

## Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> 1st Sunday of Luke > Luke 24:36-53 > Galatians 4:22-27 > Luke 5:1-11 >	<b>24</b> The Commemoration of the Miracle of the Theotokos Myrtilotissis in Kythra Luke 1:39-49, 56 > II Timothy 3:10-15 > Luke 5:12-16 >	<b>25</b> Tuesday of the 2nd Week Ephesians 5:20-25 > Luke 5:12-16 >	<b>26</b> The Falling Asleep of St. John the Evangelist and Theologian John 21:14-25 > I John 4:12-19 > John 19:25-27, 21:24-25 >	<b>27</b> Thursday of the 2nd Week Ephesians 5:33, 6:1-9 > Luke 6:12-19 >	<b>28</b> Chariton the Confessor > II Corinthians 4:6-15 > Luke 6:17-23 >	<b>29</b> Saturday of the 2nd Week Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2 > Luke 5:17-26 >
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

## Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- For the soul of our former parishioner Jessica Morris Sorren, and for her family.
- For Toula Howington, as she recovers from recent surgery.
- For our inquirers and catechumens, as they continue their discernment process, that the Spirit will open their hearts and minds and guide them.
- For those suffering the effects of Typhoon Mangkhut and those cleaning up after hurricane Florence..

## Save the Dates!

- 9/29 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p -6:15p @ church,  
Confessions ~6:15p
- 9/30 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.  
Church School begins 9:15a  
Monthly memorial service.  
Parish Picnic after Divine Liturgy at the church—Potluck, bring a dish to share!
- 10/6 Flagstaff Family Food Center 3:30p—6:00p. See Mary Grove.  
Baptisms / Chrismations  
Orthodoxy 101 cancelled for today
- 10/7 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.  
Church School begins 9:15a
- 11/18 Fall General Assembly
- 12/3 Commitment Sunday

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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The Conception of St. John the Baptist - First Sunday of Luke

## Hymns of The Day

### Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

From on High did You descend, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure, three days in the tomb that we may be, released from passions in this world, You who are our resurrection and our life Glory unto You O Lord.

### Apolytikion for Conception of the Forerunner in the Fourth Mode

Rejoice, O thou barren one who hadst not borne until now; for lo, in all truth thou hast conceived the lamp of the Sun, and he shall send forth his light over all the earth, which is afflicted with blindness. Dance, O Zacharias, and cry out with great boldness: The one to be born is the blest Prophet of God Most High.

### 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

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode, Psalm 63.11,1  
The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.  
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

### The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

## Gospel Reading

### The Reading is from Luke 5:1-11

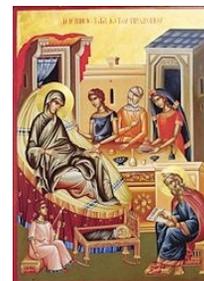
At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

## Saints and Feasts Commemorated



### 1st Sunday of Luke

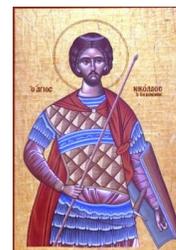
### The Conception of St. John the Baptist



This came to pass fifteen months before the birth of Christ, after the vision of the Angel that Zacharias, the father of the Forerunner, saw in the Temple while he executed the priest's office in the order of his course during the feast of the Tabernacles, as tradition bears witness. In this vision, the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Zacharias and said to him, "Thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (Luke 1:13). Knowing that Elizabeth was barren, and that both he and she were elderly, Zacharias did not believe what the Angel told him, although he had before him the example of Abraham and Sarah, of Hannah, mother of the Prophet Samuel, and of other barren women in Israel who gave birth by the power of God. Hence, he was condemned by the Archangel to remain speechless until the fulfilment of these words in their season, which also came to pass (Luke 1:7-24).



### John the New Martyr of Epiros



### Nicholas the New Martyr



### Xanthippe & Polyxene the Righteous