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'DISCIPLES FIRST CALLED THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS IN ANTIOCH.' ACTS 11:26

TONE 7/ EOTHINON 5

MARTYRS VICTOR AND SOSTHENES OF CHALCEDON; MARTYR MELITINA OF MARCIANOPOLIS
WELCOME!

We welcome all of our visitors who are praying with us today. We are eager to share with you our spiritual treasures, and invite you to join us for coffee-hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy. If you are a first-time visitor, please take a few minutes to sign our Guest Registry book and complete the white VISITORS INFORMATION CARD which may be found in the Narthex, and return it to an usher. As a friendly reminder, **only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer and recent Confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion. However all may come forward at end of Liturgy and receive blessed Holy Bread.** We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to St. Elias. If you have any questions, please see Fr. Elias.

أهلاً بكم!

نرحب بجميع زوارنا الذين يصلون معنا اليوم ونحرص على مشاركتكم في كنوزنا الروحية، وندعوكم للانضمام إلينا لتناول القهوة معنا في قاعة الكنيسة بعد القداس الإلهي. إذا كانت هذه أول زيارة لكم، يرجى أخذ القليل من الوقت لتوقيع سجل الزوار واستكمال بطاقة معلومات الزوار البيضاء والتي توجد في صحن الكنيسة، وإعادتها إلى أحد مرشدي الكنيسة. وكنذكير ودي، يُسمح فقط للمسيحيين الأرثوذكس الذين أعدوا أنفسهم بشكل صحيح من خلال الصوم والصلاة واعتراف من زمن قريب بالاقتراب من الكأس المقدسة لتناول القربان المقدس. ولكن يُسمح للجميع الاقتراب في نهاية القداس لاستلام الخبز المقدس المبارك. ونحن نتطلع للقائكم والترحيب بكم شخصياً في كنيسة مار الياس. يرجى توجيه الأسئلة إلى الأب الياس مباشرة.

WORSHIPPING THE ALL-HOLY GOD

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite."

PRAYER ON ENTERING THE CHURCH

I WILL COME INTO THY HOUSE IN THE MULTITUDE OF THY MERCY: AND IN THY FEAR I

WILL WORSHIP TOWARD THY HOLY TEMPLE. Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before me, that with a clear mind I may glorify thee forever, One Divine Power worshipped in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

O Lord, sanctify those who love the beauty of your house.

When you enter the church, please remember that the church is a place of worship. Please do not disturb others as they worship God. **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES.**

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

GREAT-MARTYR EUPHEMIA THE ALL-PRAISED

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

O God, my God, attend to me; why hast Thou forsaken me? Far from my salvation are the words of my transgressions.

إِلَهِي إِلَهِي أَنْظِرْ إِلَيَّ لِمَاذَا تَرَكْتَنِي؟ لِمَاذَا ابْتَعَدْتَ عَنِّي وَعَنْ كَلِمَاتِ أُنْبِي؟

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

(اللازمة) بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَهِيِّ يَا مُخَلِّصُ خَلِّصْنَا.

My God, I will cry by day, and wilt Thou not hearken? And by night, and it shall not be unto folly for me. But as for Thee, Thou dwellest in the sanctuary, O Praise of Israel. (Refrain)

إِلَهِي أَنَا فِي النَّهَارِ أَصْرُخُ إِلَيْكَ فَلَا تَسْتَجِيبُ، أَمَا أَنْتَ يَا مِدْحَةَ إِسْرَائِيلَ فَتَسْكُنُ فِي الْأَقْدَاسِ. (اللازمة)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

أَلْمَجْدُ الْآنَ (اللازمة)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

O God, why hast Thou cast us off unto the end? Remember Thy congregation which Thou hast purchased from the beginning.

اللَّهُمَّ لِمَاذَا أَفْصَيْتَنَا إِلَى الْأَبَدِ؟ أَدْكُرُ جَمَاعَتَكَ الَّتِي أَقْتَنَيْتَ مِنْذُ الْقَدَمِ.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who was crucified in the flesh; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

(اللازمة) خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ صَلَّبَ عَنَّا بِالْجَسَدِ، إِذْ نَزَلْتَ لَكَ. هَلْلُويَا.

This is Mount Zion wherein Thou hast dwelt. (Refrain)

جَبَلُ صِهْيُونَ هَذَا الَّذِي فِيهِ سَكَنْتَ. (اللازمة)

God is our King before the ages. He hath wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Refrain)

اللَّهُ هُوَ مَلِكُنَا مِنْذُ الْقَدَمِ، صَنَعَ الْخَلَاصَ فِي وَسْطِ الْأَرْضِ. (اللازمة)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

أَلْمَجْدُ ... الْآنَ ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْابْنَ الْوَحِيدِ...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

The Lord reigneth, let the people rage; He sitteth upon the cherubim, let the earth be shaken. The Lord is great in Zion; and He is high above all peoples. Let them confess Thy great Name, for it is terrible and holy.

الرَّبُّ قَدْ مَلَكَ فَلْتَرْتَعِدِ الشُّعُوبُ، وَأَسْتَوِي عَلَى الشَّرُوبِيمِ فَلْتَنْزَلْزِلِ الْأَرْضَ. الرَّبُّ عَظِيمٌ فِي صِهْيُونَ وَمُتَعَالٍ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الشُّعُوبِ. فَلْيَحْمَدُوا اسْمَكَ الْعَظِيمِ لِأَنَّهُ رَهيبٌ وَقُدُوسٌ.

APOLYTIKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE ONE

O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance, granting to Thy people victory over all their enemies, and by the power of Thy Cross preserving Thy commonwealth.

خَلَّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيراثَكَ، وَأَمْنَحْ عبيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الغَلْبَةَ عَلَى الشَّرِّيرِ، وَأَحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلْبِكَ جَمِيعَ الْمُخْتَصِّينَ بِكَ.

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF ORDINARY SUNDAYS

Come, let us worship, and fall down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

الايصوديكون

هلم لنسجد ونركع للمسيح ملكنا والهنا، خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من قام من بين الاموات، لنرتل لك هلوليا.

After the Little Entrance:

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

حَطَمْتَ بِصَلْبِكَ المَوْتَ، وَفَتَحْتَ لِلصَّ الفِرْدَوْسَ، وَحوَلْتَ نوحَ حَامِلَاتِ الطَّيِّبِ، وَأَمَرْتَ رُسُلَكَ أَنْ يَكْرِزُوا، بِأَنَّكَ قَدْ قُمْتَ أَيُّهَا المَسِيحُ الإلهُ، مَانِحاً العَالَمَ الرَّحْمَةَ العُظْمَى.

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APOLYTIKION OF ST. EUPHEMIA IN TONE FOUR (Joseph was amazed**)**

O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy.

نَعْبُدُكَ يَا يَسُوعُ نَصْرُحُ نَحْوَكِ بِصَوْتِ عَظِيمٍ قَائِلَةً: يَا خَتَنِي، إِنِّي أَشْتاقُ إِلَيْكَ، وَأَجَاهِدُ طَالِبَةً إِلَيْكَ، وَأَصْلُبُ وَأُدْفَنُ مَعَكَ بِالمَعْمُودِيَّةِ، وَأَمُوتُ عَنكَ لِكَيْ أَحْيَا بِكَ. لَكِنْ كَذْبِيحَةٍ لَا عَيْبَ فِيهَا، تَقَبَّلِ التِّي بِشَوْقٍ قَدْ ذُبِحَتْ لَكَ. فَبِشْفَاعَاتِهَا خَلِّصْ نُفُوسَنَا.

TROPARION OF THE PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH TONE 4:

O Angelic of body the founder and corner stone of the prophets, the second forerunner of the advent of Christ, O Elias, venerable and glorious, thou didst send grace from heaven to thy disciple Elisha to dispel diseases and to purify lepers wherefore he abounds with healing to all those who honor him.

أَيُّهَا المَلَكُ بِالجِسْمِ قَاعِدَةُ الأنبياءِ وَرُكْنُهُم، السَّابِقُ الثَّانِي لِحُضُورِ المَسِيحِ، إِلْيَاسَ المَجِيدِ المَوْقِرِ، لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْتَ النِّعْمَةَ مِنَ العُلَى لِأَلْيَسَعَ لِيَطْرُدَ الأَسْقَامَ وَيَطْهَرَ البَرَصَ، لِذَلِكَ يُفِيضُ الأَشْفِيَّةَ بِمَكْرَمِيهِ دَائِماً

KONTAKION OF THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS IN TONE FOUR

(**Thou Who wast raised up**)

Do Thou, Who of Thine own good will was lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new Nation which is called by Thy Name; make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

يَا مَنْ عَلَى الصَّلِيبِ أَرْتَفَعَ طَوْعًا، اِمْنَحْ رَأْفَاتِكَ شَعْبَكَ الْجَدِيدَ، اَلْمُسَمَّى بِكَ أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ اَلْإِلَه. وَفَرِّحْ بِقُوَّتِكَ عِبِيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، فَتَمَنِّحَهُمُ الْفَوْزَ عَلَى مُحَارِبِيهِمْ، وَلْتَكُنْ مَعُونَتَكَ لَهُمْ سِلَاحَ سَلَامٍ، وَظَفْرًا لَا يُفْهَرُ.

Today's Reader : Ronda Akl

Priest: Let us attend.

**Reader: O Lord, how manifold are Thy works.
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

Priest: Wisdom

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (2:16-20)

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

Priest: Let us attend.

Reader: Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. Even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the Law died to the Law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

مَا أَعْظَمَ أَعْمَالِكَ يَا رَبُّ كُلُّهَا بِحِكْمَةٍ صَنَعْتَ

بَارِكِي يَا نَفْسِي الرَّبَّ

فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولْسِ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ غَلَاطِيَّةِ

يَا إِخْوَةٌ، إِذْ نَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، بَلْ إِنَّمَا بِالْإِيمَانِ بِبِسُوعِ الْمَسِيحِ. أَمَّا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا بِبِسُوعِ الْمَسِيحِ، لِكَيْ نُبَرَّرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ بِالْمَسِيحِ، لَا بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ، إِذْ لَا يُبَرَّرُ بِأَعْمَالِ النَّامُوسِ أَحَدٌ مِنْ دُونِ الْجَسَدِ فَإِنَّ كُنَّا وَنَحْنُ طَالِبُونَ التَّبَرُّيرَ بِالْمَسِيحِ وَجِدْنَا نَحْنُ أَيْضًا خَطَاةً، أَفَيَكُونُ الْمَسِيحُ إِذْنًا خَادِمًا لِلْخَطِيئَةِ؟ حَاشَى فَإِنِّي إِنِ عُدْتُ أَبْنِي مَا قَدْ هَدَمْتُ، أَجْعَلُ نَفْسِي مُتَعَدِّيًا لِأَنِّي بِالنَّامُوسِ مِتُّ لِلنَّامُوسِ لِكَيْ أَحْيَا نَحْنُ مَعَ الْمَسِيحِ صُلِبْتُ، فَأَحْيَا، لَا أَنَا، بَلِ الْمَسِيحُ يَحْيَا فِيَّ. وَمَالِي مِنَ الْحَيَاةِ فِي الْجَسَدِ أَنَا أَحْيَا فِي إِيمَانِ ابْنِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَحَبَّنِي، وَبَدَلَ نَفْسَهُ عَنِّي.

Priest: Peace be to you Reader.

PLEASE STAND!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Reader: Nabil Jabaji

Priest: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. (8:34-9:1)

(For Sunday after the Elevation of the Holy Cross)

The Lord said, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for

My sake and the Gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." And He said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

فَصَلِّ شَرِيفًا مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ مَرْفَسِ الْإِنْجِيلِيِّ الْبَشِيرِ وَالتَّلْمِيزِ الطَّاهِرِ
 قَالَ الرَّبُّ: مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يَتَّبِعَنِي فَلْيَكْفُرْ بِنَفْسِهِ وَيَحْمِلْ صَلِيبَهُ وَيَتَّبِعَنِي. لِأَنَّ مَنْ أَرَادَ أَنْ يُخَلِّصَ نَفْسَهُ
 يُهْلِكُهَا، وَمَنْ أَهْلَكَ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ أَجْلِ وَمِنْ أَجْلِ الْإِنْجِيلِ يُخَلِّصُهَا فَإِنَّهُ مَاذَا يَنْتَفِعُ الْإِنْسَانُ لَوْ رَبِحَ الْعَالَمَ كُلَّهُ
 وَخَسِرَ نَفْسَهُ؟ أَمْ مَاذَا يُعْطِي الْإِنْسَانُ فِدَاءً عَنْ نَفْسِهِ؟ لِأَنَّ مَنْ يَسْتَحِي بِي وَيَكْلِمِي فِي هَذَا الْجِيلِ الْفَاسِقِ
 الْخَاطِئِ، يَسْتَحِي بِهِ ابْنُ الْبَشَرِ مَتَى أَتَى فِي مَجْدِ أَبِيهِ مَعَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَقَالَ لَهُمْ: الْحَقُّ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ إِنَّ
 قَوْمًا مِنَ الْقَائِمِينَ هَهُنَا لَا يَذُقُونَ الْمَوْتَ حَتَّى يَرَوْا مَلَكُوتَ اللَّهِ قَدْ أَتَى بِقُوَّةٍ.

Megalynarion:

It is truly meet ...

Koinonikon (Communion Hymn)

Praise ye the Lord from the Heavens; praise ye Him in the highest. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**FEAST OF THE ELEVATION OF THE
 HOLY CROSS**

PROCESSION: CHOIR SINGS HOLY GOD, HOLY MIGHTY, HOLY IMMORTAL
 HAVE MERCY ON US. (REPEAT UNTIL FR. GOES AROUND TABLE 3
 Times)

PRIEST: Wisdom Let us Attend

PRIEST: O Lord Save Thy People and Bless etc. (1 time)

CHOIR: O Lord Save Thy people etc. (2 Times)

PRIEST: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to the multitude of thy
 mercies. Of thee we ask; grant and have mercy.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (100 times)

PRIEST: And also we ask for the sake of our rulers of true worship, their
 victory, preservation, health and their salvation.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (100 times)

PRIEST: And also we pray for our Archbishop () and all our brethren
 in Christ.

CHOIR: Lord have Mercy (100 times)

PRIEST: Also we pray for all the Orthodox Christians [especially for the
 servants of God....], for their health, Salvation, and the for
 givenness of their sins.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (100 times)

PRIEST: Again we pray for all those who serve, and those who have
 served in this holy Church of Christ, for their salvation, health
 and the forgiveness of their sins.

CHOIR: Lord have mercy (100 times)

CHOIR: Do thou, who of thine own good will wast elevated upon the
 Cross, bestow thy bounties upon the new people, which is called by thy
 Name, O Christ our God; make glad with thy might our believing rulers,
 granting them victory over their adversaries, May thine aid be a weap
 on of peace, a trophy invincible.

PRIEST: Before Thy Cross..... (1 time) 6

CHOIR: Before Thy Cross...(2 times

CHANTER: (read) Come, ye believers, let us adore the Life-giving Tree, whereon when Christ the King of Glory stretched his hands, he lifted us to the first bliss, us whom the ancient enemy having led captive by desire drove away from God. Come, ye believers, let us adore the Tree through which we were made worthy to crush the heads of invisible enemies. Come, all ye nations of the earth, let us honor with songs of praise the Cross of the Lord, crying, Peace be upon thee, O Cross, O perfection of the redemption of fallen Adam; for in thee do our kings of steadfast faith glory, since by thy might, they subjugate the barbarian people mightily. Wherefore, as we Christians greet thee in fear, we glorify God nailed upon thee, saying, O Lord who wast crucified thereon have mercy upon us, since thou art good and the lover of mankind.

PRIEST: Glory to thee.....etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Holy Bread of Oblations today is being offered by Souhel and Vicky Shehadeh** for the spiritual and physical well being of Souhel & Vicky Shehadeh, Abeir & Dave, Briana & Nicholas Lampman, Samer & Sianna, Ella Shehadeh, Nimer Shehadeh, **Also being offered in loving memory of** Nimer Nicola Shehadeh, Farha Shehadeh, Nicola Shehadeh, Elias Shehadeh, Mofeed Shehadeh, Souad Kinani, Qust Sousou, Jalileh Sousou, Hanna Sousou, Fauszi Sousou, Allmaza Allouh. May their memories be eternal.
- **Please pray for all the sick** and suffering, hospitalized and shut-ins of our community, especially, Salwa Musallam, Ramzi Khairallah, Mohammad Tadros, Hanna Khader, Violette Humsi, Nick Tadros, Elias Sawalha, Sami Tawil, Salwa Makhlof, Joseph Jacobs, Lutfi Sal-loum, Evelyn Gabriel.
- **It is with deepest sadness that we inform you of the falling asleep in the Lord our beloved Kh. Manal Dahdouh**, wife of our former pastor, Father George Dahdouh. Father Elias, the Parish Council, and the parishioners of St. Elias extend our deepest sympathies to her dearly beloved husband, Fr. George, and their children Andrew and Mary and their families. May her memory be eternal.
- **SUNDAY HOLY BREAD** Sept. 23rd, Dona Savage and family, Salim Saba & family, 1 year memorial for their son/brother, Elias Saba; Sept. 30th Elia and Nuha Sousou.
- **For Announcements, Oblations and Trisagions for the Bulletin**, the deadline is Tuesday evening. Please send your emails to church: steliasny@aol.com and to Sheila: sahmaz@twcny.rr.com
- **Parishioners-** If you have not been receiving email from St. Elias and would like to, please give your current email to Dona Savage. Also, if you have moved we need to update your address and phone number. We are attempting to update our database.
- **Please keep your church pledges up-to-date.** We thank all those who have increased their offering. May God reward you with abundance.
- **Teen SOYO will be selling mums and apples today.** Please help this fund raiser for the Delegates meeting and future meetings. Your help is appreciated.
- **Basil for today's service was donated by Mai Makhlof** for the health and well being of her parents and family.
- **FALL RETREAT- SEPTEMBER 21-23 Host Parish- St. Elias Cathedral, Ottawa.**
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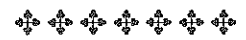
SCHEDULE/DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 9/19

Parish Council Meeting



AN ICON OF CHRIST



Most Churches that are built in the Byzantine style of the East contain a huge dome in the center. The icon usually painted on the ceiling of such domes is called "The Pantocrator" – Christ the Ruler of All. It depicts Jesus as the One who governs the destiny of the universe.

These icons, often rendered in huge proportions to fill the cupola areas, depict our Lord Jesus Christ seated on a throne. He is the King of Glory. His right hand is normally raised in blessing, while in His left He holds the Gospel Book, usually opened to such a verse as "Come unto Me all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Sometimes a composite text is used, as from John and Matthew: "Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgement. For with what judgement you judge, you shall be judged."

Symbols of the Evangelists who proclaimed the Gospel to the four corners of the earth are rendered on the four corners of the icon. The man represents Matthew, the lion, Mark; the eagle, John and the bull, Luke. Cherubim, Seraphim and stars can be included in the geometric pattern.

Great spiritual truths are involved in the concept of the Pantocrator. He is the Master, the Ruler, the Lord of all things. Nothing happens without His knowledge. His eyes see all things, even the dark secrets in the heart of man; His ears hear all things, and He knows the motive behind all that is done. Jesus reigns on the Throne, but with compassion for us that is beyond expression. No wonder that on the highest part of the church we place the image of our Lord.

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Saturday: Vespers at 4:30 PM followed by confession

Sunday: Orthros at 9:30 AM & Divine Liturgy at 10:30 AM

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