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Afterfeast of the Beheading of the Forerunner; Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul the New, Patriarchs of Constantinople

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Tues., Sept. 1st	**Church New Year** Moleben for the Ecclesiastical New Year	**7 pm**
	Sat., Sept. 5th	**Great Vespers with Confession**	**6 pm**
	Sun., Sept. 6th	**Commemoration of the Miracle of the Archangel Michael at Colossae**	
		Hours	**9:15 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**9:30 am**

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

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 *(Resurrection)*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14 *(Resurrection)*

Tone 4 Troparion
(Resurrection)

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection, they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles:

"Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy!"

Tone 2 Troparion
(Forerunner)

The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for thee, O Forerunner. Thou wast shown in truth to be the most honorable of the Prophets, for thou wast deemed worthy to baptize in the streams of the Jordan Him Whom they foretold. Therefore, having suffered for the truth with joy, thou didst proclaim to those in hell God Who appeared in the flesh, Who takes away the sin of the world and grants us great mercy.

Tone 4 Troparion
(Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul)

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of the Patriarchs Alexander, John, and Paul!

Tone 4 Kontakion
(Resurrection)

My Savior and Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earth-born from their chains. He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

Tone 5 Kontakion
(Forerunner)

The glorious beheading of the Forerunner became an act of divine dispensation, for he preached to those in hell the coming of the Savior. Let Herodias lament, for she entreated lawless murder, loving not the Law of God, nor eternal life, but that which is false and temporal.

Tone 8 Kontakion
(Sts. Alexander, John, and Paul)

Set a flame by the love of Christ, O glorious ones, you took up the yoke of His precious Cross, revealing yourselves as followers in His footsteps by your way of life, and you became partakers of His divine glory, divinely-wise Alexander, with wonderful John and glorious Paul. As you stand before His throne, earnestly pray for our souls!

Tone 4 Prokeimenon
(Resurrection)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all. *(Ps. 103:26)*

V. Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, Thou art very great! (Ps. 103:1)

Epistle

(1 Corinthians 16:13-24) (Resurrection)

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.

Let all *that* you *do* be done with love.

I urge you, brethren – you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and *that* they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints –

that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with *us*.

I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The salutation with my own hand – Paul's.

If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you.

My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Gospel

(Matthew 21:33-42) (Resurrection)

"Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country.

"Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit.

"And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

"Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them.

"Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.'

"But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.'

"So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*.

Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons."

Jesus said to them**, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:**

'The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone.
This was the LORD's doing,
And it is marvelous in our eyes'?

Announcements:

I would like to thank *again* my Holy Resurrection family. Kiersten, Clayton and I were so grateful for all the support when Tim passed. I could not believe the next month and the struggles we had in addition to coping with the loss of Tim. The prayers, candles lit, cards, gift cards, checks, food, etc., were more than we deserve. I know why God led us to this parish, about 35 years ago! Kiersten, Clayton and I would like to thank everyone. We could never repay what you have done for us! *Thank you, we love you, and God bless all of you!*

Karen, Kiersten and Clayton

A Note from Fr. Evan:

As part of our due honor, love, care, and reverence for the Mysteries, each person receiving Holy Communion is asked to wait for a server to wipe his or her mouth with the cloth before we do anything else (including venerating the chalice). I appreciate your love, care, and attention in this and please talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Your servant in Christ,
Fr. Evan

PLEASE NOTE: We will be transitioning to Fall hours on

Sunday, September 13, 2026. **Liturgy will start at 10 am**.
Also, **Sunday School** will be back in session at **9:15 am**!

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.* In addition to the 1 pew in the basement of the rectory that are looking for a new home, there are also a

few other items: misc. headboards and baseboards (not a complete bed set), misc. mirrors, a wooden highchair, 1 pulpit/display case, 1 jewelry box, 1 small round table, 1 coffee table, 1 large rug. If you are interested in any of these items, please let Father Evan or one of the Parish Council members know.

We are seeking to update the parish directory for the purpose of good pastoral care, community life, and communication and will be having parish directory forms for everyone to fill out (either individual, or the head of a household on behalf of the rest of the family) that will be available at the candlestand starting this Sunday through mid-September. The forms can be picked up and returned another week or filled out and returned same day. Alternatively, people can fill it out electronically through the below QR-code.

Note Date Changes!

HROC 2026 Festival

Mark your calendars for:

Sunday, September 20th starting at 12 noon until sell-out.

It's Festival time again! This year's **Annual Fall Festival** will be held on **Sunday, September 20th from 12 pm to 6 pm** or until we're sold out. This means that we are in need of volunteers to give of their time and talent at Saturday Sessions and especially on Festival day! Please become a member of our wonderful Kitchen Crew! Your help and cooperation is always needed and appreciated! All cooking sessions start at 7 a.m. on Saturdays unless otherwise noted. Come join in the fellowship while helping make Baba's specialties. See you then!

Festival Cooking Schedule: (all sessions begin at 7 am on Saturdays unless otherwise noted)

Sept. 5th	**Noodles**
Sept. 12th	Beef Stroganoff
Fri., Sept. 18th	Bread Baking & Pete Beans
Sept. 19th	Halupki Making & Festival Setup

ALSO -- When purchasing pop for your cookout this summer, please consider purchasing an extra case of pop and/or water and donating towards this worthy cause. ***Your donation(s) DIRECTLY contribute to the success of this endeavor!***