

## Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian (Sept 26)

After the Dormition of the Mother of God the Apostle John went to Ephesus and other cities of Asia Minor to preach the Gospel, taking with him his own disciple Prochorus.

During this time there had begun a persecution of Christians under the emperor Nero (56-68). They took the Apostle John for trial at Rome. Saint John was sentenced to death for his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but the Lord preserved His chosen one. The apostle drank a cup of deadly poison, but he remained alive. Later, he emerged unharmed from a cauldron of boiling oil into which he had been thrown on orders from the torturer.



After this, they sent the Apostle John off to imprisonment to the island of Patmos, where he spent many years. ... The Apostle John withdrew with his disciple Prochorus to a desolate height, where he imposed upon himself a three-day fast. As Saint John prayed the earth quaked and thunder rumbled. Prochorus fell to the ground in fright. The Apostle John lifted him up and told him to write down what he was about to say. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev 1:8), proclaimed the Spirit of God through the Apostle John. Thus in about the year 67 the Book of Revelation was written.

After his prolonged exile, the Apostle John received his freedom and returned to Ephesus. In the year 95, the Apostle John wrote his Gospel at Ephesus. He called for all Christians to love the Lord and one another, and by this to fulfill the commands of Christ. Thus the Church calls Saint John the "Apostle of Love."

Saint John reposed when he was more than a hundred years old. He far outlived the other eyewitnesses of the Lord, and for a long time he remained the only remaining eyewitness of the earthly life of the Savior.

When it was time for the departure of the Apostle John, he went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with the families of his disciples. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave, in which he lay, telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, but not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of Saint John came to the place of his burial. When they opened the grave, they found it empty.

Each year from the grave of the holy Apostle John on May 8 came forth a fine dust, which believers gathered up and were healed of sicknesses by it. Therefore, the Church also celebrates the memory of the holy Apostle John the Theologian on May 8.

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**September 26, 2021**

### REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST & THEOLOGIAN

#### COMMEMORATIONS:

REMOVAL OF THE HONORABLE HEAD OF APOSTLE  
ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED  
VENERABLE EPHRAIM, ABBOT OF PEREKOP,  
WONDERWORKER OF NOVGOROD  
ARRIVAL OF THE IVÉRON ICON OF THE MOTHER OF  
GOD IN GEORGIA

**Tone 5 - Eothinon 3**

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

**Epistle: 1 John 4:12-19**

**Liturgy Gospel: St. John 19:25-27;  
21:24-25**

**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.

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST - Tone 2** - O Apostle John, beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people. He that allowed thee to recline on His breast receiveth thee bowing in intercession. Implore Him, O Theologian, to dispel the persistent cloud of the heathen, and ask for us His peace and Great Mercy.

**TODAY:** ORTHROS & Confession 8:45 a.m.  
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.  
*Start of Sunday School \*\*postponed\*\* till Oct 10*  
*Coffee Hour Outdoors*

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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.

## Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Oct 3):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Mary Lynne Black	Kristi Moore
ALTAR CANDLES:	----	----
USHERS:	Steve K. & Ken G.	Sdn John & Todd M.
ALTAR BOYS:	“Archangel Gabriel”	“Archangel Michael”
CLEANING TEAM:	Jamil & Nicole Kyriakos family	Todd & Kendra Moody and Natalia M.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kendra; Zach; Dale	Angie; Conor; Nathan, Rebecca & Teens

### **SPECIAL APPEAL**

Please consider making a donation to the **St. Justin Academy** which is up and running as our parish's own Classical school/Homeschool Co-op. Thank you and may God bless your generosity!

### Mark Your Calendar:

**Bp THOMAS Visit**  
*October 2-3*

*(Nov 7–Daylight Savings)*

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
*Sunday, November 7*

**St. Philip Patronal Feast**  
*Sunday, November 14*

**Nativity Fast**  
*November 15-December 24*

**Entrance of the Theotokos**  
*Sunday, November 21*

### **Pray For:**

Living	Departed
Archpriest Noah and family and who are ill	+HM Nikolai
Newly-Illumined Elim	+Emilia
Joanne	(September Parish Diptychs)
Mona-Rebecca	+Helen
Patrick	+Michael
Doris	+Harry
John	+Barry
James	+Helen
Lasha B	+Timothy
Otari B	
Daniel H	
Peter	
Anesia	
Anna	
George	
Anesia	
Madelyne	
Priest Thomas, Elizabeth, Jesse, Bill, Elaine & all Missionaries	<u>Catechumens</u> Shaun, Laura, Taylor, Tim & Luke, Kate, Tyson, Joseph & Alana, Ryan, Michael, Tina
New & Expectant Mothers & their children	
For the people of our land and their repentance, healing & unity	

### SEPTEMBER OUTREACH COLLECTION:

Cleaning Supplies

### CHALLENGE FOR 2021:

“Your Body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit”

## This Week:

**Mon, Sept 27:** Church open

**Tues, Sept 28:** 6th Hour Prayers, 12 noon  
Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.

**Wed, Sept 29:** Little Compline 6:30 p.m.  
Patristic Reading Group 7:00 p.m.

**Thurs, Sept 30:** Church open  
Great Vespers (Holy Protection) 6:30 p.m.

### **Bp THOMAS Visit**

**Friday, Oct 1:** Divine Liturgy (Holy Protection), 10 a.m.  
Paraklesis 6:30 p.m.

**Sat, Oct 2:** **Great Vespers 6:30 p.m.**  
Confession 7:30 p.m.

**Sun, Oct 3:** **ORTHROS 8:45 a.m. (No Confessions)**  
**Hierarchical LITURGY 10 a.m.**  
Coffee Hour

“Life-giving and merciful Trinity, receive my thanksgiving for all Thy goodness. Make us worthy of Thy blessings, so that, when we have brought to fruit the talents Thou hast entrusted to us, we may enter into the joy of our Lord, forever exulting in the shout of victory:  
**Alleluia!”**

— Kontakion 13, Akathist of Thanksgiving

**OFFERINGS 9/12:** Candles, \$118. Collections, \$110. Youth, \$1. Classical School Fund, \$50. Stewardship, \$451. Total received: \$730.

**OFFERINGS 9/19:** Candles, \$51.20. Collections, \$. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf Ministry, \$10. Mortgage Reduction, \$250. Stewardship, \$5,695.04. Total received: \$6,007.24.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!