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November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday After Pentecost. 7th Sunday of Luke.

St Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis and Wonderworker of Aegina (d. 1920)
Martyrs Onesiphorus & Porphyrius of Ephesus. St Matrona, Abbess of Constantinople.

Schedule

Sat Nov 8, 4:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun Nov 9, 9am – Divine Liturgy & **St Herman's Harvest Dinner**

November 15 – Nativity Fast Begins

Sat Nov 15, 2-4:30pm – Youth Saturday *(topics & project TBD)*
Sat Nov 15, 4:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun Nov 16, 9am – Divine Liturgy *with demonstration of the Liturgy of Preparation (Proskomedia)*. Inquirers Fellowship after Coffee Hour.

> ***November 21 is the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos into the Temple.***
> Thurs Nov 20, 4:30pm – Festal Great Vespers
> Fri Nov 21, 9am – Festal Divine Liturgy

Sat Nov 22, 4:30pm – Great Vespers & Confessions
Sun Nov 23, 9am – Divine Liturgy, *continuing our teaching on the Liturgy.* Prosphora Project following Coffee Hour.

Hymns of the Day

Troparion for Sunday (Tone 5)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation from the Virgin; / for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, / to endure death, / and to raise the dead // by His glorious Resurrection.

Troparion for St. Nectarios (Tone 1)

O faithful, let us honor Nectarios the divine servant of Christ, / offspring of Silveria and guardian of Aegina, / who appeared as a true friend of virtue, / pouring forth all manner of healing upon those who reverently cry: / "Glory to Him who gave you strength! / Glory to Him who granted you a ^ crown! // Glory to Him who, through you, grants healing to all!"

Kontakion for Sunday (Tone 5)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, / shattering its gates as Almighty, / resurrecting the dead as Creator, / and destroying the sting of death. / Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Glory ... Kontakion for St Nectarios (Tone 8)

Let us sing praises with gladness of heart / to the newly-shining star of Orthodoxy, the newly-built rampart of the Church. / Being glorified by the power of the Spirit, he pours forth the abundant grace of healings upon those who cry: // "Rejoice, Father Nectarios."

Now & ever ... For the Mother of God (Tone 6)

Protection of Christians never failing, / Mediatress before the Creator, ever constant. / Do not despise the voice of prayer of sinners, / but in your goodness come to help us who faithfully call upon you. / Hasten to entreat, hurry to pray, O Theotokos, // interceding always for those who honor you.

Today's Scripture

Epistle: Galatians 6:11-18 (22nd SAP)

Brethren: See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand! As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh. But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God. From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 8:41-56 (7th Luke)

At that time, there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.

As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and could not be healed by any one, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has

gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

Prayers

For the repose of: Priest Theodore Gregory (9/29). Mat. Virginia Lecko (10/18). Eleana Silk (10/21). Rebecca Ream (11/3).

For the health of: Archbishop Nathaniel, Archbishop Alexander, Archbishop Benjamin, Bernard Kusior, Nina Fatula, John (Erick) Bohlin.

For those who are grieving: *(For Fr. Theodore)* Mat. Lorissa Gregory. *(For Rebecca)* Pani Anna Marie Slovesko, David Ream, Jesika & Justin Wilhelm, Justin & Danielle Ream.

For our catechumens: Stephanie Selis, Bradley Bosch.

Announcements

TODAY is our annual **Harvest Potluck Dinner** and Basket Raffle, following the Divine Liturgy. *ALL are welcome including visitors!*

Our next **Youth Project Saturday** is Nov. 15, 2pm until Vespers. All children and teens, including from neighboring parishes, are invited.

Prayer Requests for the Living and Departed may be offered at any Divine Liturgy, using the **commemoration sheets in the Narthex**. Please fold and place these sheets in the "Prayer Request" basket. A small bread of offering, if available, will be returned to those who offered the prayers.

Attendance

Sun Oct 5 Liturgy: 30 adults, 2 children (Communion: 16 adults, 2 children)
Sun Oct 12 Liturgy: 27 adults, 2 children (Communion: 17 adults, 1 children)
Sun Oct 19 Liturgy: 32 adults, 3 children (Communion: 19 adults, 2 children)
Sun Oct 26 Liturgy: 34 adults, 5 children (Communion: 24 adults, 3 children)

St Nektarios, Metropolitan of Pentapolis, Wonderworker of Aegina

St. Nectarios was born on October 1, 1846, in Selymbria in Thrace to a poor family. At the age of 14 he moved to Constantinople (Istanbul) to work and further his education. He became a monk at the age of thirty. Three years later, he was ordained a deacon, taking the name Nectarios. He graduated from the University of Athens in 1885. During this time he wrote many books, pamphlets, and Bible commentaries. In recognition of his piety and brilliance as a preacher, as well as his administrative ability, he was consecrated Bishop/Metropolitan of Pentapolis by the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Sophronios in 1889.

He served as a bishop in Cairo for one year, but was then unjustly removed from his post and officially condemned. This was a result of lies made up by jealous clerics who envied his popularity with the people. St. Nectarios was sent away without trial or explanation and was never given an opportunity to defend himself. After his dismissal, he returned to Greece in 1891 and spent several years as a preacher. He was appointed director of a school for priests in Athens, where served for fifteen years. He developed many courses of study and wrote numerous books, all while preaching widely throughout Athens.

In 1904 at the request of several nuns, he established Holy Trinity Monastery for them on the island of Aegina. At the age of 62, he withdrew to Aegina, where he lived out the rest of his life as a monk. He wrote, published, preached, and heard confessions from those who came from near and far to seek out his spiritual guidance. While at the monastery, he also tended the gardens, carried stones, and helped with the construction of the monastery buildings that were built with his own funds.

St. Nectarios died on Nov 8, 1920. Just after his death, when his shirt was accidentally placed on the neighboring bed, a paralyzed man who was lying there was suddenly healed. The body of St. Nectarios was taken to the Holy Trinity Convent, where he was buried. The relics of St. Nectarios were removed from the grave on September 2, 1953, and gave out a beautiful fragrance. the Church of Constantinople officially recognized him as a saint in 1961. Thousands of miracles have been attributed to his intercession, especially cases of cancer or other serious illnesses.

St Nectarios' life was recently told in the full-length feature film, "Man of God".

Welcome to all visitors who have prayed and celebrated the Divine Liturgy with us this morning! We invite all of you downstairs for fellowship after the conclusion of the Liturgy. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. John at any time. *We love you and hope to see you again!*

Please note: In the Orthodox Church, the receiving of Holy Communion is the sign of one's ***full participation in the mystery of the Faith****, and all Orthodox Christians should receive it frequently.*

For this reason, Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who are ***prepared*** *to receive it (through* ***prayer****,* ***fasting****, and a recent* ***confession****) and are* ***at peace with each other****. Those who partake of the Eucharist normally fast from food and drink in the morning before the Divine Liturgy, if they are able.*