

**EPISTLE I Cor. I: 10-17**

BRETHREN, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**GOSPEL Matthew 14:14-22**

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



**MORNING PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS**

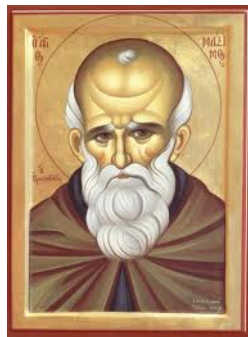
O my most holy Lady, the Theotokos, by your holy and all-powerful prayers to the Lord our God, remove from me, your humble and burdened servant, despair, forgetfulness, lack of understanding, and negligence, and take away all unclean, crafty and blameworthy thoughts from my smitten heart, and from my darkened mind; quench the flame of my passion, for I am poor and lost; deliver me from my cruel recollections and undertakings, and set me free from all evil actions; for you are blessed of all generations, and your most honorable name is glorified unto the ages of ages. Amen.

It is truly right to call you blessed, O Theotokos, ever blessed and most pure and the Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim, and beyond compare more glorious than the seraphim, who without

corruption did bear God the Word, you, O Theotokos, we laud and magnify.

**MEMORIAL**

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Basil (17 Years) and Elise (11 Years) Goulaudris**, requested by their niece and nephew D. Peter Petrakis of Bethesda, and Elie Petrakis Gharib of Potomac. May their memory be eternal!



St. Maximus the Confessor

**ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR ON THE TRANSFIGURATION**

**Saturday, August 13, is the feast of St. Maximus the Confessor**—one of Orthodoxy’s most distinguished Fathers and theologians.

He wrote of the Transfiguration of the Lord extensively. For St. Maximus, the whole “matter” of existence, whether thought or action, is not just renewed but “innovated”—recreated from the roots up—by entrance into the life of the children of God. As Creator, the Logos furnishes man with these “materials” but as Word Incarnate, he communicates to him the new life which “innovates” nature in his person.” This innovation and recreation, as we have suggested, is for St. Maximus akin to climbing Mount Tabor, which is not a one-time affair but **an on-going transfiguration for all of us**. Salvation is thus a process akin to mountaineering. The base of the mountain of salvation is the ascetic practices of prayer and self-denial; the first step is the acquisition of virtue, of which humility is the most important; the next level is spiritual knowledge; the penultimate peak is “theology” or contemplation of the divine along paths of both negation and affirmation; and then the summit is complete transfiguration whereby the self is transposed and we become deified, hearing, like Christ, the Father’s commendation, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.” Such a commendation from the Father puts squarely before us now the entire purpose of our ascent: to know the Father’s love and be utterly transfigured in, and ecstatically enraptured by, it. Such, as the theologian

**PRAYER LIST:** Alexander Wadas, Virginia Demitral, Sandi Treer, Constantina Speris, Ralph Vallone, Christopher Bacas, Antonia “Nitsa” Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, Katherine Panagakos, George Virvan, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Alexis Ross, Joseph Papadakis, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Stephanie Skanderis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Milton Kayafas, Maureen Shriver, Tiffany Keiker, Mary O’Hara, William Coulopoulos, Matina Mantis, Anna Wakefield, Nate Cekay, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** LCDR. Rick Fisher, Lt. Nicholas Karnaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios, Private Louis Tiches, EG Robert Stock, and Lance Corporal Brett Hughes, and Lt. Cmdr. Michael Starsiak

Hans Urs von Balthasar has reminded us, is the source and summit of man’s life as Maximus understood it: “for St. Maximus, love is the synthesis of everything; it is the very humanness in the human person.” God is all in all!

**APOLYTIKION OF ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR**

*Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of the world, God-inspired adornment of monastics, O wise Maximus, by thy teachings thou hast enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.*



**PARAKLESIS OFFERED**

In preparation for the Feast of the Dormition of the Most Holy Theotokos, the **Paraklesis** will continue to be celebrated: August 8, August 10, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. This is an excellent way of preparing to honor the Panagia on her great feast.



**PARISH STAFFING UPDATE**

The church office has received multiple inquires since we announced that Catherine Sarlis is leaving St. George to pursue an excellent opportunity in the corporate world. Again, we wish her all the best. We do not plan to replace this position at this time. The parish council is working together with our clergy to evaluate our staffing situation and we will be making the necessary adjustments to absorb Catherine’s responsibilities.

### 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/5NJDORG> 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.**

In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

### January 1 through August 2, 2011

**Income \$754,849.19\***

**Expenses \$787,522.47\*\***

\* - Includes any income (funds received) from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Other Income and Harbor School Rent.

\*\* - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative Items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Bookstore, Archdiocese Stewardship, For Those Who Serve, Furniture,

## EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW THE HOLY MARTYR DOMETIOS OF PERSIA AUGUST 7, 2010



The story of the multiplication of the loaves in today’s Gospel is the story of dependence on God alone. The disciples and the throngs gathered needed food and were ready to go into the town in search of it. Jesus stopped them, took five loaves of bread and two fish, multiplied it and fed the crowd—the some leftover. How often we go to seek meaning and answers “in the town” rather than from the Lord. How often we depend on things, people, power, prestige, and wealth to satisfy the hunger of our souls for God! How often we seek to be lifted up in spirit by that which can never heal or make us whole! Jesus stops us. He tells us that HE ALONE has the answers. He ALONE can feed our souls. He ALONE can heal and make us whole again. Are you willing to take Jesus at His word? Are you willing to forsake all others and rest in His mercy alone? How seriously do you BELIEVE in the Christ of God?

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. \* To the robber You opened Paradise. \* The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, \* and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all \* that You had risen, O Christ our God, \* and granted the world Your great mercy.

### Apolytikion of the TRANSFIGURATION

You were transfigured upon the mount, O Christ our God, and Your disciples, in so far as they could bear, beheld Your glory. Thus, when they see You crucified, they may understand Your voluntary passion, and proclaim to the world that You are truly the effulgence of the Father.

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