

Saintly Notes

St. John the Evangelist and Theologian (September 26)

John was the son of Zebedee the fisherman and Salome the daughter of Joseph, the betrothed of the Holy Theotokos. Called by the Lord Jesus, John immediately left his father and his fishermen's nets and, with his brother James, followed Christ. From then on, he was not separated from his Lord until the end.

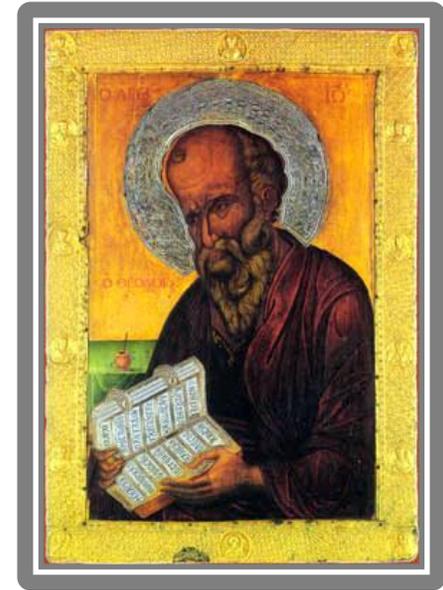
With Peter and James, he was present at the raising of Jairus' daughter and the Transfiguration of the Lord. At the Last Supper, he inclined his head on Jesus' breast. When all the other apostles had abandoned the crucified Lord, John and the Holy Mother of God remained beneath the Cross. In obedience to the Lord, he was as a son to the Holy Virgin Mary, and carefully served and watched over her until her Dormition.

After her Dormition, John took his disciple Prochorus to preach the Gospel in Asia Minor. He lived and labored mostly in Ephesus. By his inspired preaching and miracles he converted many to Christianity and shook paganism to its foundation. The embittered pagans bound him and sent him to Rome, to face Emperor Dometian. Dometian had him tortured and flogged, but neither the bitterest poison he was given to drink, nor the boiling oil into which he was thrown, did him any harm. This terrified the emperor and, thinking him immortal, Dometian sent him into exile to the island of Patmos. There St. John converted many to Christianity by words and miracles, and confirmed well the Church of God. He also wrote his Gospel and Revelation on Patmos.

In the time of Emperor Nero, who granted freedom to all prisoners, John returned to Ephesus, where he lived for some time, confirming the work he had begun earlier. He was over one hundred years old when he went to the Lord. When his disciples later opened his grave, they did not find his body. On May 8 of every year, a fine dust, fragrant and healing, rose from his grave. After a long, laborious and fruitful life on earth, this beloved disciple of Christ, a true pillar of the Church, took up his habitation in the joy of His Lord.

(The Prologue from Ochrid)

Repose of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian September 26, 2010



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The Saints Whom We Remember

Consecrated Virgins Thekla, Mariamne, Martha, Mary and Ennatha of Persia

This Week's Schedule

Today: 9:00a Orthros; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 1:30p SOYO "Up In The Air"
Monday: Church Office Closed
Wednesday: 9:15a 3rd Hour Prayer; 6:30p Daily Vespers
Thursday: 6:30p Eve. Div. Liturgy Protection of the Theotokos
Saturday: 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 1)

The While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

Little Entrance

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

† *Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 1):* See above.

† *Troparion of St. John the Theologian (Tone 2):* O Apostle John, speaker of divinity, the beloved of Christ God, hasten and deliver thy people powerless in argument; for He on Whose bosom thou didst lean accepteth thee as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the cloud of the stubborn nations, asking for us safety and the Great Mercy.

† *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 Ordinary Sundays (Tone 2):* O Protection of Christians that is not put to shame, unchanging Mediation before the Creator, despise not the voice of the sinners' prayer, but in that thou art good, come quickly to help us who call upon thee in faith. Make speed to intercede and make haste to supplicate, O Theotokos, who dost ever protect those that honor thee.

The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty, . . .

Scripture

for today and next Sunday

Today: (See insert)

Next Sunday:

Epistle: 2 Cor. 11:31—12:9
Gospel: Luke 6:31—36

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

William Christopoulos, Christopher Wingenbach, Ilya Moundous, Gabriel Pope, Nicholas Kliewer.

Special Attention

- **Extraordinary Designated Gifts for our New Temple and Education Wing.** On the Narthex table you will find a brochure with a list of possible gifts for our new building.
Please read the message from Fr. Nicholas on page 2 of the brochure. It contains important information about how donations can be made.
We currently have donations for the center dome icon, the altar table, Last Supper Icon, and the Theotokos icon on the iconostasis. Thank God for the generosity of our parishioners.
- **Saint Sophia Prayer Group.** Calling all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and anyone who prays for our children—join us as we pray the Akathist hymn to the Mother of God for our children on the first Tuesday of every month, at 10:00am in the Nave. See brochures on the Narthex table.
- **Entry into Our New Temple.** This past week we ran into a few difficulties that will delay the Certificate of Occupancy for our new building. As a result, we will not be entering our new temple next week. The exact date for our first service is not yet available. We will keep you informed as soon as the date is firmly set.
- **System for the Hearing Impaired.** We would like to assess the need for an assistive listening system in our new nave. If you or someone you know within our parish might use such a system if one were available, please contact Fr. Nicholas (859-1332) as soon as possible.

Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

Prokeimenon:

His voice has gone out into all the earth.

The heavens declare the glory of God.

†**Epistle: 1 John 4:12–19 (RSV)**

Brethren, no man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. In this love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the Day of Judgment, because as He is so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us.

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