

## Saintly Notes

### Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople (August 30)

**A**lexander participated in the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea [325 A.D.] in place of the aged Patriarch Metrophanes. Afterward, he succeeded Metrophanes. When certain philosophers wanted to debate with him concerning faith, he said to one of them: "In the name of my Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to be silent!" and the philosopher became mute that very moment. By his prayer, he even shortened the life of Arius. Alexander died at age ninety-eight in the year 340 A.D.

**S**t. John the Faster governed the Church during the reign of the wicked Emperor Anastasius the Acephalite heretic. He died in the year 595 A.D.

**S**t. Paul IV governed the Church for five years and eight months and then resigned the throne and secretly received the Angelic Habit in order to repent for his sins because he had earlier agreed with the iconoclasts. He was the predecessor of the great Tarasius and died at the time of Irene and Constantine in the year 784 A.D.

*(The Prologue from Ochrid, Birmingham, 1985, Lazarica Press)*



St. John the Baptist

## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Leave-Taking for Commemoration of the Baptist John's Beheading

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August 30, 2009

### The Saints Whom We Remember Today

Alexander, Paul the New, and John, Patriarchs of Constantinople;  
Martyrs Phantinos of Calabria and Januarios;  
Repose of Venerable Alexander of Svir;  
Translation of the relics of Alexander Nevsky, prince of Novgorod;  
and Cyril and Makarios, patriarchs of Serbia

### This Week's Schedule

**Today:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy  
**Monday:** Church Office Closed; 6:30p Eve. Div. Lit for the New Church Year  
**Wednesday:** 9:15a 3<sup>rd</sup> Hour Prayers; 6:30p Vespers  
**Saturday:** 5:30p Great Vespers  
**Sunday:** 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy

### Third Antiphon

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 became the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

### Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship . . . Alleluia.

### Troparion

for the Resurrection—Tone 3

See above.

### Troparion

for St. John the Baptist—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 Who had been 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 takest away the sin of the world, and granteth us the Great Mercy.

### Troparion

of 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 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 Trisagion

Holy God . . . Alleluia.

### Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

*Epistle:* 1 Cor. 16:13–24

*Gospel:* Matt. 21:33–42

### Alegalynarion

Tone 7

"It is truly meet and right . . ."

### Communion Hymn

Tone 8

"Praise the Lord from the heavens . . . Alleluia."

### Post-Communion Hymn

Tone 2

"We have seen the true light . . ."

### Parish Notes

#### Altar Servers Today

Matthew Wynne, Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Johannes Kibret, Nicholas Kliewer, Roger Jones.

### Special Attention

- **Vacation Worship.** Remember that vacation time is not a time to avoid worship. Fr. Nicholas can give you a list of churches in the area where you will be vacationing. If you cannot get to a church, do morning prayers together with your spouse or family, and don't forget to pray before meals. If you will be gone for an extended period of time, mailing envelopes for your financial worship of God are also available on the narthex table.
- **Building Project 2009.** Keep your eyes and ears open for continuing information on our new temple and education wing.
- **Church School Begins Soon.** All Saints Church School will begin on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. All our children are invited to attend. Parents, please talk to our Church School Coordinator, Gretchen Ormond (469-5596), if you plan to enroll your children or if you just want more information about our Church School program.
- **Adult Class with Fr Nicholas Will Begin September 13<sup>th</sup>.** The topic will be announced.
- **Introduction to Orthodoxy Class to Begin on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Father Nicholas' class for those interested in an introduction to Orthodoxy will be held on Wednesday night from 7:30p to 9:00p on the following dates: September 2, 9, 16 and October 7, 14. If you are interested in attending please talk to Fr. Nicholas or just be present at the first session on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### **Prokeimenion:**

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

*Clap your hands, all ye nations.*

### **†Epistle: 1 Cor. 15:1–11 (RSV)**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### **†Gospel: Matt. 19:16–26 (RSV)**

At that time, one came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who

is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

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