August 30, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost & Thirteenth Sunday of Matthew

Leave-taking of the commemoration of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist

Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople

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 4
Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel, the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation, and proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled. Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!

Apolytikion of the Baptist Beheading in Tone 2
The memory of the righteous is celebrated with songs of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown indeed to be the most honorable of the prophets, for in the waters thou didst baptize Him Whom they had proclaimed. After suffering with joy in behalf of the truth, thou didst proclaim even to those in Hades the God Who appeared in the flesh, Who taketh away the sin of the world, and granteth us Great Mercy,

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 Nativity of the Theotokos - Tone 4
By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

THE SYNAXARION

On August 30 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our fathers among the saints Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople.

Verses

Having escaped the flesh's bonds, O Alexander,
Thou hast found the Lord's inheritance as thy portion.
The faces of the Church are gloomy with sorrow,
For they cannot bear blessed John's deprivation.
Paul, leaving behind him life's pathways and its courses,
Found a pall for his casket and rest from his labors.
On the thirtieth, three before the Trinity now stand.

Alexander took part in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325, in place of the aged Patriarch Metrophanes, whom he then succeeded. When certain philosophers tried to dispute with him about faith, he said to one of them: "In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to remain silent!" The philosophers became dumb from that moment. Alexander died at the age of 98 in the year 340. Paul the New governed the Church for almost six years and renounced the throne to receive the Great Habit secretly, to repent of his sins when he first supported the iconoclasts. He was the predecessor of the great Tarasius and entered into rest in 784. John was nicknamed "Scholasticus" because he was originally a lawyer. He became Patriarch in 565. He wrote Canons which have been included in the Nomocanon. In his day, the Cherubic Hymn and the prayer "At Thy mystical supper" were introduced into the Liturgy. He departed this life peacefully and gave his soul to God in 577.

By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE

(For the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost)
O Lord, how marvelous are Thy works. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!
The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (16:13-24)

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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 30th following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, September 6th 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 08-23-2026: 260

Operating Fund Offering Received 08/23/2026: $5026.00

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

Use this link to sign-up for the St John's Weekly Newsletter

Church Calendar

Sat. Aug 29	6:00 pm Great Vespers
Sun. Aug 30	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class First Sunday of SCS
Tue. Sept 1	9:00 am Pray & Play @ Springettsbury Park
Wed. Sept 2	8:30 am Pre-Communion Prayers 9:00 am Divine Liturgy / 6:00pm Vespers
Sat. Sept 5	6:00pm Great Vespers.
Sun. Sept 6	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Inquirer's Class, NO 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