



WEEKLY BULLETIN

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ORTHODOX CHURCH
August 9, 2020

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:9-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-34

Weekly Schedule of Services/Events

Sunday, August 9

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: C. Greenhill

Wednesday, August 12

9:00AM Divine Liturgy - prayers for the sick

Friday, August 14

Dormition Fast Begins

9:00AM Moleben to the Mother of God

Sunday, August 16

9:00AM Divine Liturgy

Epistle: J. Morrison

FOOD BANK

So absolutely nothing does it avail to be near Christ, if not being near Him by faith Signifying therefore that not the assault of the wind, but his want of faith had wrought his overthrow, He said, "Wherefore did you doubt, O you of little faith? So that if his faith had not been weak, he would have stood easily against the wind also. And for this reason, you see, even when He had caught hold of Him, He suffers the wind to blow, showing that no hurt comes thereby, when faith is steadfast.

St. John Chrysostom - Homily 50 on Matthew 14, 4th Century

Service Schedule

Divine Liturgy 9am
Weekday Eve Service 7pm

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Weekly Announcements

THIS WEEK: We will celebrate Divine Liturgy with prayers for the sick on Wednesday at 9am and the Moleben to the Mother of God with prayers for the pandemic on Friday at 9am.

MONTHLY MEMORIAL AND CONFESSIONS: We will offer the monthly memorials for July and August on August 22. I will also hear confessions, by appointment only, that day following the service. This is to allow for social distancing protocols to be followed.

FOOD BANK: We will hold our monthly Food Bank next Sunday, August 16. If you will be coming to Divine Liturgy that day, you can bring your donation with you. Otherwise, please contact Holly Mesavage to arrange to have your donation picked up. Thank you.

OCMC TREK FOR MISSIONS: St. John's, Silver Lane, has put together a team for the OCMC fund raiser called Trek 4 Missions. Please see the bulletin for full information and consider joining in and for information on hikes starting tomorrow.

Scripture Readings for Sunday

Epistle Reading - 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 Reading - 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.

The Prophet Elias



This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the

sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenarys, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.



Can you go the distance with "TEAM St. John's Silver Lane Stratford CT"?

The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) has invited parishes and individuals around the world to participate in their 2020 Virtual Trek4Missions to raise funds to support training and building of Orthodox missionaries who help share our faith around the world.

It is not a virtual race for best time. It is about focusing on our health and having fun through walking, running, cycling, biking, indoor elliptical/treadmill, canoeing ... anything that you can track mileage with. It is about sharing our faith throughout the world. It is free to join and you will receive a t-shirt as a participant.

The trek goes from August 9th through September 14th. OCMC's goal is to collectively reach 60,000 miles and raise \$100,000 through parishes, trekkers, and donors. Here is how you can help them out!

You can register with our team on the OCMC site as a team participant (see below) and set a fundraising goal for the miles you trek in a 5-week time period. Spread awareness with your family and friends via email and social media. They can donate towards our team/you on OCMC's site to benefit OCMC. Then you can use the attached log to track your mileage each week. Remember, you can walk, jog, run, cycle, swim, skate, and more ... inside or outside! You don't have to be a member of our parish to join our team and you don't have to live in the area either! That's the beauty of this trek ... it can be done from anywhere. To help entice some, Debbie will be putting together a few walking plans to help you get some miles. We will share them on our parish web-site. We can walk them together (with social distancing protocols in place) if you would like on Sundays after church or you can walk them on your own.

Don't think you can "trek"? You can still help by being a donor to our team *and* being a cheerleader for our team members encouraging them to "go the distance" for OCMC!

To register as a team participant (we believe that you can do it!):

- Ask Debbie (samilenkod@gmail.com) or Father Michael (frmichael@optonline.net) for the Team password (you'll need this to register with our team)
- Go to http://secure.ocmc.org/site/TR?fr_id=1080&pg=entry
- Click on "Join a Team to begin fundraising"
- Search for "Team St. John's Silver Lane Stratford CT"
- Click the "Join" button
- Enter the password
- Register!
- Use the Log Tracker sheet to keep track of your miles and submit to Debbie, our team captain, to track our team total

To donate to our team (thank you in advance for helping us reach our goal!):

- Go to http://secure.ocmc.org/site/TR?fr_id=1080&pg=entry
- Click on "Donate Make a Difference"
- Search for a Team Member or Search for our team "Team St. John's Silver Lane Stratford CT"
- Click the "Donate Now" button