

Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. Hieromartyr Gorazd, Bishop of Bohemia and Moravia-Silesia (Serbian—1942 (1942). Hieromartyr Babylas (Vavila), Bishop of Antioch, and with him Martyrs Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonius; and their mother, Christodula (251). Holy Prophet and Godseer Moses (16th c. B.C.). Uncovering of the Relics of St. Joasaph, Bishop of Bélgorod (1911). Martyr Hermione, daughter of St. Philip the Deacon (ca. 117). Martyr Babylas of Nicomedia, and with him 84 children (4th c.). Martyrs Theodore, Mianus (Ammianus), Julian, Kion (Oceanus), and Centurionus, of Nicomedia (305-311). Icon of the Most-holy Theotokos, “THE UNBURNT BUSH” (1680).

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 9.2-12: Endure all things lest the gospel of Christ is hindered.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18.23-35: The kingdom of heaven is like a king who wants to settle accounts with his servants.

COFFEE HOUR: THIS WEEK: Potluck **NEXT WEEK:** Parish Picnic

LITURGY TIME CHANGE: For the foreseeable future, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30. The reading of the Hours will begin at 9:10.

SURVEY: Hey, have you heard about the parish survey?!!! The parish office is updating its files by completing its record of addresses, contact info and celebratory days. Please visit bit.ly/1RCRRJe to fill out the survey. Those who have not filled in the survey will be queried in the next few days.

RUN WITH A MISSION: The next Building Fund Fundraiser will be to sponsor Fr James as he attempts to run the Philadelphia Half Marathon on November 19. Sponsorships per mile receive rewards including such things as t-shirts and icons of the 12 Apostles. To find out more, head to www.gofundme.com/runwithamission. Share the link with a friend, through email and on social media.

KNOW YOUR FAITH: Due to a scheduling conflict, the next series of Adult Ed classes will begin on September 13. This year we will offer several units: 1. Fr Alexander Schmemmann’s book *For the Life of the World*; 2. The Sacraments; 3. *The Way of a Pilgrim*; 4. Church History. 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.

WELCOME VISITORS! 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.

PARISH PICNIC: The annual parish picnic will be next Sunday, September 11th following the Divine Liturgy. This is always a fun time and a good way to welcome the returning and new college students. Bring a friend. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring something to share and/or beverages.

JACOB’S WELL: The latest edition of the diocesan magazine is available to pick up today. Be sure to obtain a hardcopy of this beautiful magazine! Jacob’s Well is informative and a good way to reach-out and share the faith with shut-ins, friends, and neighbors. Share a copy with you friends.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS: Today, Sunday, September 4, we will have the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. College students and children should come with their school bags to receive the blessing for students before beginning the new academic year. If you forgot your backpack and are a student or teacher, you are still invited to come forward at the appropriate time to receive a blessing for those about to begin instruction.

PRAYER SCROLL

LIVING:

Apr Timothy H
Apr Herman S
Apr Sergius K
Apr Thomas E
Apr Stephen M
Apr John R
Apr Patrick C
Mother Raphaela
Mother Christophora
Mat Joanna B
Mat Katya
Mat Mary G
Joshua
Brittany & Isaac
Gretchen
Peter
Marriane
Terrence
Helen
Judy
Mary & Susan

John & Carmine
Nathan
Leah
Helen
Lindsey
Elizabeth
Mary
Joe A
Daniel
Andrew & family
Carol
Wilhemina
Elizabeth
David
Shirley
Larry
Christina
Jim & Kim
Rachel
Constantine & Maria
Gaetan
Christine

Samuel
Lisa
Lyudmila
Nickolay
Anetta
Zachary
Iconographer Helena
Natasha, Lena, Vera, &
Sergei
Caleb
Cleopatra
Brian & Ally
Thompson Family
Danielle
Larry, Mark & Katie
Ann
Dorothy
Ronald
Children: Anthony, Mia and
Isabel, Bear
Seminarists: Rdr Robert
and Ivan

BIRTHDAYS: Darlene, Elijah,

Steluta

Bobbi.

ANNIVS: None.

NAMESDAYS: Liane.

REPOSED:

Apr John U

Priest Matthew

Priest John

Apr Alexander

Dn Mark

Rdr Gregory

Daniel

Ada

Lillian

Joseph

Marie

Joseph

Laura

Martha

Stanley & Helen,

Taissia

Theophan

Lynda

Florence

James

James R

Vasily

Modercai

Alexandr

Ron

John

Eleanor

NEWLY REPOSED: Joseph

Rolland, Frank, Katie, Harold,

Helen, Apr Boniface B.

ANNIVERSARIES: None.

BY THE NUMBERS: Last Collection: \$391 Weekly Budget: \$925
MTD: \$391 Monthly Budget: \$4000 July: +\$179 Building: \$441 Kenya: \$331

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and Social Hour

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5: Rector's Sabbath

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6: 8:30 Morning Prayers

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: 8:30 AM Daily Matins

6 PM Great Vespers for the Feast

7 PM Cornell OCF in Anabel Taylor Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: 9 AM Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: 8:30 Morning Prayers

9:20 Cornell Morning Prayers in Anabel Taylor Hall

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10: 6 PM Great Vespers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: 9:10 AM Hours, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy, and Parish Picnic.

New York State Deanery Picnic

SEPTEMBER 11: Parish Picnic **SEPTEMBER 13:** Know Your Faith Classes Resume

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.

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS BEGINNING INSTRUCTION

O Lord, our God and Creator, Thou hast honored us men with Thine own image, and didst teach Thy chosen disciples that the fear of Thee is the beginning of true wisdom; Thou hast revealed Thy wisdom to children and didst teach Thy law to Solomon and to all those who have sought Thee in purity of heart. Open the hearts, the minds, and the lips of these students, that they may receive the power of Thy law, and successfully comprehend the useful things which will be taught them, and so they will understand Thy perfect will and contribute to the building up of Thy Holy Church. Deliver them from every snare of the enemy, preserve them in the true faith in righteousness and purity all the days of their lives, that they may grow in wisdom and in the observance of Thy commandments, and may be revealed as worshippers of Thy Name and heirs of Thy Kingdom. Bless also their teachers, O Lord; grant that their words may be free from every worldly deceit and vanity, and may always clearly proclaim the word of Thy truth. For Thou art God, the author of truth and the fountain of Wisdom, and unto Thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto the ages of ages.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2016
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WEEKLY HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Troparion Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.
And when from the depths You raised the dead,
all the powers of heaven cried out://
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

Troparion Tone 4 (Hieromarty Babylas)

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles,
you became a successor to their throne.
Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God;
by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of
your blood.//
Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ god to save our souls!

Troparion Tone 2 (Holy Prophet Moses)

You ascended to the heights of the virtues, Prophet Moses;
therefore, you were deemed worthy to see the glory of God.
Having received the grace-filled tablets of the Law,
and bearing the grace of the writing within yourself,
You were the honorable praise of prophets,
and a great mystery of piety.

Kontakion Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

Kontakion Tone 4 (Hieromartyr Babylas)

You guarded the mighty works of faith in your heart,
therefore, you did not fear the tyrant://
preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ!

Kontakion Tone 2 (Holy Prophet Moses)

The choir of prophets rejoices with Moses and Aaron today,
for the fulfillment of their prophecy is in our midst.
The Cross, by which You have saved us, shines forth today.//
By their prayers, O Christ God, have mercy on us!

Prokeimenon Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)
v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

Alleluia Verses Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)
v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

HOLY PROPHET AND GOD-SEER MOSES

The Holy Prophet and God-Seer Moses was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Abram and Jochabed (Exodus 6:20). His life is described in the Bible (Exodus 2 through Deuteronomy 34:12).

Moses was born in Egypt around 1689 B.C. When Pharaoh ordered all male children of the Hebrew slaves to be killed (Exodus 1:22), Moses' mother placed him in a basket of papyrus coated with pitch, and set him adrift on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found him and raised him as her own son.

At the age of eighty, Moses fled to Midian, where he spoke to God in the Burning Bush on Mt. Horeb (Exodus 3:2). God chose Moses to lead His people from the slavery of Egypt. They crossed the Red Sea as if it were dry land, and for forty years they wandered in the desert.

Arriving in the land of Moab, Moses went to the top of Mt. Nabau, or Nebo (Deuteronomy 32:49), which is called Phasga (Deut. 34:1). There, according to the will of God, he died in 1569 B.C. at the age of 120 without entering the Promised Land.

The first two Biblical Odes are attributed to Moses: “Let us sing to the Lord...” (Exodus 15:1-9), which was sung on the shores of the Red Sea after the Hebrews had crossed it. “Attend, O heaven...” (Deut. 32:1-43) was sung in the land of Moab, a few days before Moses' death. He is also regarded as the author of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

The holy Prophet Moses performed many miracles during his lifetime, and also after his death. He appeared on Tabor with the Prophet Elias at the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6).

On the day that St John of the Ladder (March 30) was installed as abbot of Mt. Sinai, the Prophet Moses was seen going around and giving orders to the cooks, stewards, and servants. When the guests had gone and the monks were sitting at table, they wondered what had become of the stranger who had been giving orders. St John said, “Our Lord Moses does nothing strange by serving in the place which belongs to him.”

ICON OF THE MOTHER OF GOD “THE UNBURNT BUSH”

The Unburnt Bush Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos is based on the miracle witnessed by Moses in the Old Testament. In Chapter 3 of Exodus God calls Moses on Mt. Horeb from the midst of a bush which “was burning, yet it was not consumed” (Ex. 3:2). Moses is informed that he will lead the Hebrews out of their slavery in Egypt, and then God tells him His name, “I am Who am” (Ex. 3:14).

The Church has always regarded the Unburnt Bush on Horeb as a type of the Most Holy Theotokos giving birth to the Savior Christ, while remaining a Virgin. This imagery is to be found in the Church’s hymnography (for example, the Dogmatikon at Saturday Vespers in Tone 2), and also in iconography.

One of the earliest depictions of the Mother of God as the Unburnt Bush shows her holding her divine Son in the midst of a burning bush. Moses is shown to one side, removing his sandals, for that place was holy (Ex. 3:5).

Most icons now depict the bush in a symbolic fashion. There are two overlapping diamonds: one red (representing the fire), the other green (representing the bush), star. The Theotokos is shown

in the four corners of symbols of the four Evangelists: a man (St Matthew), a lion (St Mark), (St John). These symbols are and Revelation 4:7.

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The design of the complex over time. Now we and the burning bush (Ex. with the burning coal (Is. through which only the Lord may enter (Ez. 44:2), and Jacob with the ladder (Gen. 28:12). The Theotokos is shown holding Jacob’s ladder which leads from earth to heaven. Sometimes the Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1) is shown in the center of the icon’s lower border.

There is an old story about a fire which was consuming several wooden buildings. In the midst of the fire an old woman stood in front of her house holding an icon of the “Unburnt Bush.” A witness happened to see her there, and marveled at her faith. The next day he returned to the spot and was astonished to see the old woman’s home completely unscathed by the fire, while all the other houses around it were destroyed. This may explain why the Mother of God, through her Icon of the Unburnt Bush, is regarded as the protector of homes from fire.

It is believed that the earliest icons of the Unburnt Bush originated at St Catherine’s Monastery on Mt. Sinai.

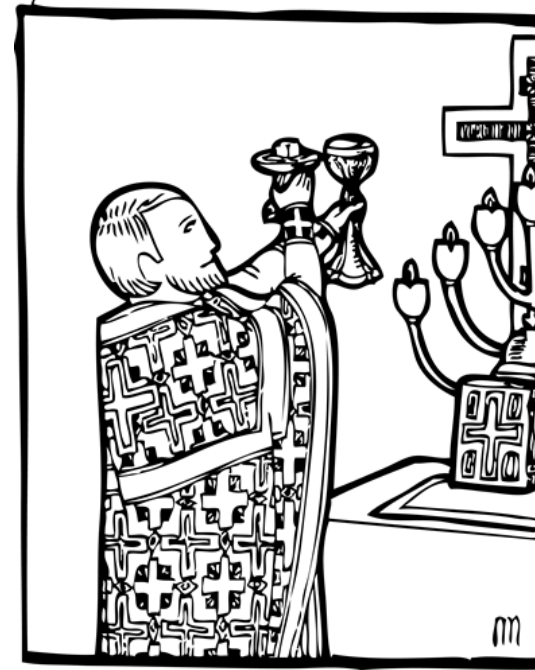


depict the bush in a symbolic overlapping diamonds: one the other green forming an eight pointed in the center.

the green diamond are the Evangelists: a man (St an ox (St Luke), and an eagle derived from Ezekiel 1:10 Archangels are depicted in diamond.

icon has become more can see archangels, Moses 3:2), Isaiah and the seraphim 6:7), Ezekiel and the gate

THE BEAUTIFUL HANDS OF A PRIEST



We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek it while tasting life's woes.

When we come to this world we are sinful,
The greatest as well as the least.
And the hands that make us pure as angels
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness
Their dignity stands alone.

For there in the stillness of morning
Ere the sun has emerged from the east,
There God rests between the pure fingers
Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

When we are tempted and wander
To pathways of shame and sin
'Tis the hand of a priest that absolve us.
Not once but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner
Other hands may prepare us a feast
But the hands that will bless and unite us,
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress,
What can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him who chose them to bless

When the death dews on our lids are falling,
May our courage and strength be increased
By seeing raised o'er us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.

