

## Parish Announcements

- **Service Streaming:** To view livestreams of our services, please visit [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGp9uDgdYDw\\_sqUBWP\\_8zeQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGp9uDgdYDw_sqUBWP_8zeQ).
- **Agape Meal:** We will have lunch downstairs in the parish hall immediately after Divine Liturgy today. Please join your fellow parishioners for lunch and to catch up with those you know as well as to get to know our newcomers.
- **Vacation Family Camp:** Many thanks to all who organized, supported, attended, participated, and helped in making our Vacation Family Camp 2021 a success. Many blessings to you all. Looking forward to more Holy Ascension Vacation Family Camps!
- **Twelve Baskets Full Ministry:** Many blessings to all who served, supported, and have been involved in making this ministry a success in serving God's children.
- **Social Evening:** Join us at the Righteous Tap House on Saturday (August 28) at 6 PM for our monthly fellowship get-together! If possible, please RSVP immediately so that we can get a head count (see the email announcement or contact Stephen B.).
- **Fall Episcopal Visit Luncheon (RSVP for September 12):** Thank you to all who have RSVP'd already for the luncheon for His Grace Bishop Thomas on September 12. If you have not done so yet, we need to know immediately if you *are* attending or if you *are not* attending. Please see Parish Council Secretary Fran H. after church or contact her by email. Thank you!
- **2021 Sunday School for Children:** With the Liturgical New Year (September 1) right around the corner, we are gearing up for Sunday school, which will start on Sunday, September 19. All parents are asked to complete a registration form for their children as soon as possible. Please pick up your form after church (they are next to the collection basket in the Nave) and return the completed forms to Father Christopher. Please contact Fr. Christopher if you have any questions.
- **Events for Youth:** We plan to offer Teen SOYO activities and events in the future. For Youth Month in October, there will be opportunities to learn to read the Epistle and participate in other church activities. Further details will follow.
- **Church Etiquette:** In anticipation of the visit of His Grace Bishop Thomas in September and ensuring that we put our best foot forward, it is time to review some basic church etiquette items for us to implement during and after services.

All agree that after a long week at work or school, it is nice to see our friends and church family members on Sunday mornings. However, when we are in the Nave, we are in the House of the Lord. Because of this, we all need to remember the following: All conversations, greeting friends, waving, etc. should be limited to time *after* the service, when we have exited the Nave (outside the double glass doors). Additionally, when the presiding clergy (be it the priest or the bishop) step outside the Altar for any reason (during either the Small or the Great Entrance, for the sermon, to bring Communion, or otherwise), all talking/singing/chanting ceases.

If we take the next few weeks to practice these important items, this discipline will become a habit of loving behaviour not only towards Bishop Thomas and Father Christopher but also towards our fellow parishioners as they worship the Lord.



Sunday, August 22, 2021



# HOLY ASCENSION

Orthodox Christian Church

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of  
Charleston, Oakland, and the Mid-Atlantic

Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch  
and All the East

**Primate**

His Eminence, the Most Rev. Metropolitan Joseph  
(Al-Zehlaoui)

**Diocesan Hierarch**

His Grace, the Right Rev. Bishop Thomas (Joseph)

**Pastor**

Rev. Fr. Christopher Eid

**Subdeacon**

Vladimir Moses

**Saturday Vespers - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday Orthros - 8:25 AM**

**Sunday Liturgy - 9:30 AM**

**Confessions - Saturday evenings,  
following most divine services,  
and by appointment**

*For an updated service and event  
schedule, visit our online calendar:*

**HolyAscension.net/calendar**

## Divine Liturgy Variables

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in Tone Eight

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.

### Apolytikion of the Dormition in Tone One

In thy birth-giving, O Theotokos, thou didst keep and preserve virginity; and in thy falling asleep, thou hast not forsaken the world, for thou wast translated into life, being the Mother of Life – wherefore, by thine intercessions, deliver our souls from death.

### Apolytikion of Holy Ascension in Tone Four

Thou hast ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and gladdened Thy disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit – and they were assured by the blessing that Thou art the Son of God and Redeemer of the world.

### Kontakion of the Dormition in Tone Two

Verily, the Theotokos, who is ever watchful in intercessions and whose prayers are never rejected, neither tomb nor death could control – but since she is the Mother of Life, He Who dwelt in her ever-virgin womb did translate her to life.

## Prayer Requests

### LIVING:

Catechumen John R.; Catechumen Dan S.; Vicki M. (health); Della (Jeanne K.'s friend); David K. (Vicki M.'s nephew); Carol (Vicki M.'s sister, health); Maggie (Fran H.'s sister-in-law, health); Thomas (Fran H.'s husband, health); Jean (Lisa K.'s friend, cancer); Sophia (infant granddaughter of Lisa K.'s coworker, leukemia); Marlan A.; Mitri, Tina, and family; Courtney M. (health); Maggie W. (health); Ariel (Barbara H.'s daughter-in-law) and baby; Barbara H. (shoulder); Bp. Alexander (health); Met. Hilarion (cancer); Jeanne K. (health); Dorothy (Fran's mother); Elizabeth G. (heart); Fiona (Jane S.'s family friend); Elias (Lisa K.'s cousin, tumor); Mary (Jeff K.'s cousin, cancer); Christina (Lisa K.'s mother); Suad and Nasri (ill); Jack (Coleen's dad, for continued healing); Daniel (Mark R.'s son); Orthodox suffering from persecution; those suffering from war, illness, and disasters

### DEPARTED:

Those lost to illness or natural disasters  
Orthodox Christians and others recently murdered and killed during the fighting in the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere in the world



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
After-feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

## Today's Scripture Readings

### THE EPISTLE

*The Reading from the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (3:9-17)*

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's husbandry, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise architect I laid a foundation, and another builds upon it. Let each one take heed how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; everyone's work will become manifest; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire itself will test each one's work of what sort it is. If anyone's work which was built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet so as by fire. Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone corrupts the temple of God, God will corrupt him. For the temple of God is holy, whose temple you are.

### THE GOSPEL

*The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew (14:22-34)*

At that time, Jesus made the Disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds. And after He had dismissed the crowds, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. When evening 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.

## Words from the Saints

In the same way the grace of God is preserved by the practice of the commandments, and the observance of these commandments is laid down like foundations through the gift of God. The grace of the Spirit cannot remain with us without the practice of the commandments, but the practice of the commandments is of no help or advantage to us without the grace of God.



St. Symeon the New Theologian

