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St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople

Gennadius succeeded St. Anatolius as patriarch. He was a contemporary of St. Marcian (Jan. 10) and St. Daniel the Stylite (Dec. 11). During his time, the glorious Studite monastery was founded and named after the Roman Senator Studius, who came to Constantinople and with the blessing of Gennadius built the church of St. John the Forerunner and alongside it, the monastery. Gennadius was very gentle and restrained. He would not ordain anyone who did not know the entire Psalter by heart. He presided at a local council in Constantinople at which simony in the Church was anathematized. He worked miracles and, in a vision, learned of his death. Gennadius governed the Church for 13 years and peacefully presented himself to the Lord in the year 471 A.D.

from: The Prologue from Ochrid

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August 31, 2025
The 12th 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: Hebrews 9:1-7

Gospel Reading: St. Matthew 19:16-26

Saints of the Day

The commemoration of the placing of the belt of the Theotokos in the Church of the Virgin in Halkoprateia-Constantinople; Gennadius, patriarch of Constantinople; Hieromartyr Cyprian, bishop of Carthage; John, metropolitan of Kiev; Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne.

Spiritual Counsels...

Drive out a scoffer, and strife will go out, and quarreling and abuse will cease. – Proverbs 22:10



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. 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.

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

Saturday, Sept. 13th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 14th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 20th – No Great Vespers & Confessions

Sunday, Sept. 21st – Typica Service, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, Sept. 27th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 28th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Middle Eastern ladies of the parish thank everyone who supported them with their fundraiser on Aug. 17. The proceeds shall be used for our 50th Anniversary celebration in 2027. God bless you.

We fast Wednesday and Friday this week.

The **Parish Council** is scheduled to hold their September meeting next Sunday, Sept. 7, 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**.

Parents and teachers: there is **no Church School** on Sept. 14.

Approximately 100 **Red Carnations** are needed for the Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross on Sunday, Sept. 14. If you are interested in donating all or part of these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the "Special Occasion" line, please write, "Red Carnations." Include your commemorations and donation, and turn the envelope in to the church office. Thank you.

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.)

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

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!