

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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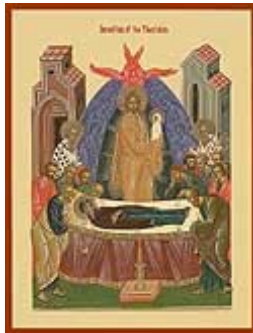
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August 14, 2011



Forefeast of the Dormition of the Mother of God

The Troparion of the Forefeast invites us to gather on this day in gladness, for the Theotokos is about to depart from earth to heaven.

Prophet Micah

The Prophet Micah, the sixth of the Twelve Minor Prophets, was descended from the Tribe of Judah and was a native of the city of Moresheth, to the south of

Jerusalem. His prophetic service began around the year 778 before Christ and continued for almost 50 years under the kings of Judah: Jotham, Ahaz, and Righteous Hezekiah (721-691 B.C., August 28).



He was a contemporary of the Prophet Isaiah. His denunciations and predictions were in regard to the separate kingdoms of Judah and Israel. He foresaw the misfortunes threatening the kingdom of Israel before its destruction, and the sufferings of Judah during the incursions under the Assyrian emperor Sennacherib.

To him belongs a prophecy about the birth of the Savior of the world: "And thou, Bethlehem, house of Ephratha, art too few in number to be reckoned with the thousands of Judah; yet out of thee shall come forth to Me, one who is to be a ruler in Israel, and His goings forth were from the beginning, even from eternity" (Mic. 5: 2). From the words of the Prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 26: 18-19), the Jews evidently were afraid to kill the Prophet Micah. His relics were discovered in the fourth century after the Birth of Christ at Baraphsatia, through a revelation to the Bishop of Eleutheropolis, Zeuinos.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, August 14 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following; Sisterhood Meeting after lunch; Vigil for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos at Christ the Savior, Spokane Valley 6:30pm

Monday, August 15 – **Dormition of the Theotokos** – Liturgy 9:00am

Tuesday, August 16 – Parish Council 7:00pm

Wednesday, August 17 – Vespers 6:00pm; (No study group. Will resume after Labor day.)

Friday, August 19 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, August 20 – Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, August 21 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following

EPISTLE READERS

August 14- Tabitha Townsend

August 21 - Owen Rush

August 28 - Joy Corey

September 4 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

CHURCH CLEANING

Week of August 15 – Schaefer

Week of August 22 - Goolsby

Week of August 29- Townsends

Week of September 5 - Felleg/Holman

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

August 14 - Team 5 - Poland, Schaefer, Gallatin, Johnson, Bryant

August 21 - Team 1 - Tsalaky, Ayoub D., Ayoub M., Vlahos

August 28 - Team 2 - Corey, Tecca, Wood, Roth, Holman

September 4- Team 3 - Garbinski, Tourous, Weddle, Ayres, O'Daniel

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:

Fr. Basil, Paul Truebenbach, Bill Goolsby (Steve's father), James Bentley (Bryne's grandfather), Bob (Owen's father), Baby Girl Sunny Fox & mother Tiffany, Alice Gallatin, Marcos Mamalakis, Cecilia (Tim Peterson's Grandmother), Terri (Dianne Nolan's sister), Levi (Fr. James Bernstein's grandson), Mike Kerr, Katrina (Mike Kerr's wife), Rita & Kent Little (friends of Trudy Olinger), Bonnie (Jenny Dancy's Mother), Susan and parents Coo and Lou (friends of Jenny Dancy), Elena & Vitaly w/reposed son Stefan (friends of Teccas), Michael (friend of Chelsea Stillman, Teri Hundt (sister of Tiffany Gallatin), Inna Epling, Moses Kemper, Pam, Susan, Marc (Jenny Dancy's sister-in-law and friends), Crystal, Riley, Emily, Boston, Caleb, Anders and Cindy (family of Bartimaeus), Patricia, David, Bonnie, Stori, Brooke and Endin (family of Trudy Olinger), Jacob Hunter (Dan Monaghan's cousin in Afghanistan), Pamela Olsen, Jill Foss (friend of Jeane Wood), Nancy Corey (Ed Corey's sister), Jamie Landers, Nikolai Kupcow, George Kucera.

PRAYERS FOR THE DEPARTED:

Fr. Thomas O'Dea, Nina Bergoltseva, Wayland Rosh (friend of Schaefer's); John Schrom Sr. (father of Sbdcn. John Schrom). William Brisbane (Nanette's father), Jack and Steve (Dianne Nolan's father and brother-in-law), Dominic & Pasquale (brother and brother-in-law of Lucille Horton), Milic Milojevic, Wilma Young (Steve Wood's mother), Gary Butler & Doris Owens (family of Bartimaeus), Vasso Papachristos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating the Dormition of the Theotokos this evening at Christ the Savior, Spokane Valley

Fr. Andrew Welzig (Christ the Savior) is inviting all of us from St. John & Holy Trinity to join together to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos by means of a Vigil Service - Great Vespers with the Litya & Artoklasia + Orthros and the First Hour this evening (Sunday) at 6:30 P.M. Anytime we can join together with our Orthodox brethren in the area it is a blessed thing! Please join us in celebrating this great feast with our brothers and sisters at Christ the Savior in Spokane Valley. We will also be celebrating the Divine Liturgy for the feast tomorrow morning (Monday) at 9am at St. John's.

St. John's Fundraiser Garage Sale

Date: Friday September 23 through Saturday the 24th (however sale will be extended to the 25th depending on how many items remain for sale.)

- All items are appreciated big and small
- Please price your own items.
- Clothes must be clean and on a hanger. Please NO bags of clothes dropped off.
- Please let Jeane and Steve know if you have items for the garage sale and if you would like to "man" your own table or if you would like to have us sell for you.
- If you man your own table and submit the proceeds you will receive a receipt from St. Johns. All other sales will go into a bulk donation to St. Johns.
- If you have items that you would like picked up please call.
- All items remaining at the end of the sale must be removed by the person who brought them to the sale or they will be picked up by "the salvation army"

Please ask friends and coworkers if they have any items as well...the more the better!

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Update on St. Katherine's Mission in Moscow (from Reader Jed Bartlett)

St. Katherine's mission here in Moscow Idaho has continued to grow, and we have been asked by many people in the area, many of your parishioners included, for ways they can help us to put down deep and meaningful roots here in the Palouse.

This short list contains items and needs which I hope you can share with everyone who has been keeping us in their prayers. Some of these items might be in an old closet laying around unused, but I suspect that most of these will require purchasing. Any help you can send our way is appreciated, and we will be all the more encouraged by your support!

- Spear (Liturgical implement)
- House blessing kit
- Liturgical books (in no particular order, we have none at the moment)
- Menanion
- Festal Menanion
- Octoectos
- Lenten Triodion
- Pentecostarion
- Typicon
- etc..
- Website development time
- Orthodox Speakers / Presenters



Hieromartyr Marcellus the Bishop of Apamea

The Hieromartyr Marcellus, Bishop of Apamea, was born of illustrious parents on the island of Cyprus. Having received a fine education, he occupied a high civil office. Everyone marveled at his purity of life, mildness, kindness and eloquence. In the year 375, the saint left his wife and children, and devoted himself to a monastic life in Syria. The people of Apamea, having him come to the city on some practical matter, elected him as bishop.

From the account of Theodoret of Cyrillus we learn that St Marcellus received permission from the emperor St Theodosius the Great (379-395) to destroy a strongly built temple of Jupiter at Apamea, but the saint didn't know how to accomplish this. A certain worker promised to help him. He undermined three of the huge columns, propping them up temporarily with olive wood. Then he tried to set them afire, but the wood would not burn. When St Marcellus learned of this, he performed the Lesser Blessing of Water, and he commanded that this water be faithfully sprinkled around the wood. After this, the wood burned quickly, the columns fell down and the whole pagan temple collapsed in upon itself.

When soldiers near Aulona in the Apamea district demolished another pagan temple, the saint, watching from a distance, was seized by pagans and thrown into a fire. The killers were found, and the saint's sons wanted to take revenge. A local Council forbade them to do this, decreeing that it would be wrong to avenge such a death as the saint had received. Instead, they ought to give thanks to God.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

The selfsame sad event, so vividly described in the Book of Acts, is repeated over and over again. Felix the governor listens to the holy Apostle Paul when the latter preaches the faith in Jesus Christ, but when the Apostle starts to speak about temperance and the judgment to come, the nobleman trembles and says, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 25:24-25). Is this not literally a common but sad situation nowadays? Now many are also ready to accept the 'pure', 'Gospel', 'free' Christianity, which does not oblige you to do anything, but they furiously reject Holy Church, because the latter speaks of temperance, self-denial, and casting down idols...In order to dream about Christ at your leisure you do not really need the Church, you can do without it. Only, without the Church, you cannot live a Christian life, but then there are very few who are devoted to such a life. The majority find a semi-pagan life more appealing. Indeed, contemporary idolatry can be seen in the denial of Holy Church...Idolatry, in this subtle form, has leaked into the Church community like a poison.

+St. Hilarion (Troitsky)

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE ONE

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for living thou wast translated, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

KONTAKION OF THE DORMITION IN TONE TWO

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, who is never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But being the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-Virgin womb did translate her to life.

THE EPISTLE

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
He hath regarded the lowliness of His servant.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (2:5-11)

Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the Name which is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:38-42; 11:27-28)

At that time, Jesus entered a certain village; and a woman named Martha received Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to Him and said, "Lord, dost Thou not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As He said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that Thou didst suck!" But He said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you from Camp St. Mary!

From ALL the staff and campers of Camp St. Mary of Egypt we wish to extend a BIG heartfelt THANK YOU to the St. John family who contributed their time, talents, bibles, air mattresses, resources and most of all your LOVE and PRAYERS to help make Camp St. Mary a great blessing! Over 140 from seven states (and BC) and numerous parishes were abundantly blessed by your generosity and love! Thank you!

Sisterhood Meeting Today: Please plan to attend a very important Sisterhood today after lunch. We will be planning for our Mediterranean Banquet, for the Bishop's September visit, Eric Townsend's ordination to the diaconate, and Mark Weismann's September wedding. Please make arrangements to be there; I'll keep it moving along!

Choir Members: As we prepare to represent our parish at the Italian Fest on August 21st at 2:00pm, we will try to get in a brief rehearsal today. I realize that's tough for those of us who are also in Sisterhood. But let's rejoice there are so many exciting events for our parish right now, and make the most of it.

Dry Lawn Alert! - Parishioners of St John: in order to avoid the dry lawns around the church as well as in the cemetery, PLEASE notify Steve Wood whenever you notice the grass becoming dry or patchy. We have a company that sets and repairs our sprinkler system. NEVER, EVER turn off the sprinklers or turn off the circuit breaker for the sprinkler system. By doing so you interrupt the timing system and we get dry grass everywhere as well as sprinklers going on during church services. ALWAYS NOTIFY STEVE WOOD regarding any sprinkler issues. 208-691-9807. Thank you!

Child Care Needed – Job Opportunity - The Gallatin's are in need of day care on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays. This would be a regular job. If anyone is interested in this venture or any other babysitting work, please contact Tiffani Gallatin @ 208-809-3221 or Josh Gallatin @ 208-818-9135. Thanks so much!