SYNAXARION: Apodosis of the Feast of the Forerunner; Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Phanti-nos the Righteous of Calabria; 16 Monk-martyrs of Thebes; 6 Martyrs of Melitene; The Synaxis of the Holy Hierarchs of Serbia; The Holy New Martyrs of Serbia; Fiacre the Hermit of Meaux

Resurrectional Apolytikon (3rd tone): Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. John the Baptist: The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you O Forerunner the witness of the Lord is sufficient. You have proved to be truly more venera-ble than the prophets. Since you were granted to baptize in the river, the One Whom they pro-claimed. Therefore, you strove for truth, proclaiming with joy the Good News, even to those in Hades: that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sins of the world, and grants to us His great mercy.

Kontakion of the Birth of the Theotokos: Ἰωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἁγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἔορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σου· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἠμῶν.
Epistle Reading is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast -- unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Gospel Reading is from Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."
### Upcoming Services & Events

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### Fifty-Two Verses in Fifty-Two Weeks: The Bible Project

**August 30-September 5**

*I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord.*

*Psalm 130: 5-6*

Everyone’s patience is wearing thin. The wait for the Covid-19 pandemic to pass seems like it is taking a long time. Where is our hope? Is it in Fox News? CNN? The outcome of the election? Inevitably, anywhere we put our hope except in God is ultimately going to lead to disappointment. There are two takeaways from this verse. First, the concept of waiting is becoming more foreign to us. If we can’t get on a website in two seconds, we are annoyed. We don’t have to wait to have cash in our wallets, we can pay now on credit and figure out how to pay later. We live in an instant gratification society. And when we aren’t gratified immediately, we become impatient. When we become impatient, we get angry. When we get angry, we act without our full faculties or with reason. And when we act without reason or our full faculties, we make mistakes. A little bit of patience can go a long way. Secondly, what are we waiting for? Ultimately, we are waiting for the kingdom of God, we are waiting to go to heaven. Of course, we are not supposed to do nothing with our lives. We are supposed to spend the waiting period of our lives preparing ourselves by experiencing God, sharing Him with others, staying obedient to the commandments and serving others. If we obsessed with waiting for material things, like buying a house or retiring or getting married, or seeing our children go to college, how will we react when those things don’t happen for whatever reason? The primary “wait” has to be for the Lord. And our primary hope has to be in Him as well. Why? Because in our human condition, when we wait for each other, we inevitably are disappointed because we are all imperfect. We wait for and hope in the perfect God, but surviving and serving the imperfect man in the imperfect world.
Update and Announcements

**Date Change for GOYA** - The GOYA Kickoff Meeting will be on Sunday, September 13, (it has previously been scheduled for August 30)

**Men’s Group to Kick off on Sunday, August 30 at 5:00 p.m.** - Our men’s group will be meeting via zoom on Sunday, August 30, from 5:00-6:00 p.m. If you were part of the group last year, you’ll receive a zoom link. A zoom link will also go out via constant contact this week. If you want to add your name to the list, please email Fr. Stavros at frstav@gmail.com. All men of our parish are welcome to participate.

**College student addresses**—If you have college students or are a college student, please send your school address, phone number and email to the church office by the end of August.

**Adopt a college student**—We started an adopt a college student program last year. We will be contacting all those who had college students they “adopted” last year and making sure you want to continue, as well as reorganizing which students are still in college, who is new to college, who has graduated college, etc. If you would like to participate and adopt a college student, please send your name to Father Stavros and Charlie by August 15. If you were part of this program last year, you don’t have to contact us, we will be contacting you.

**Sunday School will being virtually on Sunday, September 13.** Please CLICK HERE to Sign Up.

**Collection for IOCC for Beirut Explosion** - We are going to be send a check to IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities) for relief for the victims of the explosion in Beirut. We plan to send this check by September 1.

**Collection for IOCC for Hurricane Laura Relief and for the California Fires** - IOCC also is involved in disaster relief on the Gulf coast for Hurricane Laura and for those displaced by the fires in California. Each year in our budget, we provide for disaster relief. Additional contributions are welcome. For 2020, we will be sending funds to IOCC for the Beirut explosion, the California Fires (to be sent on September 30) and for Hurricane Laura recovery (to be sent September 15).

**Click here to make a donation**

**Prayer List:** Lord Jesus Christ, Physician of our Souls and Bodies, visit and heal your servants: Kathy & Andrew Bouzinekis; Anastasia; Amanda, Andrew, Colton, Miranda, Charlotte Elizabeth, Nuha, Nabeel, Michael, Amal, John, Elaine, Olga, Virginia Georgiou, Ron Myer, Toula Tsauros, Fr. Pat Legato, Nellie Pringle, Robert Calbi, Yolanda Webb, Angela Bougas, Tony Ekonomou, Ron, Jason Vickers, Rex Garrison, Tina Chakonas, Ann Demas, Alex Martinez, Adriana Martinez, Aaron Martinez, Christina Noel Kouzes Houck, Evangeline Xeroteres, Nichole Ross, Daniel Ross, Daniella Ross, Ashley Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Chris, Debbie, James, Avery, Lily, Jacob, Jesse, Ann, Rosario, Antonia Caffentzis, Alissa, John, Angela, Joey, Christine Scourtes, Steven, Matthew & Family, Phyllis, John Zelatis, Reagan, Peter Zaharis, Alexandra Ferrarolis, Leon & Despina Botham, Cindy Xenick, Mary Ellen Evdemon, Marie Sofia Panagopoulos, Maria Hursey, Chris Vamvaktas, John Myer, Mike Trimis, Robert and Alice Stoccardo, John Alexander, Michael Romero, George Hambos, Dean Kondilis and Family, Bill and Nancy Manikas, Patricia Costello, Anastasia Smyrnakis, Ekaterina & Anna Shushaalykova, Dora Kououdoua, Ana Mourer, Debbie Phelps, Mary Voykin, David Voykin, Anne Sakellaris, Denise Badrane, Sia Blankenship, Don Payne, Zhanem Temelkova, Stanislava Tereziva, James, Jude and all victims of war, terrorism, crime, natural disaster, and all of whom we are unaware.