

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 7. Afterfeast of the Elevation of the Cross.

Sunday after Elevation. Greatmartyr Eustathius (Eustace) Placidus, his wife, Martyr Theopistes, and their children, Martyrs Agapius and Theopistus, of Rome (ca. 118). Holy Martyr and Confessor Michael and his councilor, Theodore, Wonderworkers of Chernigov (1245). Rt. Blv. Oleg, Prince of Briansk (ca. 1280). Monk Martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete (Mt. Athos—1804).

EPISTLE: GALATIANS 2.16-20 (**SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION**): It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

2 CORINTHIANS 6.-10 (**RESURRECTION**): Behold! Now is the accepted time; Behold! Now is the day of salvation.

GOSPEL: MARK 8.34-9.1 (**SUNDAY AFTER ELEVATION**): what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

MATTHEW 25.14-30 (**RESURRECTION**): The Parable of the Talents.

READERS: Readers are needed to volunteer for readings at Vespers, for the Hours and the Epistle. If you are interested in doing this, see Fr James.

COFFEE HOUR: Allard Family. **NEXT WEEK:** Brown Family.

KNOW YOUR FAITH: The next series of Adult Ed classes will begin this Tuesday, September 22. This year we will be exploring the lives and writings of the Church Fathers and Mothers. We are slated to have classes every other Tuesday night, as much as we are able to. If you have any concerns about the scheduling, please see Fr James. This week we will continue the Ante-Nicene Fathers with St Justin Martyr. A page on the parish website has been constructed with a list of weekly topics and the short readings.

T-SHIRTS: The parish t-shirts have arrived! They are a deep red emblazoned with a budded three bar cross, with the name of Holy Apostles Church on it. If you have ordered one, or would like to purchase one now, they are available in the back of the church.

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WELCOME!: We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

BUILDING FUND: Onwards, Upwards, Let us lift up our hearts! Now that we are growing and the temple is continually being beautified, we must each set aside some of our gifts for our building fund. This also is one of the items that the Church Planting Grant guides us to do. There is a box, placed in the rear of the church. Please consider this a priority for the future of this amazing Church of Christ. Drop a bill in it every time you enter the church.

KNOW YOUR PROSKOMEDIA: As we have done in the past, the proskomedia service will be done in front of the iconostas on Sunday, September 27th so that it can be experienced by the congregation. This will be in place of the Hours, and it is highly encouraged that everyone come to witness the preparations of the bread and wine for the Liturgy.

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY: The annual Assembly will be on November 10th in S River, NJ. A delegate is needed. If you would like to attend, please see Fr James.

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H

Apr Herman S

Apr John C

Apr Thomas E

Apr Michael T

Apr Stephen M

Pr Jason

Pr Athanasios

Dn Symeon

Dn Michael

Abbess Silouana

Mother Raphaela

Mother Christophora

Mat Cecelia

Mat Katya

Mat Dorothy

Joshua

Brittany & Isaac

Gretchen

Peter

Marriane

Terrence

Helen

Judy

Gretchen

Mary & Susan

John & Carmine

Nathan

Leah

Helen

Lindsey

Susanne H

Elizabeth

Mary

Joe A

Daniel

Andrew & family

Harold

Wilhemina

Elizabeth

David

Madeline

Shirley

Larry

Christina

Jim & Kim

Rachel

Constantine & Maria

Gaetan

Jean

Christine

Samuel

Lisa

Lyudmila

Nickolay

Anetta

James Sr

Jan V.

Zachary

Iconographer Helena

Catechumens: Elliott,

Micah, Danielle.

Children: Caleb,

Christopher E, Anthony,

Mia and Isabel

Seminarists: Rdr Robert

and Ivan

BIRTHDAYS: Petruta.

ANNIVS: None.

NAMESDAYS: None.

REPOSED:

Priest Matthew

Priest John

Apr Alexander

Rdr Gregory

Daniel

Ada

Lillian

Joseph

Marie

Joseph

Laura

Martha

Stanley & Helen,

Taissia

Steluta

Theophan

Lynda

Florence

James

James R

Vasily

Modecai

NEWLY REPOSED:

Ron.

ANNIVERSARIES:

None.

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy, Social Hour, Parish Council

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Elevation of the Cross

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: 8:30 Morning Prayers

7 PM Know Your Faith at Unwind Café in Ithaca Mall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: 8:30 Daily Matins

7 PM Cornell OCF Meeting in Anabel Taylor Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: 8:30 Akathist to Ss Juvenaly and Peter

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: 8:30 Morning Prayers

9:15 Cornell OCF Morning Prayers in Anabel Taylor Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: 8:40 Hours, 9 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour. Bring A Friend to Church Sunday

October 18: Iron Kettle Trip

November 10: Diocesan Assembly

PRAYER FOR CHURCH GROWTH

Again, we pray to Thee, O Lord our God, that you would renew us and this parish by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Fill us with love and longing for Thee. Grant that we would seek not our own will but to do Thy will in all things and to be willing to lay down our lives out of love for Thee and for our neighbor. Draw thirsty souls to this place and remove their spiritual blindness, granting them through Thy grace to see the beauty of Thy Holy Glory in this place. Fill this community with new life, spiritual vigor and an insatiable desire to live godly and holy lives. Forgive us all of our sins as we fall down before Thee. Bring us all to a greater repentance and to an amendment of our lives as we look to Thee, the only Merciful and loving Lord Who calls all to salvation. We beg Thee, our merciful Lord, hear us, grant all of these petitions and all of our requests unto salvation: We pray Thee, hearken and have mercy.

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Lansing, New York



Sunday, September 20th, 2015
16th Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 20

Troparion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

By Your Cross You destroyed death.
To the thief You opened Paradise.
For the Myrrhbearers You changed weeping into joy.
And You commanded Your disciples, O Christ God,
to proclaim that You are risen,//
granting the world great mercy.

Troparion Tone 1 (Elevation of the Cross)

O Lord, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance!
Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians
over their adversaries;
and by virtue of Your Cross,
preserve Your habitation!//
saving our souls from death.

Troparion Tone 4 (for Greatmartyr Eustathius)

Your holy martyr Eustáthius and his wife and sons, O Lord,
through their sufferings have received incorruptible crowns from You, our God.
For having Your strength, they laid low their adversaries,
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//
Through their intercessions, save our souls!

Kontakion Tone 7 (Resurrection)

The dominion of death can no longer hold mankind captive,
for Christ descended, shattering and destroying its powers.
Hell is bound, while the Prophets rejoice and cry:
“The Savior has come to those in faith;//
enter, you faithful, into the Resurrection!”

Kontakion Tone 2 (for Greatmartyr Eustathius)

Having openly imitated the Passion of Christ,
and having eagerly drunk of His cup, O Eustáthius,
you became a partaker and fellow-heir of His glory,//
receiving divine forgiveness from on high from the God of all.

Kontakion Tone 4 (Elevation of the Cross)

As You were voluntarily raised upon the Cross for our sake,
grant mercy to those who are called by Your Name, O Christ God;
make all Orthodox Christians glad by your power,
granting them victories over their adversaries//
by bestowing on them the invincible trophy, Your weapon of peace!

Prokeimenon Tone 7

Extol the Lord our God: worship at His footstool for He is holy! (Ps 98/99:5)
v: The Lord reigns, let the people tremble! (Ps 98/99:1)

Alleluia Verses Tone 1

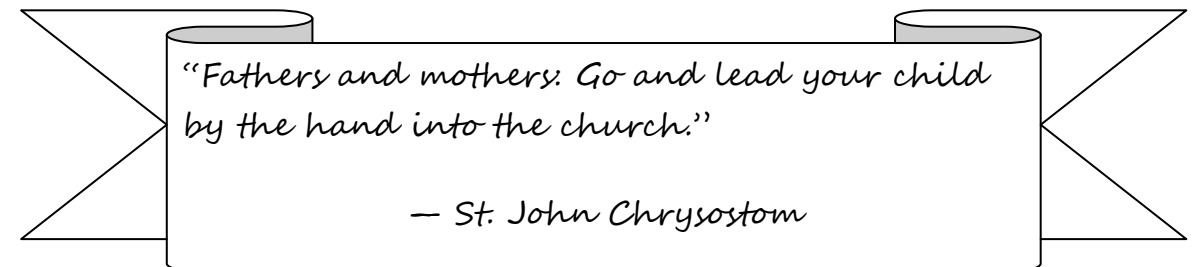
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old! (Ps 73/74:2)
v: God is our King before the ages; He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. (Ps 73/74:12)

Hymn to the Theotokos Tone 8

Magnify, O my soul, the most precious Cross of the Lord!
You are a mystical Paradise, O Theotokos,
who, though untilled, have brought forth Christ;
through Him the life-bearing wood of the Cross was planted on earth.
Now at its Elevation,
as we bow in worship before it, we magnify you.

Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
The light of Your countenance has shone on us, O Lord. (Ps 4/5:6)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



**INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO THE WRITINGS OF JUSTIN MARTYR
FROM THE ANTE-NICENE FATHERS, VOLUME 1**

Justin was a Gentile, but born in Samaria, near Jacob's well. He must have been well educated: he had travelled extensively, and he seems to have been a person enjoying at least a competence. After trying all other systems, his elevated tastes and refined perceptions made him a disciple of Socrates and Plato. So he climbed towards Christ. As he himself narrates the story of his conversion, it need not be anticipated here. What Plato was feeling after, he found in Jesus of Nazareth. The conversion of such a man marks a new era in the gospel history. The sub-apostolic age begins with the first Christian author,—the founder of theological literature. It introduced to mankind, as the mother of true philosophy, the despised teaching of those Galileans to whom their Master had said, "Ye are the light of the world."

And in spite of Gallios and Neros alike, the gospel was dispelling the gross darkness...At this moment, Justin Martyr confronts them like a Daniel. The "little stone" smites the imperial image in the face, not yet "in the toes." He tells the professional philosophers on a throne how false and hollow is all wisdom that is not meant for all humanity, and that is not capable of leavening the masses. He exposes the impotency of even Socratic philosophy: he shows, in contrast, the force that works in the words of Jesus; he points out their regenerating power. It is the mission of Justin to be a star in the West, leading its Wise Men to the cradle of Bethlehem.

He wore his philosopher's gown after his conversion, as a token that he had attained the only true philosophy. And seeing, that, after the conflicts and tests of ages, it is the only philosophy that lasts and lives and triumphs, its discoverer deserves the homage of mankind.

Before his conversion to Christianity he studied in the schools of the philosophers, searching after some knowledge which should satisfy the cravings of his soul. At last he became acquainted with Christianity, being at once impressed with the extraordinary fearlessness which the Christians displayed in the presence of death, and with the grandeur, stability, and truth of the teachings of the Old Testament. From this time he acted as an evangelist, taking every opportunity to proclaim the gospel as the only safe and certain philosophy, the only way to salvation. It is probable that he travelled much. We know that he was some time in Ephesus, and he must have lived for a considerable period in Rome. Probably he settled in Rome as a Christian teacher. While he was there, the philosophers, especially the Cynics, plotted against him, and he sealed his testimony to the truth by martyrdom.

The writings of Justin Martyr are among the most important that have come down to us from the second century. He was not the first that wrote an Apology in behalf of the Christians, but his Apologies are the earliest extant. They are characterized by intense Christian fervour, and they give us an insight into the relations existing between heathens and Christians in those days. His other principal writing, the Dialogue with Trypho, is the first elaborate exposition of the reasons for regarding Christ as the Messiah of the Old Testament, and the first systematic attempt to exhibit the false position of the Jews in regard to Christianity.

**APOSTLE QUADRATUS OF THE SEVENTY
COMMEMORATED ON SEPTEMBER 21**



Saint Quadratus, Apostle of the Seventy preached the Word of God at Athens and at Magnesia (eastern peninsula of Thessaly), and was Bishop of Athens. His biographer called him "a morning star" among the clouds of paganism. He converted many pagans to the true faith in Christ the Savior, and his preaching aroused the hatred of the pagans. Once, an angry mob fell upon the saint to pelt him with stones. Preserved by God, St Quadratus remained alive, and they threw him into prison, where he died of starvation. His holy body was buried in

Magnesia.

In the year 126, St Quadratus wrote an Apologia in defence of Christianity. Presented to the emperor Hadrian (117-138), the Apologia affected the persecution of Christians, since the emperor issued a decree saying that no one should be convicted without just cause. This Apologia was known to the historian Eusebius in the fourth century. At the present time, only part of this Apologia survives, quoted by Eusebius: "The deeds of our Savior were always witnessed, because they were true. His healings and raising people from the dead were visible not only when they were healed and raised, but always. They lived not only during the existence of the Savior upon the earth, but they also remained alive long after His departure. Some, indeed, have survived to our own time."

**THE CONCEPTION OF SAINT JOHN THE FORERUNNER
By St. Nikolai Velimirovich**

On this day the mercy, miracles and wisdom of God are celebrated: His mercy toward the devout and righteous parents of St. John, the aged Zacharias and Elizabeth, who all their lives had wished for and begged a child from God; His miracle, that of John's conception in the aged womb of Elizabeth; His wisdom, in the dispensation of man's salvation. God had an especially great intention for John: namely, that he be the Prophet and Forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Savior of the world. Through His angels, God announced the births of Isaac to the childless Sarah, Samson to the childless wife of Manoah, and John the Forerunner to the childless Zacharias and Elizabeth. All of these were those for whom He had special intentions, and he foretold their birth through his angels. How could children be born of aged parents? If someone desires to understand this, he should not ask men about it, for men do not know; nor should he study natural law, for this is beyond natural law. Rather, he should turn his gaze upon the power of the Almighty God, Who created the whole world from nothing, and Who needed no parents - old or young - for the creation of the first man, Adam.

