

17th Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 19.

Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon.
Hours and Divine Liturgy: 9:10 a.m. Vespers and Matins: 3:50 p.m.

Monday, September 20. Great Martyr Eustathius.

*Midnight office, Hours and Divine Liturgy: 6:00 a.m.
Vespers and Matins: 4:30 p.m.*

Tuesday, September 21. Apostle Quadratus. Saint Dimitry of Rostov.

Leave-taking of the Elevation of the Cross.
Midnight office, Hours and Divine Liturgy: 6:00 a.m.

Vespers and Matins: 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday September 22. Hieromartyr Phocas. Prophet Jonah.

*Midnight office, Hours and Divine Liturgy: 6:00 a.m.
Vespers and Matins: 4:30 p.m.*

Thursday, September 23.

Conception of Saint John the Baptist.
Midnight office, Hours and Divine Liturgy: 6:00 a.m.

Vigil for All Saints: 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 24. **All Saints of Alaska.**

Saint Silouan the Athonite. Fish, Wine, and Oil.
Hours and Divine Liturgy: 6:40 a.m.

Vigil for St. Sergius: 4:00 p.m.

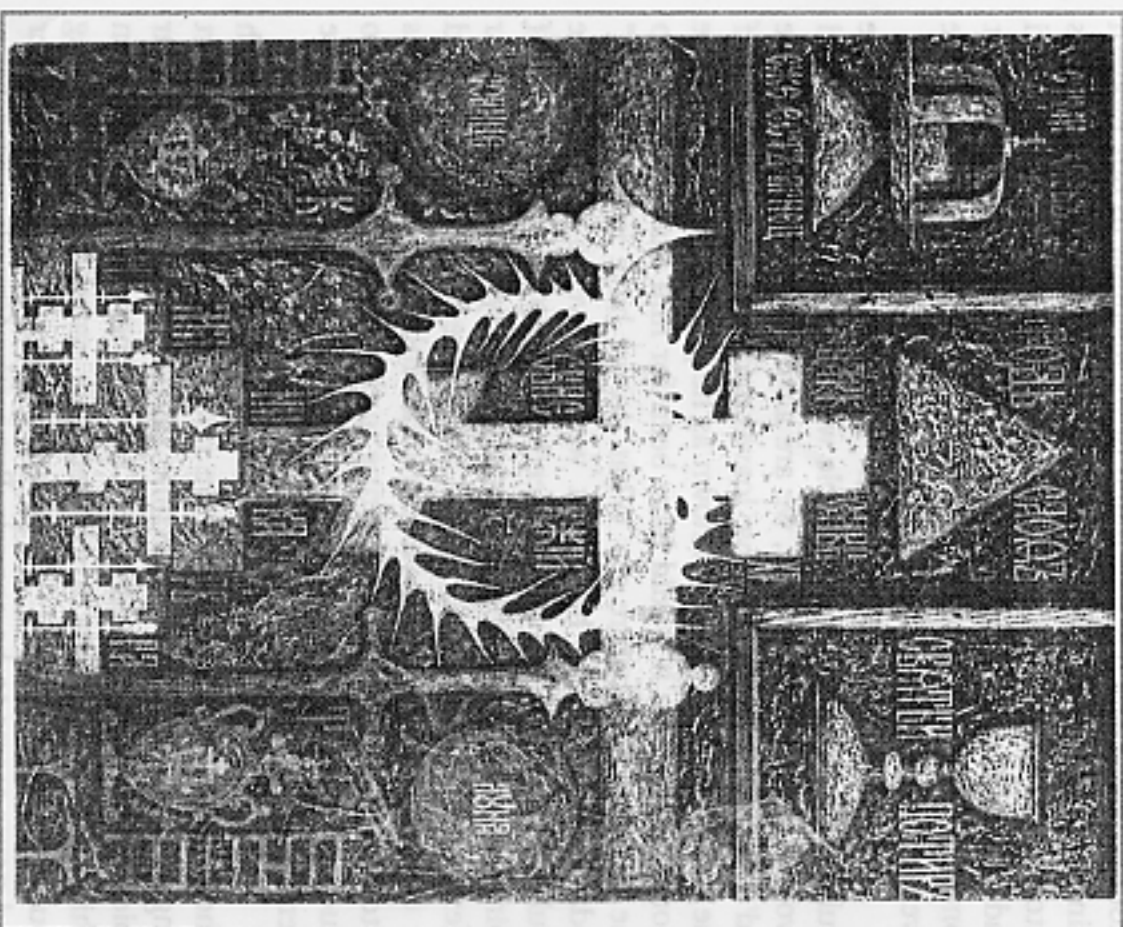
Saturday, September 25.

Repose of Venerable Sergius of Radonezh.
Hours and Divine Liturgy: 7:40 a.m. Resurrection Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 26.

Repose of Saint John the Theologian.
Hours and Divine Liturgy: 9:10 a.m. Vespers and Matins: 3:50 p.m.

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September 19th-26th, 2010
Week of the Feasts of St. Sergius and All
Saints of Alaska

Homily on the Feeding of the Multitude

Bread. When we mention this word, bread, many of us think of a white, styrofoam like substance, that is packaged in a hygienic plastic bag (and is) connected with the name 'Wonder.' Indeed, it is a wonder that this basic symbol of life for thousands of years has lost much of its meaning to our modern minds. It is only when we ourselves put our time and talents into actually making bread can we then begin to understand and appreciate a piece of nourishing, well-made bread that comes hot from the oven and fills the whole house with the sweet aroma of life in this world.

In the Gospel, we hear of Christ Who feeds the multitude of five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fishes. In John's Gospel, we are also told that it was 'a little lad' that had brought the five loaves and two fishes. Imagine if the young boy would have known as he packed his lunch in the morning what use it would have been for him that day! And so the question lies before us: What do we have in our "lunch" today? What do we have that we can give to Christ to see multiplied and to be used to feed and help the multitudes of spiritually starving people in this world today? This is about our life: that is, our time, our talents, our prayers, our resources and it even leads to our own personal fulfillment. It often is astounding that whatever we bring to the Church, it becomes so much more in the community of the Body of Christ than if we were by ourselves.

Think for a moment of a rather simple example a Church Choir. Many choir members are not professional solo concert singers. However, when we come together, in the Church, our voices are united through the Church's holy musical tradition which oftentimes creates a wonderful symphony of uplifting sound in praise to God. By ourselves, what we have is meager and never seems to be enough. But in the Church, with Christ, whatever we have becomes a great abundance, able to meet our needs, (to bring us fulfillment) and is able to meet the needs of others as well. Interesting that this account of Christ's feeding

of the multitudes reminds us that when we give what we have, not only will we get back, but also it will multiply immensely beyond our imagining.

St. John of Kronstadt on the Church

"The Liturgy is the supper, the table of God's love to mankind. Around the Lamb of God upon the holy disc all are at this time assembled—the living, the death, saints and sinners, the Church triumphant and the Church militant." (p. 197.)

"By the most sweet, most blessed, and life-giving fruits of the Liturgy—the most pure Mysteries of the Body and Blood of the Lord—you will recognize that it is from God, the inspiration of the Divine Spirit, and that this most Holy, Life-giving Spirit breathes in all its prayers and sacred rites. What a wonderful living tree is this Divine Liturgy! What leaves it has! What fruits it bears!... For who has not received great spiritual benefit, peace, and blessedness into his soul from only devoutly attending the Liturgy!" (p. 199.)

"In the Church is especially accomplished the cleansing from sins. Reverence, therefore, the place where your soul is cleansed from all impurities where you are reconciled to God, and where you receive the true life of the Spirit." (p. 53.)

Announcements

1. Coffee hour needs you! Do your part and sign up today!
2. Marina has blintz's for sale at coffee hour. Part of the proceeds from the sales go to St. Tikhon's Monastery.
3. This week is the Feast of All Saints of Alaska and St. Sergius of Radonezh.
4. The Food and Clothing pantry is open each Sunday from 11:30-1:00 p.m.
5. The Iveron myrth streaming Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos will be coming to visit our Monastery on October 20th at 10:00 a.m. Her time here at the Monastery will only be for a few hours but all are welcome to come venerate the Icon and receive anointing.
6. Adult Education class continues every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. Class is a week from tomorrow. Please see Fr. Stephen for details.
7. Please remember that children are to be attended to at all times while on Monastery Grounds.
8. Please, when a priest or deacon is censuring during the service around the Church, remain where you are while making a path for them to go through...everyone is a living icon and does not need to move to the center.