

St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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August 21, 2011



Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy

Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy, was by descent a Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. The holy Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy must be distinguished from St Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi (June 19), who was one of the Twelve Apostles.

When he came to Jerusalem for a feastday, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner. After being baptized by him in the Jordan, he remained in Palestine. He saw the Savior, and became His follower. He was chosen by the Lord to be one of the Seventy Disciples, whom He sent by twos to preach in the cities and places where He intended to visit (Luke. 10: 1).

After the Ascension of the Savior to Heaven, St Thaddeus preached the good news in Syria and Mesopotamia. He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted King Abgar, the people and the pagan priests to Christ. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses). He established priests there and built up the Edessa Church.

Prince Abgar wanted to reward St Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian Faith. He went to the city of Beirut to preach, and he founded a church there. It was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (The place of his death is indicated as Beirut in the Slavonic MENAION, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, St Thaddeus, after various tortures, was beheaded by the sword on December 21 in the Artaz region in the year 50).

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Sunday, August 21 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following; Choir Concert at Post Falls Italian Festival 2:00pm

Wednesday, August 24 – Vespers 6:00pm; (No study group. Will resume after Labor day.)

Friday, August 26 – Spiritual Circle 9:30am

Saturday, August 27 – Great Vespers 6:00pm

Sunday, August 28 – Orthros 9:00am; Divine Liturgy 10:00am; Lunch following; Vespers of the Fast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist 6:00pm

Monday, August 29 – **Beheading of St. John the Baptist** – Orthros 9:00am; Liturgy 10:00am

EPISTLE READERS

August 21 - Owen Rush

August 28 - Joy Corey

September 4 - Sbdcn. Barnabas Schaefer

September 11 - Lavonne Ayoub

CHURCH CLEANING

Week of August 22 - Goolsby

Week of August 29- Townsends

Week of September 5 - Felleg/Holman

Week of September 12 - Corey/Rush

LUNCHEON & CLEANUP

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

September 11 - Team 4 - Townsend, Rush, Calderoni, Sanman, Stillman

PRAYERS FOR THE LIVING:

Fr. Basil, Paul Truebenbach, 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. Michael Lewis, Fr Basil Steiger, Fr. Thomas O'Dea, Carla Scherer (Hannah's grandmother), Bill Goolsby (Steve's father), Wisdom Gonzalez (Bartimaeus' cousin), Nina Bergoltseva, Wayland Raasch (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

Bishop's Banquet – Opportunities to Serve!

We will begin preparing for the Bishop's Banquet and we need your help. What follows are the dates for the food preparation and we need volunteers to help make all this food. Please contact Joy Corey 660-0538 or 777-2863 or see Joy at Church if you are interested in helping. There is lots to do and many hands are needed.

The Schedule:

Thursday, Sept. 8	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Chocolate/Bavarian Dessert (to be frozen) with shaved chocolate
Saturday, Sept. 10	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Main course - Greek Pastitsio
Monday, Sept. 12	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Green Beans with Diced Tomatoes
Thursday, Sept. 15	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Hummus and vegetables
Friday, Sept. 16	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Dilled Carrots, Chopping of Fatoush Salad ingredients, dressing
Saturday, Sept. 17	Beginning 9:00 a.m.	Setting up the Banquet Hall

Choir Concert This Afternoon at Post Falls Italian Street Fair: Please come out to the Post Falls Italian Festival and hear our choir as they perform at 2:00pm. The event will be held in downtown Post Falls on 4th Ave & Frederick Street. DIRECTIONS: I90 exit 5– (Spokane St) go south 1 block. The event is directly across the street from the Post Falls City Hall and adjacent to Rosa's Italian Market & Deli.

Need Old Newspapers

If you have any old newspapers lying around the house, please bring them to church as I am organizing a landscape work party to cover and mulch around the shrubs outside of the church hall soon. This project is very low cost and will protect and beautify the plants by suppressing weeds and retaining moisture in the soil. After this step is complete, I will be working with Owen Rush, leader of the Building and Grounds Parish Ministry Team (PMT), to install a drip system on the plants to keep them alive during the summer months. If you feel motivated to donate any money to either one of these aspects of the project, please make a check out to St. John's and (very important) put "landscape" on the memo line. The cost of the compost should not exceed \$30.00, and the drip system can be completed for around \$100.00. Any money donated will go directly into this project and is much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. This will really improve the look of the entrance to our church hall and keep the plants happy. If anyone wishes to volunteer their time for the mulching part of the project, feel free to contact Kendall Ebert at: baronofthenorth@icqmail.com.

St Moses of Ethiopia (400)

St Moses the Ethiopian was a former gang leader, murderer, and thief in ancient Africa. However, he became a model of transformation. His is one of the most inspiring stories among the African saints.

Moses, an escaped slave, was the leader of a group of 75 robbers. He was a large and powerful man, who with his gang terrorized the entire region. Moses was transformed after he and his group attacked a monastery, intending to rob it. He was met by the abbot, whose peaceful and warm manner overwhelmed him. He immediately felt remorse for all his past sins, sincerely repented, and begged to remain at the monastery.

Moses was tortured by his past and for years was tempted to return to his old ways. One day, as he was confessing his sins to St. Macarius, an angel appeared with a tablet full of his sins. As he confessed, the angel began wiping the tablet clean. The more he confessed, the more the angel wiped, until by the end it was completely clean. After meeting St. Macarius and St. Isidore, he completely left his old ways behind him and became a monk.

Later, St. Moses was ordained to the priesthood -- a rare honor among the Desert Fathers -- and founded a monastery of 75 monks, the same number as his former group of thieves. He was known for his wisdom, humility, love, and non-judgment of others. Once a brother had been caught in a particular sin, and the abbot asked St. Moses to come to the church and render judgment. He came reluctantly, carrying on his back a leaking bag of sand. When he arrived, the brothers asked him why he was carrying such a thing. He simply said, "This sand is my sins which are trailing out behind me, while I go to judge the sins of another." At that reply, the brothers forgave the offender and returned to focusing on their own salvation rather than the sins of their brother.

One day, he went with some elders to St. Macarius the Great, who said to them, "I see among you one to whom belong the crown of martyrdom." St. Moses answered him, "Probably it is me, for it is written: 'For all they that take with the sword, shall perish with the sword.'" (Matt. 26:25). After they returned to the monastery, it did not take long until the Berbers attacked the monastery. He told the brethren, "Whoever wants to escape, let him escape." They asked him, "And you O father, why do you not also escape?" He replied that he had waited for this day for long time. The Berbers entered the monastery and killed him with seven other brothers. One of the brethren was hiding, and saw the angel of the Lord, with a crown in his hand standing by and waiting for him. He went out from his hiding place to the Berbers and he was also martyred.

His body is now located at Virgin Mary's Coptic Orthodox Monastery of El-Baramous in Egypt.



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 FOR 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 -

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (4:9-16)

Brethren, God has exhibited us Apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill clad and buffeted and homeless; and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

THE GOSPEL –

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (17:14-23)

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" Jesus said to them, "Because you have no faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. This kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were traveling together through Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will rise on the third day."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Family Activities

In the next few months we will be coming into the season of much blessing and activity for our children, youth and families. Here is a calendar so that you can save the dates:

- **September 11th - Sunday School Family Picnic-** If you have a game or activity that you would like to head up or participate in please let LaVonne Ayoub know. She will be sending out more details on this next week.
- **October,** Date to be announced - will usher in our much beloved **Harvest/All Saints Festival.**
- **December,** Date to be announced- offers us the special joy of celebrating the Nativity of our Lord, with a **family Christmas gathering.** - This year we are having a talent show. So young and old, begin preparing your best and favorite talent to share. This is always fun. Also those of you who like to act be watching for the opportunity to be a part of a short Christmas presentation.

Please be watching for your chance to participate by donating your smiles, time, special items and/or \$\$ as you are able, and thank you in advance for all the support offered great or small. We love you!

In Christ,

Christian Education Dept.

LaVonne Ayoub

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!

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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