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*Let all who enter our Holy Church heed the words of the Cherubic Hymn:  
"Let us now lay aside all earthy cares"*

*The reason why God has accorded us this present life is to give us a place for repentance.  
Were this not the case,  
a person who sinned would at once be deprived of this life.  
For otherwise of what use would it be to him?  
St. Gregory Palamas*

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING &  
LIVES OF THE SAINTS  
SAINTS AND FEASTS  
4th Sunday of Matthew  
Deposition of the Precious Robe of the Theotokos in Blachernae  
Juvenal, Patriarch of Jerusalem  
Juvenal the Protomartyr of America & Alaska

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**"Only two kinds of men publicly admit to doing evil: those who repent of their deeds and are willing to accept the consequences for having acted wrongly, and those who are comfortable with their conduct and believe that no serious consequences will come from divulging it."**

***"Rise, take up your pallet, and walk."***

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## Prayers & Readings

### Prayer Before Reading Holy Scripture

O Master Who loves mankind, illuminate our hearts with the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our mind to understand the teachings of Your Gospel. Instill in us also the fear of Your blessed commandments, that we may overcome all carnal desires, entering upon a spiritual life and understanding and acting in all things according to Your holy will. For You are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, O Christ God, and to You we give glory together with Your eternal Father and Your all-holy, gracious and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and forever. Amen.

### Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7

Prokeimenon. Mode 3.

Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

### Gospel Reading

4th Sunday of Matthew

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at

## Saints

### List of Saints Called Upon for Special Purposes\*

#### *To Have a Child*

St. Anna, Mother of the Theotokos

St. Elizabeth, Mother of the Forerunner

St. Sabbas the Sanctified of Palestine

St. Irene Chrysovolantou

#### *For Safe Childbirth*

St. Eleftherios

#### *For the Care & Protection of Infants*

St. Stylianos

#### *For Young People*

Holy Great Martyr Demetrios the Wonderworker

#### *Delivery from Sudden Death*

St. Barbara the Great Martyr

#### *Against Drinking*

Holy Martyr Boniface & the Righteous Aglais

#### *For Travelers*

St. Nicholas: in general, & specifically for sea travel

St. John the Russian: for transport, auto, busses

St. Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople: for safety at sea

#### *For Cobblers*

St. Eustathius the Cobbler of Georgia

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table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Prayer Of Saint Basil

I thank you, Christ and Master our God, King of the ages and Creator of all things, for all the good gifts you have given me, and especially for the participation in your pure and life-giving mysteries. I, therefore, pray to you, good and loving Lord: keep me under your protection and under the shadow of your wings. Grant that to my last breath I may with a pure conscience partake worthily of your gifts for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. For you are the bread of life, the source of holiness, the giver of all good things, and to you we give glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

### **Sixth Hour Prayers**

O You Who on the sixth day and hour nailed to the cross the sin which rebellious Adam committed in Paradise, Tear asunder also the bond of our iniquities, O Christ our God, and save us.

### **Prayer of St. Basil**

God, Lord of hosts and Maker of all creation, who in Your great compassion and mercy sent down Your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for the redemption of mankind and by His precious Cross destroyed the record of our sins, triumphing over the source and power of darkness: O Lord and Lover of mankind, accept also the thanksgiving and fervent prayers of us sinners. Deliver us from every dark and harmful transgression and from all the visible and invisible enemies that seek to destroy us. Nail our flesh to the fear of You, and do not incline our hearts to deceitful words or thoughts, but wound our souls with love for You, that always looking to You, guided by Your light, and seeing You, the eternal and ineffable Light, we may give You unceasing praise and thanksgiving: to the Father without beginning, with Your Only-Begotten Son and Your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

1. THE PLACING OF THE GIRDLE OF THE ALL-HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD IN THE CHURCH OF BLACHERNAE IN CONSTANTINOPLE

During the reign of Emperor Leo the Great (458-471 A.D.), Empress Verina and Patriarch Gennadius, two noblemen from Constantinople, Galibus and Candidus, traveled throughout the Holy Land to venerate and to worship before the holy shrines. In Nazareth, they stopped for a while at the home of a Jewish maiden who

### *For Physicians*

St. Panteleimon  
The Holy Unmercenaries,  
Saints Cosmas & Damian

### *For the Kitchen, Home*

St. Euphrosynos the  
Cook  
St. Sergius of Radonezh:  
for baking  
Sts. Spyridon & Nikodim  
of Kievo-Pechersk:  
Prosphora making

### *For Trading*

St. Paraskeva

### *For Headaches*

Holy New Martyr Demas  
of Smyrna

### *For Eyes*

St. Paraskeva

### *For Ears*

St. Spyridon the  
Wonderworker

### *For Teeth*

St. Antipas of Pergamum

### *For Hernias & Intestinal Disorders*

Holy Great Martyr  
Artemius  
St. Artemius of Verkola

### *For Throat*

St. Blaise of Sebastia

### *For Finding Employment*

St. Xenia of St.  
Petersburg

### *For Help in Studies*

The Three Hierarchs: St.  
Basil the Great, St. John

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kept the girdle of the All-Holy Mother of God in a secret room. Many who were ill and in need received healing from their sufferings through prayer and by touching the vesture. Galibus and Candidus took this sacred article and brought it to Constantinople and reported it to the emperor and patriarch. This brought about great joy in the imperial city. The vesture was solemnly translated and placed in the Church of Blachernae. This church was built by Emperor Marcian and Empress Pulcheria on the shore of an inlet and was called Blachernae after the name of a Scetis commander who was slain there. And in remembrance of the placing of this vesture of the All-Holy Birth giver of God in this Blacheran church, this feast day was instituted.

## 2. SAINT JUVENAL, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

Juvenal was a contemporary of the great illuminators of the Orthodox Church: Euthymius, Theodosius, Gerasimus, Simeon the Stylite and others. He participated in two Ecumenical Councils: the Third Council in Ephesus [431 A.D.] and the Fourth Council in Chalcedon [451 A.D.]. With great power and zeal, he fought against the blasphemous heresies: in Ephesus against Nestorius who called the Birth-giver of God the Birth-giver of Christ and in Chalcedon against Eutyches and Dioscorus who taught that there was only one nature in Christ, i.e., only a divine nature without a human nature. Following the victory of Orthodoxy at both councils, Juvenal returned to his throne in Jerusalem. Even though the heresies were condemned, the heretics were not eliminated. Through the intrigue and violence of Theodosius, a friend of Dioscorus, Juvenal was banished from the patriarchal throne and Theodosius, on his own, elevated himself in Juvenal's place. In the beginning, this heretic Theodosius was supported by Empress Eudocia, the widow of Theodosius the Younger who, at that time, took up residence in Jerusalem. Hesitant and indiscreet, Eudocia finally went to see St. Simeon the Stylite in order to ask him wherein lies the truth. The saint of God unmasked all the heretical teachings and instructed the empress to adhere to the teachings of Orthodoxy as confirmed at the councils. The empress heeded, repented and she herself became embittered against the false Patriarch Theodosius. During that time Marcian and Pulcheria reigned in Constantinople. A letter from the emperor was sent to Commander Athanasius ordering him to banish Theodosius and to return and reinstate Juvenal to his throne which the commander quickly did. Juvenal governed the Church in Jerusalem for thirty-eight years as its hierarch and at a ripe old age presented himself to the Lord in the year 458 A.D. to receive from Him the reward for great suffering and misery which he had endured for the truth. During the reign of St. Juvenal, the celebration of Christmas was established on December 25.

## 3. SAINT PHOTIUS, METROPOLITAN OF MOSCOW

Photius was of Greek descent. He prudently governed the Russian Church for twenty years. Photius died in the year 1430 A.D. A week before his death an angel of God appeared to him and informed him of the exact time of his departure from this world.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

THE HOLY THEOTOKOS [THE HOLY BIRTH-GIVER OF GOD]

To the All-pure Virgin, we prostrate

Chrysostom, St. Gregory the  
Theologian  
St. Sergius of Radonezh  
St. John of Kronstadt  
St. Justin the Philosopher

*For Church-Chanting*  
St. Romanos the  
Melodist

*For Iconographers*  
St. Luke the Apostle and  
Evangelist  
St. John of Damascus

*For Patient Endurance of  
Affliction*  
St. Job the Much-  
Suffering  
Holy Forty Martyrs of  
Sebastia: especially in  
freezing cold weather  
Holy Forty-Two Martyrs  
of Amorion

*For Protection Against  
Thieves*  
St. Gregory the  
Wonderworker of Kiev-  
Pechersk

*For Stone-workers*  
Holy Martyrs Florus &  
Laurus

*For Soldiers*  
Holy Archangel Michael  
St. George the Great  
Martyr  
St. Barbara the Great  
Martyr

*For Spiritual Help,  
Consolation &  
Compunction*  
St. Ephraim the Syrian  
St. Alexis the Man of

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And through her, the mercy of God we seek.  
In eternal glory, she glistens  
And to the Lord Christ, for us prays.  
Full of power are Her prayers.  
Precious are the prayers of the Mother to the Son.  
All who Her Son created She loves,  
As a taper burns, with prayers for all  
And reaches everywhere, for petitions to hear,  
Everywhere to comfort, where sorrow poisons.  
To the sick, Her name is sweetness,  
To the demons, Her name is a scourge.  
Where they are invoked, His Cross and Mary,  
There, courage and new strength, they give.  
To the All-pure Virgin, we prostrate  
And through Her, the mercy of God we seek.

#### REFLECTION

Every device of which man boasts as an invention of his mind is revealed by Divine Providence and every invented device has its two-fold significance one physical, the other spiritual. Even the clock is a wonderful device but it was not invented merely to tell us the time of day and night but also to remind us of death. This is its spiritual significance. When the small hand completes its rounds of seconds and minutes then the large hand arrives at the ordered hour and the clock strikes. So will the clock of our life strike when the days, months and years of our life are numbered. That is why St. Tikhon of Zadonsk counsels every Christian to reflect:

1. How the time of our life continually passes;
2. How it is impossible to bring back time that is past;
3. How the past and future times are not in our control but only that time in which we are now living;
4. How the end of our life is unknown;
5. How we must be prepared for death every day, every hour and every minute;
6. How because of that we must always be in the state of continual repentance;
7. How we must be repentant in every hour and spiritually disposed as we would wish to be at the hour of our death.

#### CONTEMPLATION

To contemplate the burning bush on Horeb (Exodus 3):

1. How, the bush was completely engulfed by flame and was not consumed;
2. How also, the All-pure Virgin bearing within herself the Divine Fire, the Lord God-Man, and was not consumed by Him;
3. How, the Grace of the Divine Fire, also rejuvenates, heals and illuminates even my sinful soul.

#### HOMILY

About the trial of our faith

God  
St. Seraphim of Sarov

*For a Good End to One's Life*  
Holy Archangel Michael  
St. Niphon, Patriarch of Constantinople

*For Captives and Court Cases*  
St. Onouphrios the Great  
St. Peter of Athos  
St. George the Great Martyr

*For Help in Distress, Poverty, Etc.*  
St. Nicholas the Wonderworker  
St. John the Almsgiver of Alexandria  
St. John of Kronstadt

*For Finding Things*  
St. Phanourios the Great Martyr  
St. Menas the Great Martyr of Egypt

*For Meeting a Difficult Situation, an Interview, Etc.*  
St. David the Prophet, Psalmist & King  
The Holy Unmercenaries & Healers  
SS. Cosmas & Damian of Rome  
SS. Panteleimon & Hermolaus  
St. Julian the Martyr  
St. John of Kronstadt  
St. Nectarios of Aegina  
Holy Archangel Raphael

*For Animals & Livestock*  
St. George: cattle &

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"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearance of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7).

Brethren, our faith is tried more often than is the reed rocked by the winds. Trials are like the winds: a weak faith they will uproot and a strong faith will be strengthened even more. Trials are also like the flame in which straw is burned and gold is purified.

Man's intellectual pursuits and suppositions also try our faith. These are very strong and bitter winds. But we can overcome them if we are willing to adhere to the words of God and if, in opposition to those intellectual pursuits, we are able to emphasize the teachings of the Faith of Christ.

Our faith is further tried by fear and shame: fear of men who persecute the Faith and shame of men who arrogantly despise the Faith. These also are strong winds which we must resist if we wish to remain alive. How will we resist them? By the fear of God which should always be greater in our soul than the fear of men and of shame before the apostles, saints and martyrs who were not ashamed of their faith before emperors, princes and sages of this world.

Our faith is further tried by suffering and misery. This is the fire in which our faith either has to be burned like straw or to be tempered as pure gold. We will resist these trials if we would but remember Christ crucified on the Cross for us and so many thousands of martyrs for the Faith who, in their patience, conquered all and emerged from the flames as gold and who for centuries glow among the angels and among men.

Our faith is also tried by death, the death of our relatives and friends and the death of mankind in general. This is the bitter fire in which the faith of many have been burned. Is death the end of everything? It is not, but rather believe that it is the beginning of everything; it is the beginning of a new and just life. Believe in the Resurrection of Christ, believe in life beyond the grave and believe in the general resurrection and the Dreadful Judgment.

O Good Lord, strengthen the faith in us and have mercy on us.

To You be glory and thanks always. Amen.

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St. Parthenius of  
Radovysdius: cattle  
SS. Spevsippus,  
Elesippus & Melevsippus:  
horses  
St. Tryphon: geese

*For Protection of Crops  
from Pests*

St. Michael of Synnada

*For the Protection of  
Gardens Against Pests*

Holy Great Martyr  
Tryphon: also for hunters  
and Patron of Moscow

*Against Demons &  
Witchcraft*

SS. Cyprian & Justina  
St. Theodore Sykeote  
St. Mitrophan of  
Voronezh

*For Chastity & Help in  
Carnal Warfare*

St. John the Forerunner  
St. Demetrios the Great  
Martyr  
St. John the Much-  
Suffering  
Holy Martyr Theodore the  
Byzantine  
Holy Martyr Ignatios of  
Athos  
St. Mary of Egypt  
St. Joseph the All-Comely  
St. Susanna [Old  
Testament]

*For Mental Disorders*

St. Naum of Ochrid  
St. Anastasia  
St. Gerasimos of  
Cephalonia: the possessed

*Against Plague*

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St. Haralambos  
St. Marina the Great  
Martyr

*For Help Against Quick-  
Temper & Despondency*  
St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

*For Workers in Hospitals*  
Holy Unmercenaries  
Saints Cosmas & Damian  
St. Dositheus, Disciple of  
Abba Dorotheus

*For Guilelessness &  
Simplicity*  
Holy Apostle Nathaniel  
& St. Paul the Simple

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*O LORD, SAVE THY PEOPLE AND BLESS THINE INHERITANCE.  
GRANT VICTORY OVER THEIR ENEMIES TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS,  
AND PROTECT THY PEOPLE WITH THY CROSS.*

**MATINS**

Sunday – 9:00 A.M.

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

Wednesday – 10:00 A.M.

Spanish Liturgy – Saturday – 6:30 P.M.

Sunday English Divine Liturgy – 10:00 A.M.

**VESPERS**

Saturday – 5:00 P.M.

**CONFESSIONS**

Monday-Friday, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

By appointment

Before Sunday Divine Liturgy

**ORTHODOX WORKER MEALS**

FRIDAYS – 11:30 A.M TO 1:00

P.M

*Either the demons tempt us themselves or they equip those who do not fear the Lord to act  
against us: themselves, when we are alone, away from others, just as they tempted the Lord in  
the desert; through others, when we associate with them, as they tempted the Lord through the Pharisees.  
It is for us to look to our model and beat them back on both fronts.*

*St. Maximus the Confessor*

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For all that we have –  
That so many nations and people do not have...  
We should all say...  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA**  
**&**  
**GOD BLESS HIS GRACE BISHOP GREGORY**

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# MIND THE SPIRITUAL GAP!

WHEN DID YOU LAST  
INITIATE THE HOLY MYSTERY  
OF REPENTANCE?

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IF YOU WANT TO KNOW  
WHAT IS OCCURRING IN  
GOD'S CHURCH, ATTEND AND  
PARTICIPATE IN HIS CHURCH.  
AND YOU MAY ASK!

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