September 20, 2026

Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Great-martyr Eustathios and his family; Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Athos

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 7
Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross; Thou didst open Paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of ointment bearing women into joy and didst bid Thine Apostles proclaiming a warning that Thou has risen, O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

Apolytikion of Elevation of the Holy Cross - Tone 1
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy kingdom.

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 Elevation of the Holy Cross - Tone 4
Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

THE SYNAXARION

On September 20 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate holy Great-martyr Eustathios, Theopiste his wife, and their two sons Agapios and Theopistos.

Verses

A bronze bull burned up Eustathios' whole household;
And the whole household Thou, O Word of God, savest.
On the twentieth Eustathios with family
was burned in a bull.

Eustathios, before his baptism, was an illustrious Roman general named Placidas in the second century. While hunting in the country one day, he was converted to the Faith of Christ through the apparition of an uncommonly majestic stag, between whose antlers he saw the Cross of Christ, and through which the Lord spoke to him with a human voice. Upon returning home, he learned that his wife Tatiana had also had a similar vision. They sought out the Christian Bishop and were baptized, Placidas receiving the name Eustathios, and Tatiana the name Theopiste; their two sons were baptized Agapios and Theopistos. The family was then subjected to such trials as Job endured. When the family refused to sacrifice to the idols—a public sacrifice from which no Roman general could be absent—the Emperor Hadrian had them put into a large bronze device in the shape of a bull, which was heated with fire until they died. When their holy bodies were removed, they were found to be without harm. The martyrs suffered in the year 126.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable-martyr Hilarion of St. Anne Skete on Athos. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy on us. Amen.

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THE EPISTLE

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
The Lord will give strength to His people. Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord glory and honor.
The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

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THE GOSPEL

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)
The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

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The Inquirer's Class – will not meet this Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. Next Inquirer's class is Sunday, October 4th 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 Visitors.

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 09-13-2026: 247

Operating Fund Offering Received 09/13/2026: $6406.00
Amount Needed Each Week To Meet Operating Fund Budget: $7,443.00

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Church Calendar

Sat. Sept 19	NO Vespers
Sun. Sept 20	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. Covered Dish Coffee Hour, SCS, Teen Parent Meeting, NO Inquirer's Class; JOY CLUB
Wed. Sept 23	9:00pm Typika (no communion) NO Vespers
Fri. Sep 25	6:00pm Bloom Bar Ladies Night
Sat. Sept 26	NO Vespers.
Sun. Sept 27	8:50 am Orthros. 10:00 am Divine Liturgy. SCS, Parish Council, NO Inquirer's Class

Fr Peter will be on vacation from Tuesday 09.15.26 to Saturday 09.26.26. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Dn John Shumski, cell: 717-817-8586

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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