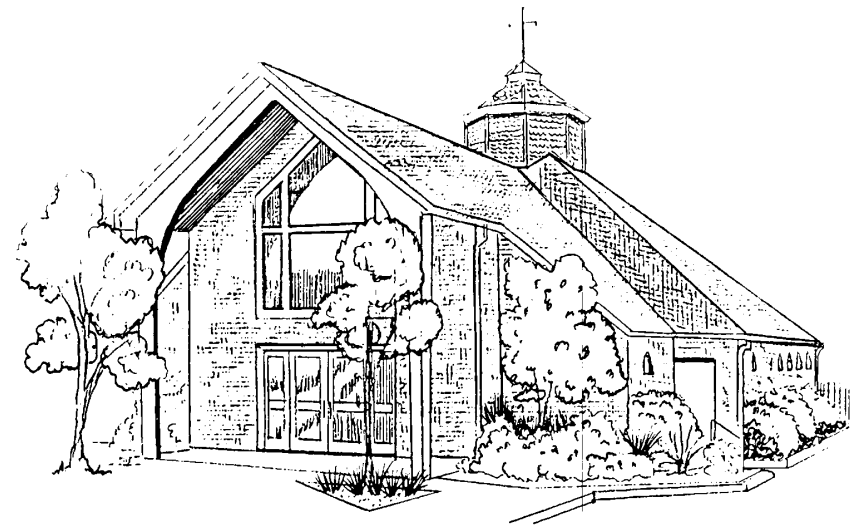


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The Holy Apostle Bartholomew

Today commemorates the translation of the relics of St. Bartholomew, although his main feast is celebrated on June 11. When this great apostle was crucified in Albanopolis [Derbend] in Armenia, Christians removed his body and honorably buried it in a lead sarcophagus. When numerous miracles occurred over the grave of the apostle, especially healings of the sick, because of which the number of Christians increased, the pagans then took the sarcophagus containing the relics of Bartholomew and tossed it into the sea. At the same time they also threw four more sarcophagi into the sea containing the relics of four martyrs: Papian, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius. However, by God's providence, the sarcophagi did not sink but were carried by the current and floated: Acacius to the town of Askalon, Gregory to Calabria, Lucian to Messina, Papian to the other side of Sicily and Bartholomew to the island of Lipara. By some mysterious revelation Agathon, the Bishop of Lipara, learned of the approaching relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew to Lipara. Agathon, with the clergy and people, came to the shore to receive the sarcophagus with great joy. On that occasion, many healings of the sick occurred from the relics of the holy apostle. The relics were placed in the church of St. Bartholomew and there they reposed until the time of Theophilus the Iconoclast about the year 839 A.D. and since the Muslims threatened Lipara, the relics of the apostle were translated to Benevento. Thus, the Lord glorified His apostle by miracles both during his life and after his death.

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August 25, 2024
9th Sunday of Matthew

Welcome!

To Our Guests:

While we are not yet in formal inter-communion with other faith traditions, we have much respect for their rites of worship and sanctuaries of prayer. In our tradition, **Holy Communion is open only to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession.** Please do not be offended by this if you are not an Orthodox Christian or in good standing with the Church. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

In our tradition... the church temple is a house of prayer. Upon entering it, please refrain from unnecessary conversation before, during and after church services, most especially during the Divine Liturgy from the time of the consecration of the Gifts until the last person has received the Eucharist. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, please come quietly forward to receive a piece of the antidoron and exit the church temple without talking. During coffee hour in the Church Hall is the appropriate place to exchange personal greetings and converse with one another. May God bless your reverence and piety.

Epistle Reading: Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-34

Saints of the Day

Apostle Titus of the Seventy; recovery of the relics of Apostle Bartholomew; John the Cappadocian, Epiphanius, Gennadios and Menas, patriarchs of Constantinople; John of Carpathia; Ebba, First Abbess of Coldingham.

Spiritual Counsels...

"A wise king winnows the wicked, and drives the wheel over them." Proverbs 20:26

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 24th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 25th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Wednesday, Aug. 28th – Vespers & Divine Liturgy, 6:30 P.M.

Saturday, Aug. 31st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sun., Sept. 1st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 7th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 14th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 15th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 21st – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 22nd – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum



During the month of August, it is good for Orthodox believers to reflect on the importance of Mary, the Mother of God, whom we call the Theotokos. In almost every petition to God, we invoke her name by saying "through the prayers of the Theotokos." After a two week fast, on August 15, we observe the remembrance of her falling asleep at the feast of Dormition. Mary was present at the Crucifixion. After the Resurrection, she saw the risen Christ and kissed his feet. She was with the apostles at the Ascension on the Mount of Olives. She is also believed to have been with the apostles at Pentecost. Afterwards, she lived in Jerusalem under the protection of St. John the Evangelist. She fell asleep at the age of 59 and was buried in the Garden of Gethsemane. She died surrounded by the all of the apostles except for St. Thomas. Thomas arrived a few days later and asked to see her in the grave. She was no longer in the tomb. She died as all people die but was raised up by her son into eternal life. Her body and soul were assumed into heaven, to join the eternal glory of her son. You were translated to life, O Mother of Life. By your prayers you deliver our souls from death. Neither the tomb, nor death, can hold you, all-holy and spotless Theotokos. You are constant in prayer and our firm hope through your intercessions.—Theo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God willing, a Vespers & Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the **Feast of the Beheading of the Forerunner** at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesday, Aug. 28.

His Grace Bishop NICHOLAS, God willing, shall return to visit us on Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1. Hierarchical services are scheduled for those days.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated for the **Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross** on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., respectively.

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 4. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 1.