

CALENDAR

Sunday 8/31:

12th Sunday of Matthew

8:30a Orthros (Matins)

9:45a Divine Liturgy

5:30p Great Vespers

Monday 9/1:

The Indiction:

Ecclesiastical New Year

8:45a Orthros (Matins)

9:45a Divine Liturgy

Tuesday 9/2:

Martyr Mammias

Wednesday 9/3: STRICT FAST
Anthimos, Bishop of Nicomedeia

Thursday 9/4:

Moses the Prophet & Godseer

7:00p Greek Festival Committee

Friday 9/5: STRICT FAST

Zacharias the Prophet

Saturday 9/6:

**Miracle by Archangel Michael
in Chonai (Colossae)**

Sunday 9/7:

Sunday Before the Elevation

8:30a Orthros (Matins)

9:45a Divine Liturgy

Monday 9/8:

Nativity of the Most-Holy Theotokos
[Services at St. George, Prescott]

8:00a Orthros (Matins)

9:00a Divine Liturgy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ We are planning a special celebration for our **Parish Feast Day** in two weeks. On Saturday, Sep. 13, we will have Great Vespers, *Artoklasia* and a veneration of our relic of the Holy Cross. This service will begin at 4:00p, and be followed by a Reception. We need volunteers to help prepare food for the reception, please see Toula Howington or Tammy Kretsedemas for details.
- ♦ Fr. Andreas is leaving for his annual vacation on Wednesday, Sep. 3, returning on Saturday, Sep. 13. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Fr. Jeffrey Frate, the priest at St. George Church in Prescott, 928.777.8750.

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wrath. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian
On Admonition & Repentance

Daily Scripture Readings: September 1 thru 6

Mon: 1Ti 2:1-7; Lk 4:16-22

Tue: 2Co 8:16-9:5; Mk 3:13-21

Wed: 2Co 9:12-10:7; Mk 3:20-27

Thu: 2Co 10:7-18; Mk 3:28-35

Fri: 2Co 11:5-21; Mt 14:13-28

Sat: Heb 2:2-10; Lk 10:16-21



HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



METROPOLIS OF
SAN FRANCISCO

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW: THE DEPOSITION OF THE PRECIOUS BELT OF THE MOST-HOLY THEOTOKOS IN CONSTANTINOPLE AT HER VENERABLE TEMPLE AT CHALKOPRATEIA. August 31, 2014

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased that you have joined us today. In order to receive Holy Communion in the Greek Orthodox Church, one must be Baptized and/or Chrismated in the Christian Orthodox Faith. The Orthodox Church understands Holy Communion as a sign of unity. If you are interested in learning more about Christian Orthodoxy, please contact our priest, Father Andreas. Communicants should prepare themselves through fasting, prayer and confession. All Christians are invited to come forward at the dismissal of the Divine Liturgy to receive the holy bread, called *Antidoron*, which is offered to everyone as a blessing when they leave.

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TROPARIA AND READINGS

Resurrectional Apolytikion 3rd Mode

Let all things above in heav'n 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 redeeming mercy.

Apolytikion of the Deposition Plagal 4th Mode

O Ever-Virgin Theotokos, shelter of mankind, thou hast bestowed upon thy people a mighty investure, even thine immaculate body's raiment and sash, which by thy seedless childbirth have remained incorrupt; for in thee nature and time are made new. Wherefore, we implore thee to grant peace to the world, and great mercy to our souls.

Holy Cross Church Hymn 1st 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.

Hymn of the Church in Greek & phonetics

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

SO-son KEE-ri-e ton la-ON soo, keh ev-LO-ye-e-son teen klee-ro-no-MEE-an soo, NEE-kas tees va-see-lef-SEE ka-TA var-VAR-on tho-ROO-me-nos, keh to son fee-LA-ton thi-A too stav-ROO soo po-LEE-tev-ma.

Kontakion of the Theotokos Plagal 2nd Mode

Your God-bearing womb, Theotokos, was girded by your precious cincture, which is an invincible strength for your city and an inexhaustible treasury of good things, O you who alone gave birth yet remained a virgin.

1st Eothinon Orthros Reading: Gospel according to St. Matthew 28:16-20

At that time, the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age. Amen"

TROPARIA AND READINGS

Apostolic Reading: St. Paul's Letter to Hebrews 9:1-7

Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Holy Gospel Reading: Gospel according to St. Matthew 19:16-24

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."