

Venerable Isaac the Ascetic of the Dalmatian Monastery at Constantinople

Saint Isaac was a soldier before he became a monk. After he was tonsured, he attained such a degree of spiritual perfection that he was accounted worthy of beholding divine visions.

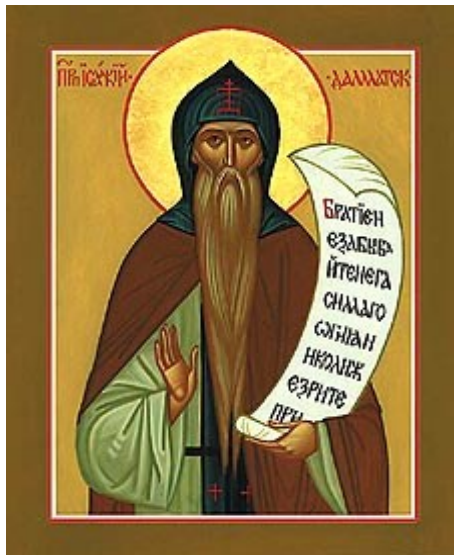
When Saint Isaac heard about how the Emperor Valens had fallen into the Arian heresy and was persecuting the Orthodox Christians, he left his monastery and traveled to Constantinople to confront the emperor. At that time Valens was planning a campaign against the Goths. Saint Isaac tried to change the emperor's mind several times, but was unable to convince him. He prophesied that Valens would die in flames because of his actions. The emperor ordered that Saint Isaac be thrown into prison, and promised to deal with him when he returned from his expedition. On August 9, 378 Valens was defeated at Adrianople and died in a fire after hiding in a barn, just as the saint had predicted.

Emperor Theodosius the Great, who had a great love for the saint, released him from prison and banned Arianism. Saint Isaac attended the Second Ecumenical Council (381), where he defended the Orthodox Faith against the Arian heresy.

Saint Isaac hoped to return to his monastic life in the wilderness, but a wealthy man built a monastery for him at Constantinople, and he became its first igumen. The monastery was later named for his disciple Dalmatus.

When Saint Isaac was approaching the end of his earthly life, he named Saint Dalmatus to succeed him as igumen. He lived to a ripe old age and reposed in the year 383.

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The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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August 3, 2025

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST &
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

COMMEMORATIONS:

ISAACIUS, DALMATUS, & FAUSTUS, ASCETICS
OF THE DALMATION MONASTERY, SALOME
THE HOLY MYRRBEARER, THEOCTISTUS THE
WONDERWORKER

Tone 7 - Eothinon 8

Orthros Gospel: St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Liturgy Gospel: St. Matthew 14:14-22

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 7 - 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!

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION - Tone 7 - Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

TODAY:

Orthros, 8:15 a.m.

Ft. Washington Mission Chapel Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

DIVINE LITURGY, 9:30 a.m.

Trisagion - John F., 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour following Liturgy

Choir Rehearsal, 12:30 p.m.

Paraklesis, 1:00 p.m.

Confessions, 2:00 p.m.

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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. Please contact them directly or call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (Aug 10):
COFFEE HOUR:	Potluck	Potluck
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Gabi & Catalin Tinjala	Gabriella Plesa
ALTAR CANDLES:	Gamble-Xenia's Birthday	Gohl-Phoebe's Birthday
USHERS:	Todd Moody & Chris Howe	Dan Marquardt & Nick Muzekari
CLEANING TEAM:	Beraki H., Val H., Mark Z., Robert S.	Radu C., Mary T., Alex U.
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Ryan M., Daniel C., Laura S.	TBD

Mark Your Calendar:

Dormition of the Theotokos
August 15

Beheading of the Forerunner
Strict Fast Day
August 29

Ecclesiastical New Year
September 1

International Food Festival
September 19-20
Flyers & Sponsorship Packets
available on the Narthex
information table

VCS 2025

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, organized, donated and prayed for this year's Vacation Church School! Our children grew in grace & faith.

AUGUST OUTREACH
COLLECTION:
Paper Products

Pray For:

Living	Departed
Our Patriarch John and Faithful of Syria and all the holy land	+ Maxim
Met. Onuphry and faithful of Ukraine	+ Martyred in Damascus (August Parish Diptychs)
Fathers of St Catherine Monastery on Mt Sinai	+Mary
Survivors of the Damascus Church Attack	+Augustine
Nun Sergeia	+Iwan
Bethlehem and family	+Victor
John	+Fr. Michael
Doris	+Myron
James	+Fr. Boniface
Steven	+John
Paraskevi	+Michael
Alexandra	
Doru	
	<u>Catechumens</u>
Jesse, Nathan, Hannah, Elizabeth, Mary, Michael, Xenia, & all Missionaries	Ryan
Dn Nathan, Jacob, John, Samuel & all seminarians and their families	Kassandra
Those searching for houses, spouses, and jobs	Jasper
Engaged Couples	Matthew
Families trying to conceive	Mary
Expectant mothers	Martin
New mothers and their babies	Photini
Those in mourning	John
The people of our land, and for their repentance, healing & unity	Steven
	Robert
	Lira
	Asher
	Sarah
	Andrew
	Carolyn
	Martin & Gabriella
	James
	Anthony
	Slavek
	Nevada
	Josiah, Casie & Ray
	John
	And our inquirers

This Week:

A Call to Confession: During the Dormition Fast Confession is available before or after most services or schedule directly with Fr. Noah.

Mon, Aug 4:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Tues, Aug 5:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 1:00 p.m. Festal Vespers & Artoklasia, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Aug 6:	Transfiguration Festal Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Festal Divine Liturgy & Grape Blessing, 9:30 am Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS Norristown, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs, Aug 7:	Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m. FOCUS: Aviator Park, 8:00 p.m.
Fri, Aug 8:	Divine Liturgy, 7:00 a.m. Paraklesis, 6:30 p.m.
Sat, Aug 9:	Divine Liturgy, 8:00 a.m. Q&A w/ Fr. Noah, 5:00 p.m. Great Vespers, 6:00 p.m. Confessions, 7:00 p.m.
Sun, Aug 10:	Orthros, 8:15 a.m. Ft. Washington Mission Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Trisagion (Fr. Boniface & Kh. Joyce), 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, 11:30 a.m. Paraklesis, 1:00 p.m. Confessions, 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Vespers 7/26: 64 Liturgy 7/27: 267
MISSION CHAPEL: 7/13: 46 ; 7/20: 62 ; 7/27: 38

OFFERINGS 3/23: Candles, \$336. Collections, \$1,045.29. Book Shelf Ministry, \$88. Building Fund, \$400. Honorarium, \$1,000. Mission Chapel, \$3,818.58.. Seminarian Fund, \$200. Stewardship, \$3,590. Total received: \$4,506.58.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!