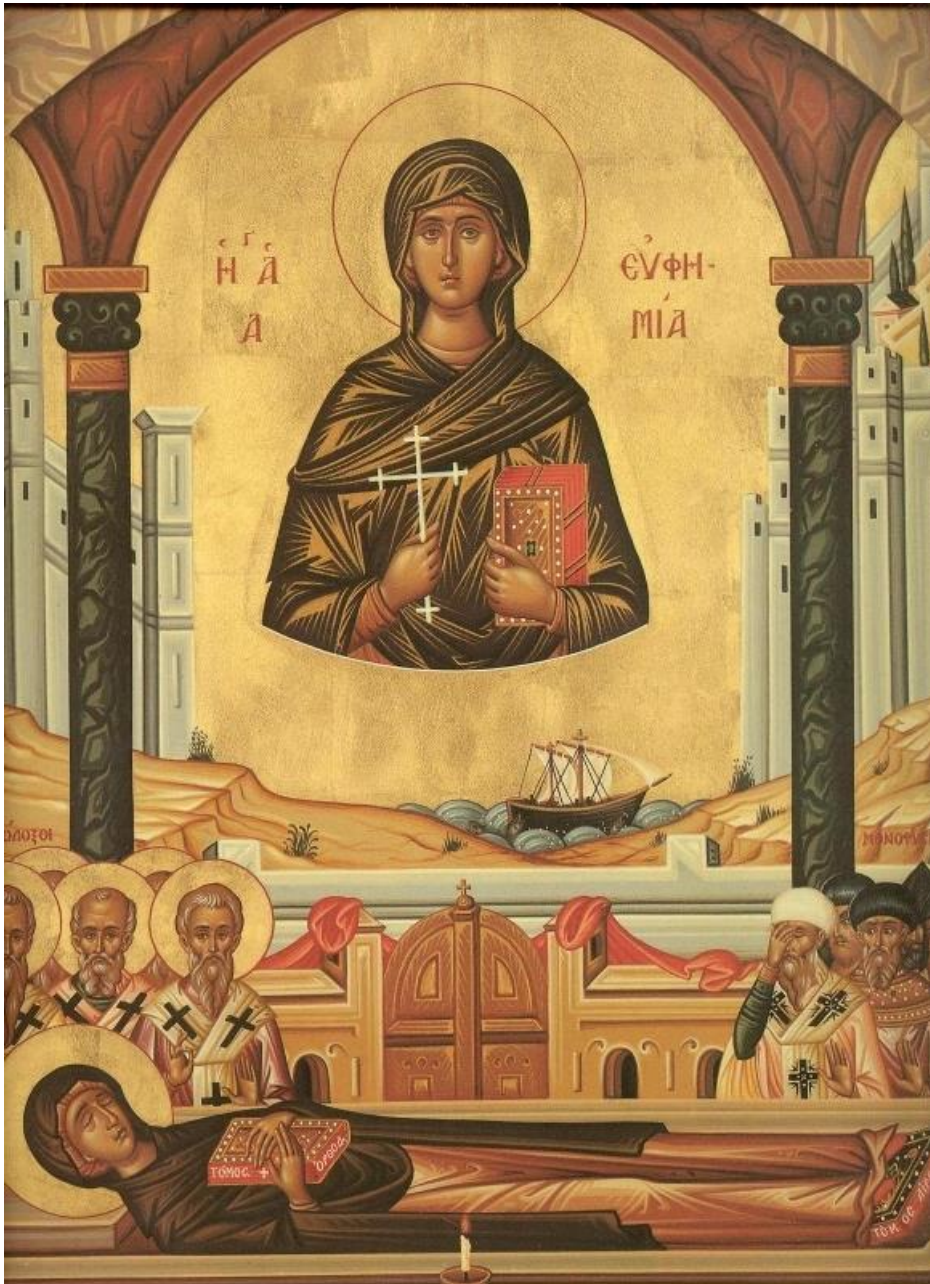


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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On July 18 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Martyr Emilianos of Silistria in Bulgaria; John, metropolitan of Chalcedon; and Stephen, patriarch of Constantinople.

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

*Shunning opposite errors like the sea monsters Scylla and Charybdis,
The Fathers steer the Church on a straight course to safety.*

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

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.

THE EPISTLE

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.

Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

WISDOM

Community is a place of pain, of the death of ego. In community we are sacrificing independence and the pseudo-security of being closed up. We can only live this pain if we are certain that for us being in community is our response to a call from God. If we do not have this certitude of faith then we won't be able to stay in community. ... When somebody says to me, "I find it very painful to live in this community, but I'm here because God has called me here," then I know that person has made a passage from dream to reality. They have found their place. We will only stay in community if we have gone through the passage from choosing community to knowing that we have been chosen for community. It is for us the place of purification, and of support, given to us by Jesus, that will lead us to a deeper love and liberation, a place where cleansed of our egocentric attitudes we will be able to give new life to others.

-Jean Vanier, *From Brokenness to Community*

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. John's IOCC August project 50 school-supply kits: In most of the countries where IOCC works, there are children who do not have basic school supplies. Church World Service, a longtime partner of IOCC, collects school-supply kits at a warehouse facility, prepares them for shipment and works with IOCC and other partners to make sure these kits reach children in need. We will start collecting supplies immediately in order to mail them by the end of August. There will be a box at church in the entry where supplies can be placed. Send questions to Jeane: plastinowood@gmail.com, (208) 660-3046.

Instructions: Buy a 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks) and fill it with the following:

- ◆ One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- ◆ Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound notebooks of 8" x 10½" ruled paper totaling 200-210 sheets (Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- ◆ One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- ◆ One hand-held pencil sharpener
- ◆ Six new pencils with erasers
- ◆ One large eraser, 2½"
- ◆ One box of 24 crayons (only 24)



A BABY SHOWER!

AUGUST 7 • 12:30 PM (LUNCH)
760 CHISHOLM COURT
POST FALLS



JOIN US AS WE
CELEBRATE OUR
PRECIOUS MOTHERS

ROBIN SCHANNAP MACKENZIE KNOWLES
HANNAH LEAL BETHANY TATE
BARBARA LANE

Each mom is preparing an online registry for our convenience.

We are asking each person to sign up to bring gifts for only 2 of the mothers. Would you please let Joy know which two mothers you would like to purchase a gift for when you RSVP? Thank you!

**FOR INFORMATION ON REGISTRIES AND TO RSVP
CALL JOY @ 208-660-0538**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Baby Shower! See bulletin insert or flyer for details.

Missing from the Narthex closet: One black inner cassock belonging to Reader David. If any clergy grabbed a cassock from the old Narthex closet, please double check you have the right one. Thank you! -Fr. Nicholas

Join us for some bowling fun! Monday, July 19, 6:30 – 8:30pm at Triple Play Family Fun Park (175 W Orchard Ave, Hayden, ID; www.3play.com). \$8 includes bowling shoes. Please text Lisa Gencarella at (208) 771-2556 to RSVP so we can get enough lanes. Sign up RSVP: Bowling!

The Spokane Valley Summer Theater presents: Little House on the Prairie, the Musical. Friday, July 30 at 7:30pm. There is a limited number of tickets for only \$15 (\$39 value!), so RSVP right away and include family name, and number of tickets needed. Teens and their families are welcome! The Spokane Valley Theater requests that patrons be 5 years and above to attend. Text or call Lisa Gencarella at (208) 771-2556 with questions and to RSVP.

ON-GOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Gathering: Thursday July 22nd at 7pm at the Molloy home. We'll plan our first service project with the help of Rob Schannep. Please bring a "finger food" to share for our Tapas themed meal. Call Aaron Plew (805) 312-5810 with questions.

Right To Life Booth, Kootenai County Fair (Aug. 20 – 29): Volunteers are needed! Please call Lacy at 208-731-7278 to sign up for a shift, and state that you are from St. John's Orthodox Church. The shifts are Mon-Friday 11-3, 3-7, 7-10; Saturday/Sunday 10-2, 2-6, 6-10. There are 2 people per shift. *They have a particular need for Aug. 22nd and Aug. 23rd.* Jeane Woods would be happy to join anyone if you let her know: (208) 660-3046, plastinowood@gmail.com.

Help needed in the Cemetery: Eleni is setting aside every Wednesday from 10am to noon to work in the cemetery, weeding, and general maintenance. ANYONE WHO WANTS TO HELP, PLEASE COME, bring your own tools, gloves, etc. Thank you!

Teachers are needed for preschool through 5th grade. If you are interested in teaching our children after liturgy on Sundays, *please talk with Jen Jensvold or Jan Truebenbach.*

FREE Lumex Adult Folding Walker with Wheels. Teresa Chala has a brand-new adult walker to give to anyone who needs it. For more information, call: (509) 475-0671

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS [Calendar]

Fr. Mark out of town Thursday, July 15 through Monday, July 26.

Saturday, July 17: Great Vespers 6pm

Sunday, July 18: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am; Herman Hannan Concert 12pm

Monday, July 19: Teen Bowling 6:30pm

Wednesday, July 21: Vespers 6pm

Thursday, July 22: Men's Meeting at Molloy's 7pm

Friday, July 23: Virtual Archdiocese Convention; Spiritual Circle 9:30am; Catechumen Class 6pm

Saturday, July 24: Virtual Archdiocese Convention; Great Vespers 6pm

Sunday, July 25: Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am

EPISTLE READERS

7/18 Paul Tate (or TBD?)

7/25 Rob (Herman) Schannep

8/1 Riley (Ignatius) Chapman

8/8 Rob (Herman) Schannep

If you would like to read the Epistle, please contact Aaron Plew. Sign up: **Epistle Readers*

CLEANING ROTATION (nave, narthex, hallway, upstairs restrooms, and hall floor)

Week of 7/18 Sandberg, *Volunteers Needed!**

Week of 7/25 TBD, *Volunteers Needed!**

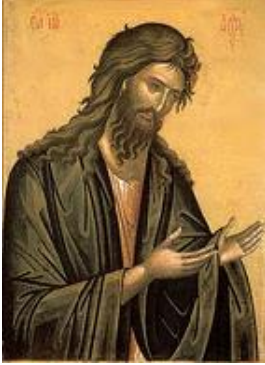
Week of 8/1 TBD, *Volunteers Needed!**

Sign up at **Church clean-up! Or contact Sh. Susan: (940)723-1726.*

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING: Weaver family, Khouria Joanna, John/Steven Wood, Korbin (friend of Alyson Gross), Charalambos and Eugenia (Mary Welsh's parents), James & Helen Odell, those suffering with the Covid-19 virus and those caring for the sick and suffering, victims of injustice and social unrest, Metropolitans Paul and John (hostages in Syria), the suffering Christians throughout the Middle East.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED: Bryce (Jeane Wood's cousin), Victims of abortion, Victims of the Covid-19 virus, Victims of injustice and social unrest, the departed Christians throughout the world who have died for the Faith.

CONFESSIONS: Please remember to contact Fr. Mark to schedule confessions, even if you intend to confess after the evening services. This ensures that your confession is well prepared, and that everyone can be heard in an orderly fashion. Father is available to meet at the Church Tuesday through Saturday.



Troparion of St. John the Baptist

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is enough for thee, O Forerunner. For thou wast shown to be more wonderful than the prophets since thou wast granted to baptize Him whom thou didst proclaim. Then having endured great suffering for the truth thou didst rejoice to bring even to those in hades the good tidings, that God who hast appeared in the flesh, takes away the sins of the world, and grants us great mercy.