

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have any extra produce from your garden and would like to share it with other members of our church family, beginning next week through the growing/gardening season, please place it in baskets on table next to candle stand. If you would like to take any of the produce, please feel free to do so. If you would like to leave a donation to the church for the produce, it would be very welcome.

Our "Giving From the Heart" for the month of August will be school supplies. If you would like to donate and assist many students begin their new school year with supplies needed, a list of items suggested will be posted in the church lobby and in the coffee room.

AUGUST 7 DONATIONS:

For Health of (FHO): FAMILY: BONA CLEVSKA, ANGIE PANZOFF, TOM & KRISTINE EFTOFF; **FHO CHARLOTTE LYNN** 7 wks old & her b'day was supposed to be today, **& THE TRAVIS, REHN, RAYMER, WHEELER & SCHAFFER FAMILIES** - CHERYL & DONALD TRAVIS;

In Memory of (IMO): BORIS NICOLOFF – ANGIE PANZOFF;
IMO: JAMES KOSTOFF, WILLIAM ST. CLAIR, ALEXANDRA OVERBY CLARENCE OVERBY & BORIS NICOLOFF – CHRYL & DONALD TRAVIS

In Behalf of: SOTIRIOS & VASSO BEICOS – LEON & ROSE (BEICOS) VAINIKOS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUG 21 – Church Council Meeting

28 - BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY – PIZZA PARTY
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY

SEPT 4 – LADIES GUILD MEETING

11 - ODO MEAL AT STS. PETER & PAUL ORTHODOX
CATHEDRAL

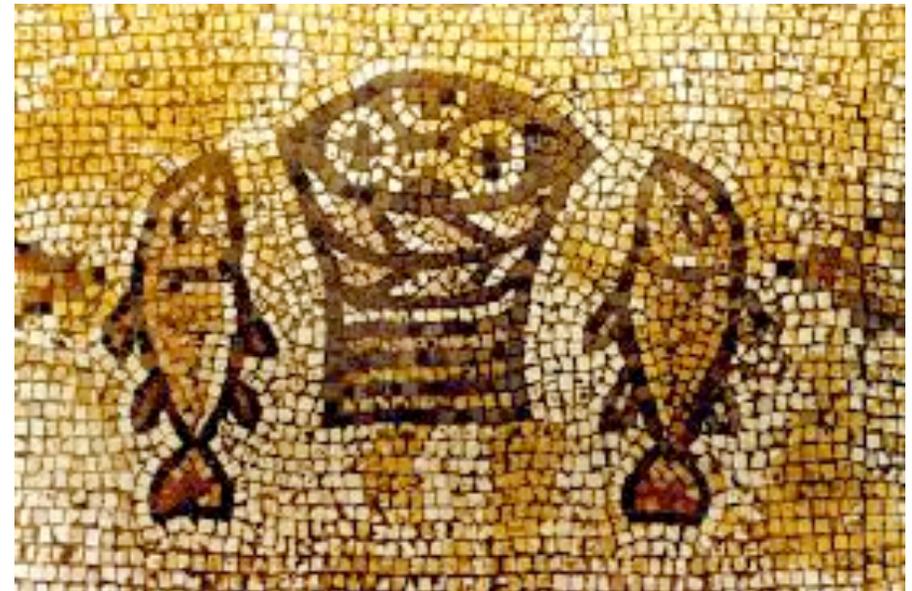
18 – BKFT. BBQ HONORING GRANDPARENTS

25 – Church Council Mtg.

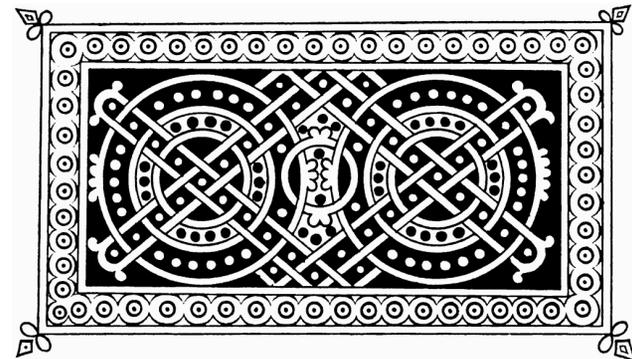
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Sunday, August 14, 2016
8TH Sunday after Pentecost



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle – 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Brothers and sisters, 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 Crispos 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. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Gospel – 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.

FROM: "OUR CALL TO RENEWAL"

Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, 1976

PERSONAL PRAYER: FOOTING FOR CORPORATE PRAYER. To accomplish our task of fidelity to God in the Church, our primary and essential duty is the practice of prayer. If we are not successful in our prayer we will not be successful in anything, for prayer is the root and ground of everything in the spiritual life. This is the teaching of our faith.

There is much talk about prayer today. Many books are written on the subject. There are discussions about places and methods and forms of prayer; much controversy about old ways and new ways of praying. In our spiritual lives we must resist the temptation first of all of merely thinking and talking about prayer, and not praying ourselves. We must resist the temptation of endless discussions about methods and techniques of prayer. These forms are not the substance of the matter. If we discuss these and fail in the practice of prayer, as taught us by the Lord and his saints and inspired in us by the Spirit of God in the life of the Church, nothing is achieved.

In the spiritual life our personal prayer should be the foundation of our corporate prayer in the liturgy of the Church. People who pray only when they go to church will be very weak in their prayer and will receive very little from the common prayer of the Church in its liturgical gatherings. The liturgical prayer of the Church is performed according to the traditional rule of worship which we have received from God through the saints. The psalmody and hymnology of liturgical prayer is the breathing of the Holy Spirit in the Church. It is the Word of God given to us for God's own glory. Every parish and every family and every person should be immersed in the liturgical prayer of the Church. The liturgical worship of the Church should be the context of our lives, the content of our spirits, the atmosphere in which we think and speak and act. As such it should be conducted simply, decently and in order, without any needless adornments and embellishments which detract from its divine purpose and power."

-Synod of Bishops,

Documents of the Orthodox Church in America, 1976