

### EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 3:9-17

BRETHREN, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder. I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

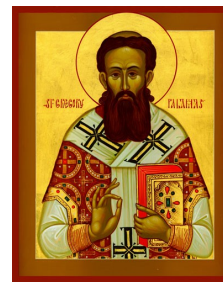
### GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



Tomorrow, August 15, is the **Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary**. **Orthros is at 8:30 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy follows at 9:30 a.m.** Join us to honor the Mother of God's passing into the Heavenly Kingdom!

The Altar flowers for today and for tomorrow's feast have been donated in memory of **Peter Zourdos** by his beloved wife, Bes; and in memory of **Michael Anthony Chirigos**, by his mother Mary, his children Christopher and Deanna, his sisters, Nia Cresham and Melanie Dahlen and their families.



### FROM THE SERMON ON THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

By St. Gregory Palamas  
Archbishop of Thessaloniki

It is an eternal law in the heavens, that the inferior enter into communion with what is beyond being through the superior. Certainly, the Virgin Mother is incomparably superior to all. It is through Her that all partake of God, who otherwise would not partake. Those who know God understand Her to be the container of Him Who contains all. All who praise God praise Her together with Him. She Herself is the pardoner of all that went before Her, and intercessor for all that came after Her, and agent of eternal blessings. She is the subject of the prophecies of the prophets, the principle of the Apostles, the foundation of the martyrs, the premise of the Church's teachers. She is the glory of the earth-born, the joy of heavenly beings, and the adornment of all creatures. She is the beginning, the source and root of inexpressible blessings. She is the supreme perfection of all that is holy. O divine, and now heavenly, Virgin! How can I relate everything concerning you? How can I glorify you, the Treasury of Glory? ... mere movement towards you illumines the mind, ...through you the spirit of a man is enlightened by... the Holy Spirit. You have become the treasury of divine gifts, and their repository; though not to keep them for yourself, but so that you might fill all of created nature with the gifts of grace. For the Master of those inexhaustible treasures entrusted them to you so that they might be bestowed. Why else would He have granted blessings, which would otherwise remain hidden and unbestowed? Therefore, O Lady, grant your mercy and your grace abundantly to all your people, your inheritance. Deliver us from the misfortunes afflicting us. Behold how much and how greatly we are oppressed... by those both without and within. By your might transform all for the best.... bestow your help and healing commensurate with our passions, ...granting to our

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souls and our bodies abundant grace for every need. Though we may be incapable of containing your riches, increase our capacity and so grant them to us that we, saved and strengthened by your grace, may glorify the Pre-eternal Word Who was Incarnate of you for our sakes, together with His Unoriginate Father and Life-Creating Spirit, both now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.



### PRAYER TO THE THEOTOKOS ON HER HOLY DORMITION

O Holy Theotokos, united to the victorious Christ in heaven, you are the image and first-flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. You shine forth as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim People of God. In your Holy Dormition, you manifest the fullness of redemption and appear as the spotless image of the Church responding in joy to the invitation of the Bridegroom, your Son, who is the first fruit of those who have fallen asleep. Grant that we may follow your example on earth thereby ultimately imitating your Son as well and being enabled to share your glory, with Him for all eternity. O Most Holy Theotokos pray that we may be saved!

### MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service is offered today for **Rosa Creus (10 Years)**, requested by Thomas Glakas and Maria Rosa Glakas (daughter), and Cristina and Alexandra her granddaughters. May her memory be eternal!

### 40 DAY BLESSING

A 40 Day Blessing will be given to **Zoe Katerina and Liliana Sophia**, daughters of Michelle and Kosta Tsiolis. God grant them many years!

### PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or “shut-ins,” so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

### GREEK SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOLERS (GSP)

has a few openings in each class for the 2011-2012 school year. Please visit the <http://www.stgeorge.org/education/greek-preschool> for applications, forms and more information, or contact [paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net) or [dsamiosferat@gmail.com](mailto:dsamiosferat@gmail.com).

### LITTLE ANGELS

is in the process of planning for next year, let us know what would work best for you and your little ones through our survey at this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5NJDQRG> We look forward to your feedback.

### REVISING OUR PRAYER LIST



The Prayer List that appears in this Bulletin every week is in dire need of re-doing. Many of the names have remained on the list for a number of years and we have no way of knowing if a name should be removed, if a person has returned to health or has even reposed in the Lord — particularly if they are not associated with the parish. ***The Prayer List is primarily for sick and needy parish members and their families.*** Therefore, we will revise the Prayer List again. If you have names to submit, please call the Church Office. You will be asked your name and your contact number so, at the next review, we will know to whom we can go for the latest details on a particular name. This way, we will be able to pray for the neediest among us — always keeping in mind our Christian responsibility to pray for all people. Many thanks for your cooperation in revising our Prayer List! **THE CURRENT PRAYER LIST WILL APPEAR AS REVISED IN TWO WEEKS.**

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**The year-to-date operating income and expenses are not available this week but will resume again next week.**

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## 9TH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW

FOREFEAST OF THE DORMITION  
THE HOLY PROPHET MICAH

**AUGUST 14, 2011**



In today's Gospel passage from St. Matthew, we hear the reassuring words of Jesus: “Take heart, it is I, have no fear.” The disciples were terrified when they saw Jesus walking on the water towards them. They were further scared of the billowing waves and fierce wind. They must have had the sense that things couldn't get any worse in their lives. Even when Jesus identified Himself, Peter would not believe it. Jesus bid him come to Him on the water. Peter started but fell in when he took his eyes off Christ and paid more attention to his surroundings. So it is with us. Life throws difficulties, problems, storms, and pain our way. Jesus tells us not to fear — He is present. Our job is to keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, to continually pray to Him, to read and hear His Word, to follow His life as OUR life. It is when we stop doing these things that we, like Peter, falter. We have the tools given to us by the Church to keep our spiritual gaze fixed on Christ. What keeps us from taking them up and re-orienting our life? Think about it.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

### Apolytikion of the Forefeast

In faith, O ye people, leap for joy while clapping your hands; and gather in gladness on this day with longing and shout in radiant jubilation. For the Theotokos cometh nigh to departing from the earth unto the heights; and we glorify her with glory as the Mother of God in our unceasing hymns.

### Apolytikion of the Prophet

As we celebrate the memory of Thy Prophet Micah, O Lord, through him we beseech Thee to save our souls.

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