

Saintly Notes

Dormition of St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos (July 25)

Today is the commemoration of the falling asleep of St. Anna but her principal feast is celebrated on September 9. Anna was the daughter of Matthan the priest, from the lineage of Levi, as was Aaron the high priest.

Matthan had three daughters: Mary, Sophia and Anna. Mary married, lived in Bethlehem and gave birth to Salome; Sophia married, also lived in Bethlehem, and gave birth to Elizabeth, the mother of St. John the Forerunner; Anna married Joachim in Nazareth, and in old age gave birth to Mary, the Most-holy Theotokos.

Joachim and Anna had lived together in marriage for fifty years, and yet had remained barren. They lived devoutly and quietly, and of all their income they spent one third on themselves, distributed one third to the poor and gave the other third to the Temple, and they were well provided for.

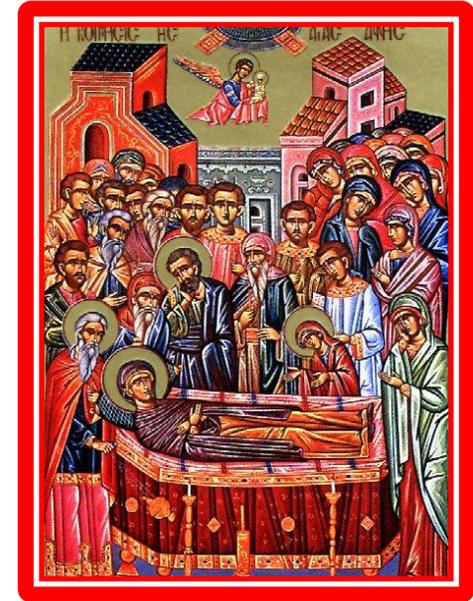
Once when in their old age they came to Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice to God, the high priest Issachar reprimanded Joachim, saying: "You are not worthy that a gift be accepted from your hands, for you are childless." Others, who had children, pushed Joachim behind them as one unworthy. This greatly grieved these two aged souls and they returned home in great sorrow. Then the two of them fell down before God in prayer, that He work a miracle with them as He once had with Abraham and Sarah, and give them a child as a comfort in their old age. Then God sent His angel, who announced to them the birth of "a daughter most-blessed, by whom all nations on earth will be blessed and through whom the salvation of the world will come." Anna straightway conceived, and in nine months gave birth to the Holy Virgin Mary.

St. Joachim lived for eighty years and Anna lived for seventy-nine, at which time they reposed in the Lord.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

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The Saints Whom We Remember

Olympias, the deaconess of Constantinople; Venerable Eupraxia of Tabenna;
The Four Martyrs of Lyons; Venerable Makarios of Zheltovodsk and Unzha

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Saturday: 11:00a Baby Shower; 5:30p Great Vespers
Sunday: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

First Antiphon

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the
Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Second Antiphon

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who art
risen from the dead, who sing to Thee.
Alleluia.

Third Antiphon

Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 8)

From the heights Thou didst descend, O
compassionate One, and Thou didst
submit to the three-day burial, that Thou
might deliver us from passion; Thou art
our life and our Resurrection, O Lord,
glory to Thee.

Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* "Come, let us
worship and bow down before Christ
. . . Alleluia."

† *Troparion of the Resurrection
(Tone 8):* See above.

† *Troparion for the Dormition of St.
Anna (Tone 4):* O Godly-minded
Anna, thou didst give birth unto
God's pure Mother who conceived
Him Who is our Life. Wherefore,
thou hast now passed with joy to thy
heavenly rest, wherein is the abode of
them that rejoice in glory; and thou
askest forgiveness of sins for them
that honor thee with love, O ever-
blessed one.

† *Troparion for All Saints (Tone 4):*
As with fine porphyry and royal
purple Thy Church has been adorned
with Thy martyr's blood shed

throughout all the world. She cries to
Thee, O Christ God, send down Thy
bounties on Thy people, grant peace
to Thy habitation and great mercy to
our souls.

† *Kontakion for the Dormition of St.
Anna (Tone 2):* We celebrate now
the memory of Christ's ancestors,
while asking their help with faith,
that we may all be saved from all
manner of tribulation as we fervently
cry aloud: Be Thou with us, O Lord
our God, Whose pleasure it was to
glorify them both.

The Trisagion

"Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal,
have mercy . . ."

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 1 Cor. 4:9-16
Gospel: Matt. 17:14-23

Alegalynarion

(Tone 8)

It is truly meet and right to bless thee. . .

Communion Hymn

Tone 8

Praise the Lord . . . Alleluia.

Post-Communion Hymn

We have seen the true light . . .

Parish Notes

Altar Servers Today

Ethan Haynes, Rim Gibrealfa, John
Pridgen, Jonah Sieck, Michael Fogg,
Justin Fogg, Aidan Labrozzi.

Special Attention

- **Building Project Update:** This past week the interior central dome was hung. Finishing work continues in the Nave and on the central external dome and breezeway.
- **Ladies, Save This Date:** We will have our final annual summer Brunch and Bible Study session on August 14. We'll meet from 9-11:30 am.

Rh. Barbara

- **New Chairs for Our New Temple.** Our certificate of occupancy for our new building will be issued in 54 days (September 17), if all goes as scheduled. Then, two weeks later on October 3, we plan to celebrate our first Divine Liturgy in the new temple. We need to purchase new chairs for the nave and to do this we are asking all of our members to participate in a project explained by the insert in your bulletin this morning. Please read it carefully and then prayerfully make a decision about your level of participation. If you are able, please write your check for chairs today. Today is the last Sunday that we will be officially collecting for the new chairs, however, you may continue to donate to this project for the next several weeks. *(Please make sure that you write "Chairs" or "New Chairs" in the memo section of your check or on the outside of your envelope.)*

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

Wondrous is God in His saints, the God of Israel.

Bless God in the congregations.

†**Epistle: Galatians 4:22–27 (RSV)**

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

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came, He was there alone, but the Disciples' boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. But when the Disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately He spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered Him, "Lord, if it is Thee, bid me come to Thee on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "Truly, Thou art the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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A Word from Our Fathers

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