

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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## **HIEROMARTYR DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE**

On October 3 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Hieromartyr Dionysios the Areopagite.

*He Who said: Take up thy bed and walk, to the Paralytic,*

*Said: Take up thy head and run, O Dionysios.*

*On the third, O Dionysios, thou takest thy severed head and runnest.*

He is counted among the Seventy lesser apostles. Dionysios was studying in Egypt when Lord Christ breathed His last on the Cross, and the whole world was darkened for three hours. Then Dionysios cried out: 'Either God the Creator of the world is suffering, or the world is ending.' Returning home to Athens, he married a woman called Damaris and had sons by her. He was a member of the highest court in Greece, the Areopagus, and was always thereafter known as the Areopagite. When the Apostle Paul preached the Gospel in Athens, Dionysios was baptized with his whole household (Acts 17:34). Paul consecrated Dionysios bishop of Athens and he travelled widely with Paul, coming to know all the other apostles. He went especially to Jerusalem, to see the most holy Mother of God, and wrote of his meeting with her in one of his works, being present at her burial. After Paul suffered martyrdom, Dionysios went off to Gaul to preach the Gospel among the barbarians, accompanied by Rustikos, a priest, and Eleutherios a deacon, whom we also commemorate today. By their labors, many were turned to the Christian faith and Dionysios built a small chapel in Paris where he celebrated divine service. When he was ninety years old, Dionysios was seized and tortured for Christ, together with Rustikos and Eleutherios, until they were all beheaded in the year 96. His famous writings include: On the Divine Names, On the Heavenly Hierarchies, On the Ecclesiastical Hierarchies, and The Mystical Theology.

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

## **RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX**

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

## **APOLYTIKION OF ST. DIONYSIOS THE AREOPAGITE IN TONE FOUR**

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as befitteth one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Dionysios. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

## **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**

*O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Unto Thee will I cry, O my God.*

### **The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)**

Brethren, seeing that it is the God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, the same also shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of power is from God, and not from us. We are pressed on every way, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; smitten down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body. For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh. So, then, death is working in us, but life in you. But having in us the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, "I believed, and therefore I spoke," we also believe, and therefore we also speak, knowing that the One who raised up the Lord Jesus will also raise us up through Jesus, and will make us stand together with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the grace, which is multiplied through the thanksgiving of many, may abound to the glory of God.

## THE GOSPEL

### The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

## WISDOM

A certain bishop and his deacon were preparing to serve the Liturgy at a small village. They set out on their journey, and as they were walking along the road they encountered a poor man who was sitting somewhere off to the side. The bishop greeted him: “Good day, man of God.” The pauper did not respond. The bishop repeated, “Good day, man of God.” Still no response. The bishop greeted him a third time, and when the man did not reply, the bishop lost his patience and snapped, “May you have my curse!” Perhaps he reacted this way because he took the pauper’s silence as an insult.

After this incident, the bishop and the deacon continued on with their journey. The bishop served the Liturgy, and at the conclusion of the service he felt indisposed and said to his deacon, “Deacon, I do not feel well. I think it’s because of the heavy words I directed at that pauper.” The deacon replied, “May I tell you something, Your Eminence?” “Yes my child, I am listening.” “When you cursed the pauper, I saw a crow come out of your mouth and fly in the direction of the pauper, but then it circled back and entered you again.” “Oh my! I must have cursed him unjustly! Who knows who that poor man was? Get ready, deacon! Quickly, let’s go back.” They arose and returned to the spot where they had first met him. When they arrived, they discovered that this person was deaf—he had not heard the bishop’s greeting.

A curse that comes forth and does not find fertile ground returns to the person who sent it. When a curse is unjust, the evil returns to the person who voiced it. For this reason, we must always bless; that is, good words must come out of our mouth. In this manner, we will not fall into this grave sin of cursing. Prayer is the best remedy for this sin. God’s compassion and mercy are infinite. He forgives everything when a person repents and returns.

+Ephraim, Elder; *The Art of Salvation*; Saint Nektarios Greek Orthodox Monastery



# ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN!

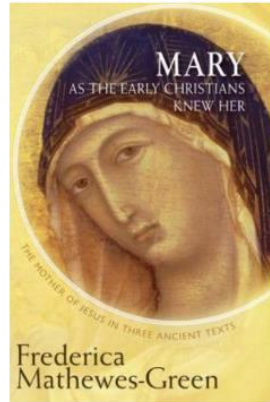
## BOOK CLUB BEGINS IN OCTOBER

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

PLACE: AYOUB'S  
3223 N CALLARY ST  
POST FALLS

TIME: 7 P.M-8:30 P.M.

DATE: OCT 21, 2021



*"MARY AS THE EARLY CHURCH KNEW HER"*

*Please see Kelly in the bookstore if you  
would like to order a book.*

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## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DATES:

NOV 6TH -LOCATION TBA

DEC 2ND - LOCATION TBA

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## "POP UP" ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

WATCH FOR FUN "POP-UP" ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH THE MONTH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Orthodox Byzantine Icons** (also known as St Isaac's, or Skete.com) in Boscobel, WI, is not able to fulfill orders. *Please do not order from their site*, which is still offering promotions and taking orders. They currently have a large backlog at least 5 months out due to a series of unfortunate events that began with Covid shut down in spring 2020, major staff leaving, production equipment breakdowns, limited staff and most recently a Covid outbreak on the grounds September 2021. These is just a few of the challenges they have been under which have left them with a backlog. Please pray for them as they attempt to navigate this difficult position.

## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FELLOWSHIP DATES AND ACTIVITIES

**Sisterhood Book Club Begins in October:** October 21, 2021, 7 - 8:30pm, at Lavonne Ayoub's home: 3223 N. Callary St., Post Falls, ID. BOOK: *Mary, As the Early Church New Her* by Fredricka Matthews-Green. Please see Kelly in the bookstore if you would like a copy of the book.

**Upcoming Women's Fellowship Gatherings** 6 - 8pm: November 6th- location TBA; December 2nd- location TBA

**Other Sisterhood Activities:** Watch for fun "pop-up" activities throughout the month!

**Sisterhood Dues:** It is that time of year again for the Sisterhood to send in our dues to the diocese. The dues money is used for many benevolent projects. You may give me your dues of \$10. Each parish is expected to send their dues to the diocese by November 1. Thank you! Barbara Garbinski, Treasurer

**Men's & Women's Fellowship Night:** Thu Oct 21, 2021 7pm – 9pm. Men will meet at the home of Tim Peterson; women will meet at the home of Lavonne Ayoub.

**Metal worker wanted!** to repair the bell clapper in our large bell outside the Temple. Please contact Fr. Mark or Fr. Nicholas if you, or someone you know, is able to help.

**Kitchen news:** The kitchen areas are being rearranged in effort to simplify agape meals and to meet the need for a place to keep tables and chairs. Many banquet items have been moved to the shed. Please cooperate by not leaving things in the kitchen. It might help to think "pack it in, pack it out" when setting up for anything. Thank you for your help! Contact Ignatius or Mary Chapman with any questions.

**Snowplow for Saint Herman of Alaska and Saint Mary Magdalene Sketes:** We are raising funds for a snowplow, winter tires and cables for the skete truck. The plow is \$7,500. Anyone wishing to donate may give a check or cash while visiting the skete or send a check to Saint Herman or Saint Mary Magdalene Skete, 4810 E 6th Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99212. Donations may also be made via PayPal on our skete website. Please let us know that your donation is intended for the plow fund. Thank you for your prayers!

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS [Calendar]**

**Saturday, October 2:** Great Vespers 6pm

**Sunday, October 3:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am; Churching of Monica & Theophan

**Wednesday, October 6 St. Thomas the Apostle:** Vespers & Catechism 6pm

**Friday, September October 8:** Spiritual Circle 9:30am (Fall Gathering)

**Saturday, October 9:** Catechism 4:30; Great Vespers 6pm (Fall Gathering)

**Sunday, October 10:** Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am (Fall Gathering)

## **EPISTLE READER {*Epistle Readers*}**

10/3 Aaron Plew

10/10 Paul Tate

10/17 Reader Silouan

10/24 Paul Tate



**PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:** Mark & Muriel (Kaitlin), Nick, Lindsey and their baby, Eugenia, Mary and Craig, Loren, Theo, Caitlin and Ben, Kieran and fellow soldiers, Hay family, Family of Jean Weingand, Douglas, Weaver family, John/Steven Wood, Khouria Joanna, Korbin (friend of Alyson Gross), 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:** Charalambos (Mary Welsh's father), Jean, Andrew, Wanda (Lavonne Ayoub's mother), Baby of Caitlin (Kh. Joanna's friend), 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.

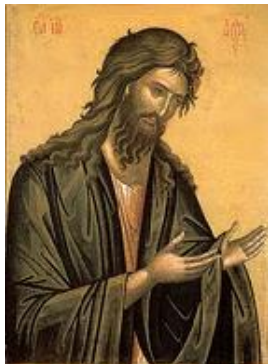
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# October 2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 2nd Sunday of Luke Schannep Churching Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am	4	5	6 Apostle Thomas Vespers and Catechism 6pm	7	8 Fall Gathering	9 Fall Gathering Great Vespers 6pm
10 3rd Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am	11	12	13 Vespers + Parish Council 6pm (No Catechism)	14	15	16 St. James Great Vespers 6pm
17 7th Ecumenical Council Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am Baptism of Nicholas, Cassian, and Theophan	18 Evangelist Luke	19	20 Vespers and Catechism 6pm	21 FELLOWSHIP NIGHT Men's Fellowship @ Peterson Home 7pm. Women's Fellowship @ Ayoub Home 7pm.	22	23 Great Vespers 6pm
24 6th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am All Parish Briefing	25 St. Tabitha	26 St. Demetrius	27 Vespers and Catechism 6pm	28	29	30 Great Vespers 6pm
31 5th Sunday of Luke Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9am	1	<b>Legend for Fasting Days:</b> <div>Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs, alcohol, olive oil</div> <div>Abstain from meat, fish, dairy, eggs</div> <div>Abstain from meat, dairy, eggs</div> <div>Abstain from meat</div>			<a href="https://stjohnorthodox.org">https://stjohnorthodox.org</a>  email: priestmark@stjohnorthodox.org	



## 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.*