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St. Hiron

Hiron was a Christian philosopher. He is mentioned by St. Gregory the Theologian in his books. He died peacefully and took up habitation with the Lord.

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August 10, 2025
The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
The 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.

*The weather is always very warm during the summer months. While we need to dress comfortably because of this please remember that **shorts or above-the-knee attire, strapless garments, “spaghetti” strap garments, sleeveless or “tanktop” type garments, and tight-fitting, open or low-cut garments are not appropriate, especially for men, women and teenagers. It has always been our tradition to dress modestly and without drawing attention to oneself. Thank you.***

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 3:9-17

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 14:22-34

Saints of the Day

Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence of Rome, Hieromartyr Sixtus, bishop of Rome and those with them; Venerable Laurence of Kaluga, the Fool for Christ's sake.

Spiritual Counsels...

The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. – Proverbs 22:7



Orthodox Thoughts from Theo, the Parish Possum

On July 12, the Holy Orthodox Church observed the feast day of St. Paisios of Mount Athos. St. Paisios (1924-1994) was canonized in 2015. This holy man was born in Cappadocia. Forced to move to Greece during the war between Turkey and Greece, he worked as a radio operator and carpenter. After providing for his sisters' future, he came to Mount Athos in 1950 and was tonsured as a monk. Over the years, his fame as a god-bearing elder grew and his days were taken up with hundreds of pilgrims who sought his advice. In poor health most of his life, he used to say that God is greatly touched by the prayers of one who suffers but who, instead of complaining, prays for others. His words have been published under the name *Spiritual Counsels*. He taught that “God helps man at the beginning of his spiritual life, but then gradually removes Himself in order for man to realize that he must do for himself whatever he can. Parents don't always hold a little child by the hand to help it walk; they let it walk by itself for a little and catch it just before it falls.” So it is for us Orthodox believers. We must bear the responsibility for our own spiritual health. But if we falter, our safety net is the Holy Orthodox Church, the guidance of Holy Fathers such as St. Paisios, and the counsel of our parish priest. — Theo

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 9th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 10th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Aug. 15th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 16th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 17th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 23rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 24th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Aug. 30th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Aug. 31st – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 6th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 7th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Friday, Sept. 8th – Orthros, 9:00 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Dormition Fast** began on Friday, August 1st, with the traditional fasting discipline observed (no meat, poultry, dairy, eggs, fish, alcohol and oil). There is an allowance for alcohol, oil and fish on Wednesday, Aug. 6th, for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord, and an allowance for alcohol and oil on Saturdays and Sundays. The fast ends with the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos on Sunday, August 15.

The **Ladies Guild** is scheduled to hold their August meeting today, Aug. 10, after Divine Liturgy. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Friday, Aug. 15, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos**.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their August meeting next Sunday Aug. 17, after Divine Liturgy. All Council members please attend.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM! The **Ladies Guild** is having their **Ice Cream fundraiser** on Sept. 7. Tickets are \$5 each and are on sale now. We can beat the heat together. Please see **Tania Russell** for tickets.

God willing, Orthros and Divine Liturgy shall be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 8th, at 9 A.M. and 10 A.M., respectively, for the **Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos**.

Bookstore News: Purchases can now be made using the QR code by the clipboard in the bookstore area. Please see **Kathleen Field** or **Elias Ioup** for more information. (Remember to jot down your items on the clipboard, however you may pay for them.)

Our Littlest Members

Christ said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). In the Orthodox Church, we embrace and welcome our littlest parishioners to join in the Divine Liturgy. They are our future and we want them raised from birth involved in the liturgical experience.

While generally, silence and stillness are valued in worship, the noise of children, especially if they are playfully making noise or expressing themselves, is often viewed as a part of the joyful and vibrant nature of Orthodox worship. It is considered "Holy Noise." The beautiful, resonating sound of our children's cooing or laughter is warming to our hearts.

However, if your child should become fussy, out of control, or inconsolable, please be respectful to those around you and leave the Nave to provide comfort for our little member. They can be brought outside or to St. Basil's Comfort Room. Once consoled and in good spirits, return with our sweet parishioner to resume the liturgy.

Please also remember that there is ***NO FOOD*** allowed in church and that includes baby formula (bottle-feeding) and snacks. If our little one is hungry, please bring them to the St. Basil's Comfort Room to feed them. The exception to that is our breastfed little ones. Breastfeeding during worship services is acceptable, but with a focus on discretion and modesty.

To our parents of little ones, we join you in loving prayer and support as you raise the next generation of Orthodox believers. GOD BLESS YOU!

Today's Coffee Hour: Team 2. Thank you. **Next Week:** Team 3.