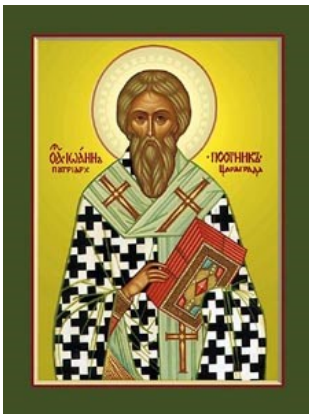


**September 2, 2018**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**St. John the Faster the Patriarch of Constantinople**

Saint Our Holy Father John was born in Constantinople, the Queen of Cities. At first he worked as a goldsmith, and everyone expected him to continue in that occupation. From his youth, however, he was inclined toward the monastic life. He also possessed a rare gift for continence and a natural love for fasting, and thus he was known as “the Faster.” Because of his reputation for virtue, he was ordained as a deacon by Patriarch John III, and later he received the grace of the priesthood. Saint John was found worthy to behold a vision which showed that he would become be a worthy recipient of God’s grace, for the spiritual enlightenment of his flock. He read the Holy Scriptures and other ecclesiastical books every day, thereby enriching his knowledge.



Once, when he was a young man, John was walking with Eusebius, an old monk from Palestine. Suddenly, a bodiless voice spoke to Eusebius: “Abba, do not walk to the right of the great John.” It was the voice of God, foretelling the great service to which John would shortly be called.

After the death of Patriarch Eutychius, Saint John was chosen to succeed him. He did not want to accept the office, but he was frightened by a heavenly vision, and so he consented. By the example of his own life he taught all believers to restrain their capricious desires and to control themselves. The hierarch was unable to abide his flock’s blatant disregard for the institutions of the Church. When the citizens of Constantinople decided to give in to their passions by attending a horse show in the Hippodrome on eve of the Feast of Pentecost, the hierarch fell on his knees before God and fervently prayed that the Lord would thwart their impious intention. As soon as the people began to make their way to the Hippodrome, a terrible storm arose with thunder, rain and hailstones so that everyone dispersed in fear and came to realize the inappropriateness of such entertainment.

St John was Patriarch of Constantinople from 582 - 595, and was the first to use the title “Ecumenical Patriarch.”

He was a great faster, intercessor and wonderworker right up to the time of his death. Distinguished for his abstinence and prayer, Saint John had such a love for the poor that he refused them nothing from his estate. After his death, his only personal possessions were found to be a wooden spoon, a linen shirt and an old garment. His writings on repentance and Confession are well known.

After a virtuous life of piety, during which he performed many miracles, Saint John reposed on September 2, 595. His grace-filled relics were entombed in the Church of the Holy Apostles. Saint John is also commemorated on August 30.

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**COMMEMORATIONS:**

MARTYR MAMAS (275), AND HIS PARENTS, MARTYRS  
THEODOTUS AND RUFINA (3RD C.)

ST. JOHN THE FASTER, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE  
(595)

STS. ANTHONY (1073) AND THEODOSIUS (1074) OF THE  
KIEV CAVES

NEW MARTYRS BARSUNUPHIUS, BISHOP OF KYRILOV,  
PRIEST JOHN, ABBESS SERAPHIMA OF THERAPONTOV  
CONVENT, AND ANATOLE, NICHOLAS, MICHAEL AND  
PHILIP (1918)

3,618 MARTYRS WHO SUFFERED AT NICOMEDIA (3RD-4TH  
C.)

**Tone 5 - Eothinon 3**

**Matins Gospel: St. Mark 16:9-20**

**Epistle: 2 Cor 1:21-2:4**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 22:2-14**

**RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for he took pleasure in ascending the cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection.**

**KONTAKION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS - Tone 4 - By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.**

**TODAY:** Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
40-Day Memorial for Chris Stavrou, 11:30 am  
Coffee Hour, 11:45 am  
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1 pm

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

PLEASE PARK ONLY IN DESIGNATED PARKING SPACES; OTHER AREAS MUST REMAIN FREE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS.

AMPLE PARKING is always available for Church Services in lots just across Clearview Road, thanks to our good neighbors at Solar Atmospheres. Thank you.

### Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Sept 9):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Kristi Moore	Tadessa
EPISTLE READER:	Raja Kyriakos	Irene Forrsen
ALTAR CANDLES:	Tinjala & Howanetz	---
GREETERS:	Celia-Marie K & Sharon Y	Nick & Martha Morelli
CLEANING TEAM:	Kim, Todd & Kristi	Teens
COFFEE HOUR:	Tinjala et al	AV Camp Donation

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

### SPECIAL APPEAL

Please consider making a special offering to the **Needy Fund**. The Fund has been put to good use recently and stands to be replenished! Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

#### Compline & Patristic Reading

Wednesday evenings (6 pm) beginning Sept 5

#### Feast of the Elevation of the Cross

STRICT FAST

Thursday, Sept 13 - Vespers & Artoklasia 7 pm

Friday, Sept 14 - Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am w/Fasting Luncheon to follow

#### International Food Festival

September 21-22

#### IOCC Presentation

September 30 after Liturgy

### Pray For:

#### Living

Bp Alexander  
Newly Illumined Anthony  
Baby Simeon  
Child Gregory  
Paul (M)  
James E  
Mat. Linda  
Hortense  
Mary K.  
R Maxime  
Lasha B  
Otari B  
Daniel H  
Elizabeth D  
Stephanie  
Thekla  
M. Emiliani  
Mebrat  
Aristidis  
John  
Kristen  
Thomas, Elizabeth & all  
Missionaries  
Tadessa, Eyala, Yorgo  
Suffering in Syria, Ethiopia,  
Egypt & unstable lands

#### Departed

Christina S  
Olga  
Helen  
Petre

#### St. Nina's List

Catechumens  
Tina, Rebecca,  
Evan  
New & Ex-  
pectant Mothers  
& children  
Couples prepar-  
ing for marriage  
Michael  
Richard

### Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)  
"Through love serve one another." (Gal 5:13)

### This Week:

Fr Noah to Lebanon (Sept 3-11); Fr James to Russia (Sept 6-Oct 2)  
Fr Daniel Meyer on call, Sept 6-11 (909-286-0814)

Monday, Sept 3: *Office closed for Labor Day.*

Tuesday, Sept 4: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.  
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Wed, Sept 5: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon  
Little Compline & Patristic Reading, 6 pm

Thurs, Sept 6: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Friday, Sept 7: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon  
Vespers, Artoklasia 6 pm, & Matins 7 pm for  
Nativity of the Theotokos  
Men's Campfire Fellowship, 8 pm

Saturday, Sept 8: FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS  
Liturgy 10 am, w/ Potluck Luncheon to follow  
VESPERS 6 p.m., Confession 7 pm

Sunday, Sept 9: ORTHROS 8:45 a.m., Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
Coffee Hour, SS, & Teens 11:45 am  
*Sunday School resumes!*  
Women of St. Philip, 12 pm  
Ethnic Dance Practice, 1-2 pm

**OUTREACH COLLECTION:** Cleaning Supplies.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE:** "I am not my thoughts."

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS for Aug 25-26 will be reported on next week's bulletin (Sept 9).

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS & GENEROSITY!