

but leaving the icon unsinged. From the violent disturbance of the air, the icon was knocked to the floor, the poor-box broke open, and twelve copper coins adhered to the icon in various places; afterwards many miracles were worked by the grace of the holy icon.

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 8th Sunday of Matthew John 20:11-18 > I Corinthians 1:10-17 > Matthew 14:14-22 >	23 9th Monday after Pentecost I Corinthians 11:31-34:12-1-6 > Matthew 18:1-11 >	24 9th Tuesday after Pentecost I Corinthians 12:12-26 > Matthew 18:18-22:19-1-2:13-15 >	25 Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos Galatians 4:22-27 > Luke 8:16-21 >	26 Paraskeve the Righteous Martyr of Rome Galatians 3:23-29:4:1-5 > Mark 5:24-34 >	27 Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer II Timothy 2:1-10 > John 15:17-27:16:1-2 >	28 9th Saturday after Pentecost Acts 6:1-7 > Matthew 15:32-39 >
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- Baby Luke Ezekial Mongan, who is recovering at FMC and his parents, Danielle and Jaden Mongan, and his grandmother, Janet Rasmussen.
- For the grandfather of Benjamin Sandoval
- For the souls of Lew McCormick, Pete Kretsedemas, Helen Blumenthal, and Dan & Ellie Sexton. May their memory be eternal.
- For Amanda Willey, for continued healing

Save the Dates!

- 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.
 Commemoration of the deceased of the parish and Orthodox friends and relatives.
- 8/4 Flagstaff Family Food Center 3:30p-6:00p—contact Mary Grove
 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 8/5 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 8/11 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 8/12 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 8/18 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 8/19 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
- 8/25 Prospora Baking Class @ church 9:00a
 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
- 8/26 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



Bulletin for Sunday, July 22, 2018
8th Sunday of Matthew

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

O Lord by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ Our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world ever more.

Apolytikion for Mary Magdalene in the First Mode

When Christ God had been born for our sakes from the Virgin, thou faithfully didst follow him, keeping His statutes and heeding His sacred laws, O august Mary Magdalene. Hence, as we today observe thy holy remembrance, we receive the loosing of our sins and transgressions through thy holy prayers for us.

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 First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-17

Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Gospel Reading

8th Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

Markella, the Virgin-martyr of Chios



Saint Markella was born in the 14th century on the island of Chios and was the daughter of the mayor of her town. She was raised in the Christian faith by pious parents, but lost her mother at a young age. This was especially difficult for her father who fell into depression. The young Markella was devoted to Christ and strove to preserve her virginity, fighting off numerous temptations from the Devil. Seeing he could make no progress with Markella, the Evil One turned his attention to her father, and enflamed within him an unnatural lust for his daughter.

One day he declared his desire for her at which she ran away in tears and fear. Arriving at the edge of the water and with nowhere to run, a rock opened up for Markella to enter so that her lower half could be enclosed within the rock. When her father arrived in pursuit of her, he was furious to have been deprived of his desire and beheaded his daughter there. The miraculous rock remains on Chios in the church dedicated to Saint Markella the Virgin-Martyr and is said to spring healing waters.

Mary Magdalene, the Holy Myrrh-bearer and Equal to the Apostles



Saint Mary was from Magdala in Galilee on the Sea of Tiberias, and for this was named Magdalene. When the Lord Jesus cast out seven demons from her, from which she had been suffering, she became His faithful and inseparable disciple, following Him and ministering unto Him even to the time of His crucifixion and burial. Then, returning to Jerusalem together with the rest of the Myrrh-bearers, she prepared the fragrant spices for anointing the body of the Lord. And on the Lord's day they came very early to the tomb, even before the

Angels appeared declaring the Resurrection of the Lord. When Mary Magdalene saw the stone taken away from the tomb, she ran and proclaimed it to Peter and John. And returning immediately to the tomb and weeping outside, she was deemed worthy to be the first of the Myrrh-bearers to behold the Lord arisen from the dead, and when she fell at His feet, she heard Him say, "Touch Me not." After the Lord's Ascension, nothing certain is known concerning her. Some accounts say that she went to Rome and later returned to Jerusalem, and from there proceeded to Ephesus, where she ended her life, preaching Christ. Although it is sometimes said that Saint Mary Magdalene was the "sinful woman" of the Gospel, this is nowhere stated in the tradition of the Church, in the sacred hymnology, or in the Holy Gospels themselves, which say only that our Lord cast seven demons out of her, not that she was a fallen woman. "Madeleine" is a form of Magdalene.

Icon of the Mother of God



The Icon of the Mother of God "Joy of All That Sorrow" - As with so many other icons of the Theotokos, wonder-working copies of this icon have been found throughout Orthodox Russia, each with its own history and moving collection of miracles. In this icon, the most holy Mother of God is depicted standing full stature sometimes with, sometimes without the Divine Child in her arms; she is surrounded by all manner of the sick and the suffering, to whom Angels of the Lord bear gifts of mercy, consolation, and suitable aid from the most holy Theotokos. The

icon "Joy of all that Sorrow" was inspired by the hymn of the same name; see page 222 in Great Compline. Through one copy of this icon, the sister of Patriarch Joachim was healed at the end of the seventeenth century in Moscow, from which time the feast was established. Another copy of the icon was found in Saint Petersburg; on July 23, 1888, during the severe thunderstorm, lightning struck a chapel at a glass factory, burning the interior walls of the church,