

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

David Seaman (brother-in-law), offered by Paul and Linda Jankowski

For the eternal memory of:

Mary Kuzemchak, mother of Bill Kuzemchak

Readings:

- 1 Corinthians 16:13-24
- Luke 5:1-11

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 Steph'anas were the first converts in Acha'ia, 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 Steph'anas and Fortuna'tus and Acha'icus, 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. Aq'uila 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.

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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**Church School** - 9:30 AM (no classes 1st Sunday of each month)

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

Announcements:

- **Church School** has begun for the school year. Classes meet at 9:30 AM downstairs in the community room. Church School does not meet on the first Sunday of each month. Registration forms for Church School are available at the candle stand.
- The next **meeting of the Parish Council** will be on Sunday, September 29th, after coffee hour.
- The Sisterhood of the Protection of the Mother of God will be sponsoring their **Annual Feast Day Luncheon** on Sunday October 6th. Cost will be \$5.00 per person. Children under 12 and Sunday School Students are free. Sisterhood members are encouraged to check the sign-up sheet downstairs to see what food items are still needed.
- **His Grace Bishop Michael** will be visiting our parish on the weekend of November 2nd and 3rd. The Sisterhood will be sponsoring a luncheon on Sunday November 3rd after the Divine Liturgy in his honor. More information will be forthcoming.

Special Announcements:

- Special Announcements for the bulletin can be submitted by E-Mail to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org
- Upcoming bulletins can be sponsored; this can be done with the signup sheet at the candle stand.

Prophet Jonah:

Today the Orthodox Church remembers the **Holy Prophet Jonah.**

He lived in the eighth century before the birth of Christ and was a successor of the Prophet Elisha. The Book of the Prophet Jonah contains prophecies about the judgments on the Israelite nation, the sufferings of the Savior, the downfall of Jerusalem, and the end of the world. Besides the prophecies, the Book of Jonah relates how he was sent to the Ninevites to preach repentance (Jon. 3: 3-10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ, addressing the Scribes and the Pharisees who demanded a sign from Him, said that no sign would be given except for the sign of the Prophet Jonah, "As Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so also shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights (Mt. 12: 40). From these words the Lord shows clearly the symbolic meaning of the Book of the Prophet Jonah in relation to Christ's death on the Cross, descent into Hell, and the Resurrection.

Reproaching the lack of penitence and recalcitrance of the Jews, the Lord said, "The Ninevites shall rise in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and one greater than Jonah is here" (Mt. 12: 41).

The Conception of the Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord, John - 9/23:

The holy Prophet Malachi prophesied that before the Messiah's birth His Forerunner would appear, and would indicate His coming. The Jews therefore in awaiting the Messiah also awaited the appearance of His Forerunner.

In a city of the hills of Judea in the land of Palestine lived the righteous priest St Zachariah and his wife St Elizabeth, zealously observing the commandments of the Lord. The couple, however, had a misfortune: they remained childless in their old age, and they prayed unceasingly to God to grant them a child.

Once, when St Zachariah took his turn as priest at the Temple of Jerusalem, he went into the Sanctuary to offer incense. Going behind the veil of the Sanctuary, he beheld an angel of God standing at the right side of the altar of incense.

St Zachariah was astonished and halted in fear, but the angel said to him, "Fear not, Zachariah, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." But Zachariah did not believe the words of the heavenly messenger, and then the angel said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news. Behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words...."

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zachariah and they were astonished that he had not come out from the Sanctuary after so long a time. And when he did come out, he was supposed to pronounce a blessing upon the people, but could not do so because he had been struck speechless. When Zachariah explained by gestures that he was unable to speak, the people then understood that he had experienced a vision. The prophecy of the Archangel was fulfilled, and Righteous Elizabeth was delivered from her barrenness, and gave birth to John, the Forerunner and Baptist of the Lord.



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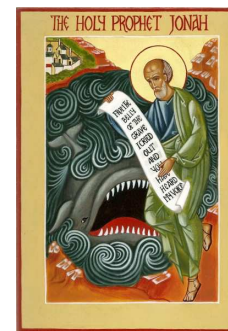
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Prophet Jonah

Glory to
Jesus Christ

Glory
Forever

*The memory of your Prophet Jonah,
We celebrate today, O Lord.
By his prayers we entreat you:
O Christ God, save our souls!*

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Today the Church remembers:

Hieromartyr Phocas, Bishop of Sinopè (117) • Prophet Jonah (8th c. B.C.)

- St. Jonah the Presbyter (9th c.), father of Ss. Theophanes the Hymnographer and Theodore Graptus • Ven. Jonah, Abbot of Yashezérsk (1589-92) • Martyr Phocas the Gardener, of Sinopè (ca. 320) • St. Peter the Tax-collector (6th c.)

September 22, 2013

13th Sunday After Pentecost

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