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September 27, 2026

Martyr Callistratus and his companions

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services

Wed., Sept. 30th **Daily Vespers**
Cancelled this week

Sat., Oct. 3rd **Great Vespers** **6 pm**
Confessions available following

Sun., Oct. 4th **Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens**

Sunday School	**9:15 am**
Hours	**9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 *(Resurrection)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:31-36 *(Resurrection)*

Tone 8 Troparion *(Resurrection)* Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord, our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee! **Tone 3 Troparion** *(St. Callistratus)* In contest thou wast strengthened by the Holy Spirit, O Martyr Callistratus, and wast glorious in casting down the Enemy. Thou didst offer a noble army of athletes as sweet-smelling incense to Christ. With them pray for us who praise thee with hymns!	**Tone 8 Kontakion** *(Resurrection)* By rising from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam. Eve exults in Thy Resurrection, and the world celebrates Thy rising from the dead, O greatly Merciful One! **Tone 4 Kontakion** *(St. Callistratus)* Like stars you have shone upon the world, shedding the light of your contests and miracles upon all who cry to you: "Rejoice, Martyr Callistratus and fellow company of martyrs!"	**Tone 8 Prokeimenon** *(Resurrection)* Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! *(Ps. 75:10a)* *V. In Judah God is known; His Name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)*

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 6:16-7-1)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."

Therefore

"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean, and I
will receive you."
"I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and
daughters,
Says the LORD Almighty."

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Gospel

(Luke 5:1-11)

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret,

and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets.

Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, **"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."**

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."

And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

So they signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

and so also *were* James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, **"Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men."**

So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Announcements:

Thank You! Thank You!

The Parish Festival Committee gratefully acknowledges everyone's assistance and generosity with this year's Festival. Whether you came to pinch Perohi, roll dough or help cook cabbage for Halushki, we are grateful for your time and effort. If you came to help set up, clean up or offer advice, please know how much you are appreciated. If you were not able to help in any way but through your prayers – it may have just been those very prayers that God heard and made it such a success. From first reckonings, this year's Festival was a notable success! Crowds were steady and continuous throughout the day, but never overwhelming. The good food and fellowship kept the rain and otherwise dreary day at bay!

Thank You! Thank You!

Fr. Evan will be out of state from Tuesday, September 29th until Friday, October 2nd. While away, Fr. Stephan is available for any pastoral emergency. Fr. Stephan's cell is (937) 869-8037.

We'll be studying the spiritual and sacramental classic "The Life in Christ" by St. Nicholas Cabasilas. **The first study session** will be at **6 pm** in the parish hall on **October 22nd** and will proceed thereafter at the same time on the first and third Thursdays of the month until we've concluded with the book. The books will be made available for $17 each and those interested in participating can see Leo Wiker to sign up to get a copy.

Here's a "teaser" from the book: The following are St. Nicholas's opening words in the book: "The life in Christ originates in this life and arises from it. It is perfected, however, in the life to come, when we shall have reached that last day. It cannot attain perfection in men's souls in this life, nor even in that which is to come without already having begun here."

A Note from Chef Jack: I wish to thank everyone for their delicious Coffee Hour contributions which helped make every Sunday Coffee Hour a success! However, we have several coffee-hour attendees with food allergies. When dropping off your creation, please take a moment and let me know if it contains nuts, shellfish, etc. **Thanks!**

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

DON'T FORGET: Are you a member of the parish and haven't filled out the directory update form yet? Please do so using the physical forms available at the candle stand or the QR-code below.