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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**TONE 3 / EOTHINON 9**

**SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF  
SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

MARTYRS NAZARIUS, GERVASIUS, PROTASIOUS AND  
CELSUS OF MILAN; COSMAS THE HYMNOGRAPHER,  
BISHOP OF MAÏUMA; VENERABLE PARASKEVA OF THE  
NEW OF THRACE

### RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

*Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.*

### APOLYTIKION OF THE HOLY FATHERS IN TONE EIGHT

*Thou, O Christ, art our God of exceeding praise Who didst establish our Holy Fathers as luminous stars upon earth, and through them didst guide us unto the true Faith, O most merciful One, glory to Thee.*

### ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

*O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.*

### THE EPISTLE

#### ***The Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)***

*Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissension, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after*

*admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greetings to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.*

### THE GOSPEL

#### ***The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (8:5-15)***

*The Lord spoke this parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when His Disciples asked Him what this parable meant, Jesus said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on*

*their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.”*  
*As Jesus said this, He called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”*

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### **Many Years**

**Birthdays:** 10/14 Leandra Macauly and Chelsea Cowan;  
10/16 Levi Cowan

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### **Clergy Update:**

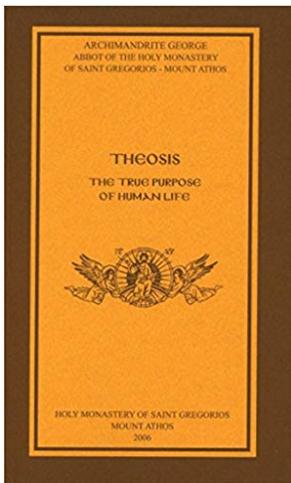
October 21st- Fr Robert

November 4th- Fr John

Fr Michael will be with us November 11th through the first half of December.

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### **BOOK STUDY**



*A few of us will be gathering for about an hour after the Akathist for the Children on Thursdays, at noon, to read the book **Theosis the True Purpose of Human Life** by Archimandrite George, Abbot of the Holy Monastery of Saint Gregorios, Mount Athos. We will meet upstairs in the trapeza apartment living room. We will start Thursday September 13th and all are welcome.*

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***Choir Practice:***  
***Come join us for choir practice at 4:00 PM before Saturday Vespers.***

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## ***Service Schedule***

### ***Saturday, October 13th***

*5:00 PM Great Vespers followed by confession.*

### ***Sunday, October 14th***

*9:00 AM Orthros*

*10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Potluck*

### ***Wednesday, October 17th***

*8:00 AM Orthros*

*5:00 PM Daily Vespers*

### ***Thursday, October 18th***

*11:00 AM Akathist to the Mother of God the Nurturer of Children followed by book study*

### ***Friday, October 19th***

*5:00 PM Akathist*

# *Spiritual Wisdoms*



**SUNDAY OF HOLY FATHERS OF  
SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

A RESPONSE TO THE 120 YEAR LONG ICONOCLAST CONTROVERSY IN THE EARLY CHURCH – IN 787, THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL AT NICEA, SOMETIMES CALLED NICEA II, PROCLAIMED:

**“WE DEFINE THAT THE HOLY ICONS, WHETHER IN COLOR, MOSAIC, OR SOME OTHER MATERIAL, SHOULD BE EXHIBITED IN THE HOLY CHURCHES OF GOD, ON THE SACRED VESSELS AND LITURGICAL VESTMENTS, ON THE WALLS, FURNISHINGS, AND IN HOUSES AND ALONG THE ROADS, NAMELY THE ICONS OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, THAT OF OUR LADY THE THEOTOKOS, THOSE OF THE VENERABLE ANGELS AND THOSE OF ALL SAINTLY PEOPLE. WHENEVER THESE REPRESENTATIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED, THEY WILL CAUSE THOSE WHO LOOK AT THEM TO COMMEMORATE AND LOVE THEIR PROTOTYPE. WE DEFINE ALSO THAT THEY SHOULD BE KISSED AND THAT THEY ARE AN OBJECT OF VENERATION AND HONOR, BUT NOT OF REAL WORSHIP, WHICH IS RESERVED FOR HIM WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF OUR FAITH AND IS PROPER FOR THE DIVINE NATURE, . . . WHICH IS IN EFFECT TRANSMITTED TO THE PROTOTYPE; HE WHO VENERATES THE ICON, VENERATED IN IT THE REALITY FOR WHICH IT STANDS.”**