

Today's Bulletin Sponsors are:**For the health, of:**

Elizabeth Zimmerman on her birthday, offered with love by her family.

For the eternal memory of:

Ann, mother of Linda Dantine

Readings:

- **Romans 15:1-7**
- **Matthew 9:27-35**
- 2 Timothy 2:1-10 (St. Panteleimon)
- John 15:17-16:2 (St. Panteleimon)

BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Saturday service: Vespers – 6:30 PM**Sunday service:**

Hours – 9:40 AM

Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM

Private Confession – Half hour before any service.

See Fr Matthew for other times.

General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month

Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

**Coffee hour – after Liturgy, downstairs in the Community Room
(Church School has ended for the school year.)**

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy for Coffee hour.

Vespertal Liturgies

- The **Feast of the Holy Transfiguration of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ** is next month on August 6th. We will have a Vespertal Liturgy for the **Transfiguration on Tuesday evening, August 5th at 6:30 PM.**
- The **Feast of the Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary** is next month on August 15th. We will have a Vespertal Liturgy for the Dormition on **Thursday evening, August 14th at 6:30 PM.**

Announcements:

- Today's meeting of the Parish Council was cancelled. The next meeting will be August 31st after coffee hour.
- The **Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God** will meet next Sunday, August 3rd, after coffee hour.

Special Announcements:

- **Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to:** Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Volunteers are needed to clean the church. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, downstairs, to indicate when you can help.
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the sign-up sheet at the candle stand.

St. Maximus says: "If you hate some people, and some you neither love nor hate, while others you love moderately, and still others you love very much, know that from this inequality that you are far from perfect love which lays down that you must love everyone equally."

Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Life-Giving Cross of the:

This Friday, August 1st, is the first of the three “Feasts of the Savior” in August.

The Procession of the Venerable Wood of the Life-Creating Cross of the Lord: In the Greek Horologion of 1897 the derivation of this Feast is explained: “Because of the illnesses that occur in August, it was customary, in former times, to carry the Venerable Wood of the Cross through the streets and squares of Constantinople for the sanctification of the city, and for relief from sickness. On the eve (July 31), it was taken out of the imperial treasury, and laid upon the altar of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia (the Wisdom of God). From this Feast until the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, they carried the Cross throughout the city in procession, offering it to the people to venerate. This also is the Procession of the Venerable Cross.”

In the Russian Church this Feast is combined also with the remembrance of the **Baptism of Rus**, on August 1, 988. In the “Account of the Order of Services in the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Great Church of the Dormition,” compiled in 1627 by order of Patriarch Philaret of Moscow and All Rus, there is the following explanation of the Feast: “On the day of the Procession of the Venerable Cross there is a church procession for the sanctification of water and for the enlightenment of the people, throughout all the towns and places.”

Knowledge of the day of the actual Baptism of Rus was preserved in the Chronicles of the sixteenth century: “The Baptism of the Great Prince Vladimir of Kiev and all Rus was on August 1.”

In the present practice of the Russian Church, the Lesser Sanctification of Water on August 1 is done either before or after Liturgy. Because of the Blessing of Water, this first Feast of the Savior in August is sometimes called ‘Savior of the Water.’ There may also be a Blessing of New Honey today, which is why the Feast is also called “Savior of the Honey.” From this day the newly gathered honey is blessed and tasted.

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Glory to
Jesus Christ**Great Martyr and
Healer Panteleimon**Glory
Forever

*Holy Passion-bearer and healer Panteleimon,
entreat the merciful God,
to grant our souls forgiveness of transgressions.*

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Today the Church remembers:

Holy Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (305) • Bl. Nikolai Kochanov, Fool-for-Christ, at Novgorod (1392) • Ven. Anthusa, Abbess of Mantinea in Asia Minor, and her 90 sisters (8th c.) • Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles Clement, Bishop of Ochrid and Enlightener of the Bulgarians (916), and with him Ss. Angelar, Horasudus (Gorazd), Nahum, and Sabbas, disciples of Ss. Cyril and Methodius.

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