August 16, 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost & Eleventh Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Recovery from Edessa of the Icon of Christ Not Made by Hands: 'The Holy Napkin'

As we enter the Church let us pray.....
I will come into Thy House In the multitude of Thy mercy;
And in Thy fear I will worship toward Thy Holy Temple.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone 2
When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hades with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

Apolytikion of the Dormition in Tone 1
In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling-asleep thou hast not forsaken the world; for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life. Wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

Apolytikion of the Icon of Christ in Tone 2
Thy pure image do we venerate, O good One, asking forgiveness of our sins, O Christ our God; for by Thine own will Thou didst ascend the Cross in Thy body, to save Thy creatures from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, with thankfulness we cry aloud to thee: Thou hast verily filled all with joy, since Thou didst come, O our Savior, to save the world.

Apolytikion of St. John Chrysostom - Tone 8
Grace shining forth from your lips like a beacon has enlightened the universe. It has shown to the world the riches of poverty. It has revealed to us the heights of humility. Teaching us by your words, O Father John Chrysostom, intercede before the Word, Christ our God, to save our souls!

Kontakion of the Dormition in Tone 2
Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions, and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control. But since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

THE SYNAXARION

On August 16 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the Recovery from Edessa to Constantinople of the Icon of Christ Not Made by Hands, known as 'The Holy Napkin.'

Verses

Thou didst wipe Thy face with linen while yet living,
Who later, being dead, wouldst be wrapped in linen.

Prince Avgar of Edessa sent a portrait-painter, Ananias, to Palestine with a letter to Christ our Savior, in which he begged the Lord to come and heal him of his leprosy. In the event that Lord was unable to come, the prince commanded Ananias to paint His likeness and bring it, believing that the portrait would heal him. The Lord replied that he could not come, as the time of His Passion was at hand. Our Savior took a napkin and wiped His face, leaving a perfect reproduction of His most pure face on it. The Lord gave this napkin to Ananias, with a message that the prince would be healed by it, but not entirely, and He would later send him an envoy that would rid him of the remainder of the disease. Receiving the napkin, Avgar kissed it and the leprosy fell from his body, with just a little remaining on his face. Later, the Apostle Thaddaeus came to Avgar, fully healed him and baptized him. Then the prince smashed the idols that stood at the city's gateway and placed the napkin with the face of Christ above the entrance, stuck onto wood, surrounded with a gold frame and ornamented with pearls. The city eventually fell to Arab conquest, and the Holy Napkin was translated to Constantinople in 944.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyrs Diomedes the physician of Tarsus in Cilicia and Alkiviades. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost)

The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.

The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:2-12)

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THE GOSPEL

(For the Eleventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (18:23-35)

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet next Sunday August 23rd following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, August 30th following the Divine Liturgy. These classes are for those studying the Orthodox Christian Faith, and those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Faith. All are welcome.

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St John Chrysostom Antiochian Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA, Metropolitan of New York and North America

His Grace Bishop Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

The V. Rev. Peter Pier, Pastor

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Attendance 08-09-2026: 233

Operating Fund Offering Received 08/02/2026: **$9,300.00**

Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $7,443.00

Welcome to our Church Family. Orthodox parishes do not practice open communion. Holy Communion is reserved for Baptized, Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All other visitors are warmly invited to receive the blessed bread (antidoron) at the end of the service

Church Calendar

Sat. Aug 15	Feast of the Dormition 8:00 Festal Orthros. 9:00am Divine Liturgy – Blessing of flowers NOON – *Annual St John's Picnic*
Sun. Aug 16	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Parish Council. Teen Soyo - Lord of the Rings Marathon: (1pm movie start @ House Bonnici)
Tue. Aug 18	8:15 am First Day of School - Ribbon Cutting (*Bishop Thomas attending*)
Wed. Aug 19	8:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (*Bishop Thomas attending)* 6:00pm Vespers
Sat. Aug 22	6:00pm Great Vespers.
Sun. Aug 23	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class

Remember In Your Prayers

Before they call, I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (Is. 65:24)

The Living – for their health &wellbeing

Metropolitan SABA
Bishop Thomas
Denise Zakula
Subdeacon Bartholomew and Olena Bassarab
Matthew Miller
Officer Jamie Miller
Joyce "Kasaine" Williams
Michael Acierno
Vera Timko
Beverly Kushner
Michelle Prince
Richard "Stephen" Vangel
Joshua "John" Ranck
Ronna "Sophia" Castle
Marko Bourne
Christine Bogosh
Sasha Florenz
Marjorie "Marion" Barrett

The Departed – Memory Eternal!

Metropolitan PHILIP
Bishop Antoun
Priest Boniface Black
Helen Diamond
Angela Burke
Wayne "Stephen" Coleson
Georgette Habib Soliman
Joseph Danyo
Leavitt "George" Keener
Reader Nicholas and Mary Jane Glagola
Norm "Nourhan" and Eva "Marie" Kailian
Nicholas Raptapolus
Walter and Mary Damm
Donnell Gregory and Mary "Rebecca" Beck
Michael Bogosh
Christos Tsakiris
Harry and Grace Dorion
Marianne Rupp and Mary Bincarowsky
Gene "Paul" Strayer
Katherine Monsour
George and Darla Feeser
Cindi "Monica" Bennett
Mary Kopey
Martha Allen
Mary Lou Grove
Melinda "Magdalena" Stika
James Fetter
Andrew Himes
Patty May
Julie Acierno
Vincent Michael Terzano-Borovic
Steven Smith
Edward Boner
Cheryl "Alexandra" Bury
Thomas Lehman
Barry "John" Hart
Angela Pandelidis
Kathryn Velen
Ray Jauncito
Jayme Miller
Theodore Federoff
Vincent McKee