August 23, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost & Twelfth Sunday of Matthew

Leave-taking of the Dormition of the Theotokos

Martyr Lupus, servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios; Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus

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 3
Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

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 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 23 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Lupus.

Verses

Lupus was a servant, but the sword's manumission
Sent him unto Christ as a friend and a freeman.
On the twenty-third the sword's edge Lupus slew.

He was the servant of the Great-Martyr Demetrios. When Demetrios was beheaded by the Emperor Maximian, Lupus dipped the hem of his garment and his ring in the martyr's blood. Lupus worked many miracles and healings in Thessalonica with this garment and ring. The Emperor Maximian discovered this, and commanded that Lupus be tortured and killed. But the soldiers who drew their weapons on Lupus turned one on the other and wounded one another. Lupus prayed to God that He would somehow bring about his baptism before his death. On this, water suddenly poured down on the holy martyr from a cloud, and he thus received baptism. After harsh torture, Lupus was beheaded and entered into the heavenly Kingdom.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyr Irenaios, bishop of Lyons; and Venerable Nicholas and Dionysios of Olympus. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost)
Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all ye nations.
The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (15:1-11)

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THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Matthew)
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (19:16-26)

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The Inquirer's Class – will meet this 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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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

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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 08-16-2026: 215

Operating Fund Offering Received 08/16/2026: $4.465.00

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

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Church Calendar

Sat. Aug 22	6:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun. Aug 23	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class Parent's Meeting SCS
Tue. Aug 25	9:00 am Pray 'n Play @ Perrydell
Wed. Aug 26	8:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / 6:00pm Vespers
Thurs. Aug 27	5:30 pm Ladies Night
Sat. Aug 29	6:00pm Great Vespers.
Sun. Aug 30	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class First Sunday of SCS

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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