

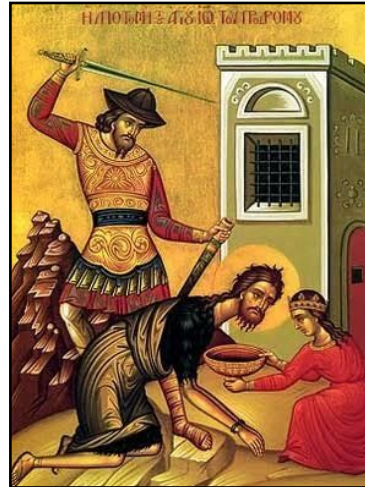
SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

APODOSIS OF THE FEAST OF THE FORERUNNER

The apodosis (or leave-taking) of the feast of the Beheading of St. John the Forerunner is celebrated on August 30, closing the festal period that begins on August 29.

It extends the celebration of a major feast over several days instead of just a single 24-hour period. On this final day of the afterfeast, the special hymns and services sung on the main feast day are repeated in the church.

The services wrap up the liturgical reflection on the prophet's martyrdom. John is remembered as the final Old Testament prophet and the direct bridge to the New Testament. This feast honors his fearless call to repentance and his rebuke of unlawful actions. His death allowed him to go ahead of Christ into Hades to proclaim the coming Savior to those who had passed away.



TODAY'S EVENTS

✝ Philoptochos is sponsoring an ice cream social to begin registering children for 2026-2027 Sunday Church School year. You can now register your children online by using the QR code to the right. School classes will begin September 13 and meet each Sunday after Holy Communion.



✝ Orthodox Christian Fellowship (www.ocf.net) college students will be sponsoring a cold brew table during the agape fellowship in the social hall. Please visit their table. Donations are welcomed.

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 9/2/26

6:00 PM – Vespers

6:30 PM – Young Adult's Late Night Discussion

Friday, 9/4/26

6:00 PM – Paraklesis & Confession

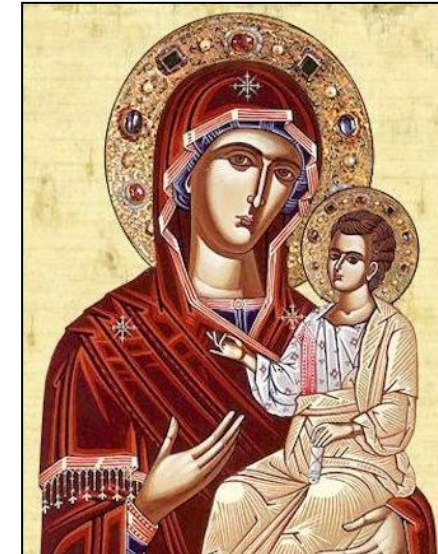
Sunday, 9/6/26

9:15 AM – Matins

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM – Agape Fellowship

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
13TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode (Page 84-85 Green Hymnal)

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished; to the apostles, with boasting, did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ our God has risen from the dead and granted to the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of the Forerunner in the Second Mode

The memory of the just is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner; for thou hast proved to be truly even more venerable than the Prophets, since thou was granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, thou didst rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades: that God hath appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Fourth Mode

Your Birth o Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world. For from you rose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He cancelled the curse and poured forth His grace: He vanquished death and granted us eternal life.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

Many things does He intimate by this parable, God's providence, which had been exercised towards them from the first; their murderous disposition from the beginning; that nothing had been omitted of whatever pertained to a heedful care of them;...

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 68 on Matthew 21, 4th Century

And observe also both His great care, and the excessive idleness of these men for what pertained to the husbandmen, He Himself did ... and He left little for them to do; to take care of what was there, and to preserve what was given to them.

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