

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 3rd Sunday of Matthew Mark 16:9-20 Romans 5:1-10 Matthew 6:22-33	18 4th Monday after Pentecost Romans 9:18-33 Matthew 11:2-15	19 Thaddeus (Jude) the Apostle & Brother of Our Lord Jude 1:1-25 John 14:21-24	20 4th Wednesday after Pentecost Romans 11:2-12 Matthew 11:20-26	21 4th Thursday after Pentecost Romans 11:13-24 Matthew 11:27-30	22 4th Friday after Pentecost Romans 11:25-36 Matthew 12:1-8	23 4th Saturday after Pentecost Romans 6:11-17 Matthew 8:14-23
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- For Jeremy Grove, son of Deacon and Mary Grove, who is donating a kidney to Ike this week, and for the other donors involved in the chain, as well as the medical professionals who will perform the surgeries and after-care.
- For Tommy, Teri Tallent's brother, who is struggling with health issues.
- For Gabrielle Kusmiak, for continued healing
- For all those who are sick and suffering. May the Lord give them healing and peace.

Save the Dates!

- 6/16 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 6/17 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 Happy Father's Day!
- 6/23 Church Grounds Clean-up 8:30a
 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 6/24 Nativity of the Forerunner
 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 6/30 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/1 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/7 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/8 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/14 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/15 Sunday of the Holy Fathers
 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 7/21 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/22 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/28 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/29 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.



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Services Schedule:

Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM

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 3rd Sunday of Matthew - Happy Father's Day!

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When you descended to the realm of death You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead. All the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out, O life giving Christ and our God we give glory.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

Gospel Reading

3rd Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Isaurus the Holy Martyr & his Companions of Athens



The holy Martyr Isaurus, a deacon, and Basil and Innocent were from Athens. In the reign of Numerian (283-284), they came to Apollonia (most likely, the city in Illyricum); there encountering Felix, Peregrinus, and Hermias hidden in a cave, they strengthened them in their Faith. Betrayed to Tripontius the Proconsul, all but Isaurus and Innocent were beheaded; these last two Tripontius gave over to his son, Apollonius, who tormented them, and then had them beheaded.

Manuel, Sabel, & Ishmael the Martyrs of Persia



The holy Martyrs Manuel, Sabel, and Ishmael, Persians by race and brethren according to the flesh, were sent by the Persian King as ambassadors to Julian the Apostate to negotiate a peace treaty. While with him at a place near Chalcedon, they refused to join him in offering sacrifice to his idols. Scorning the immunity universally accorded ambassadors, he had them slain in the year 362. This was a cause of the war with Persia in which Julian perished miserably the following year.

Righteous Father Botolph, Abbot of the Monastery of Ikanhoe



Saint Botolph was born in Britain about the year 610 and in his youth became a monk in Gaul. The sisters of Ethelmund, King of East Anglia, who were also sent to Gaul to learn the monastic discipline, met Saint Botolph, and learning of his intention to return to Britain, bade their brother the King grant him land on which to found the monastery. Hearing the King's offer, Saint Botolph asked for land not already in any man's possession, not wishing that his gain should come through another's loss, and chose a certain desolate place called Ikanhoe. At his coming, the demons' inhabiting Ikanhoe rose up against him with tumult, threats, and horrible apparitions, but the Saint drove them away with the sign of the Cross and his prayer. Through his monastery he established in England the rule of monastic life that he had learned in Gaul. He worked signs and wonders, had the gift of prophecy, and "was distinguished for his sweetness of disposition and affability." In the last years of his life he bore a certain painful sickness with great patience, giving thanks like Job and continuing to instruct his spiritual children in the rules of the monastic life. He fell asleep in peace about the year 680. His relics were later found incorrupt, and giving off a sweet fragrance. The place where he founded his monastery came to be called "Botolphston" (from either "Botolph's stone" or "Botolph's town") which was later contracted to "Boston."

Alban the Protomartyr of Britain