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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
REPOSE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE AND  
EVANGELIST  
JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

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Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

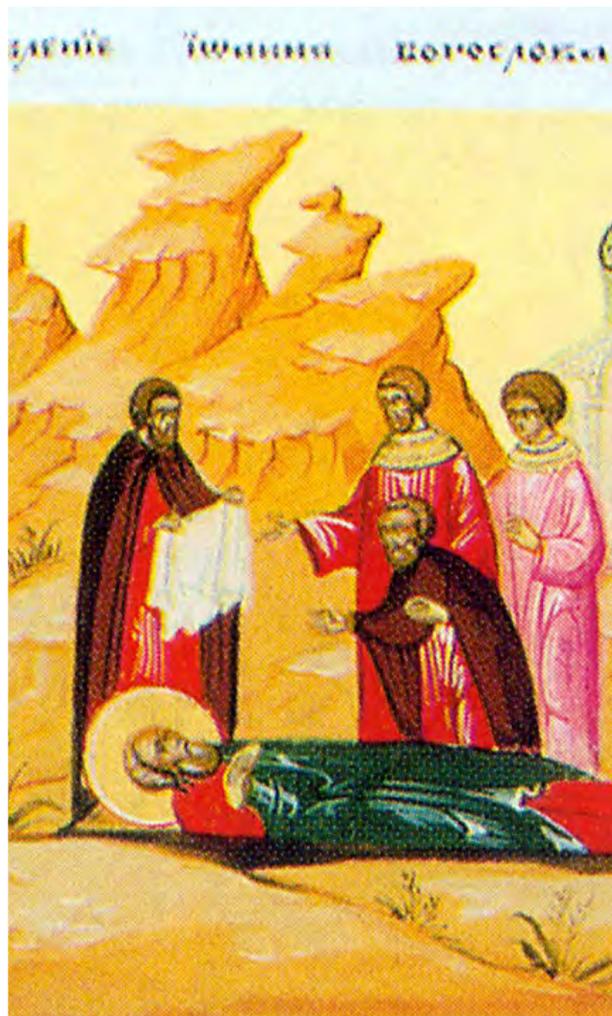
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The Holy, Glorious All-laudable  
Apostle and Evangelist, Virgin,  
and Beloved Friend of Christ,  
John the Theologian (September  
26) was the son of Zebedee and Sa-  
lome, a daughter of Saint Joseph  
the Betrothed. He was called by  
our Lord Jesus Christ to be one of  
His Apostles at the same time as  
his elder brother James. This took  
place at Lake Gennesareth (i.e. the  
Sea of Galilee). Leaving behind  
their father, both brothers fol-  
lowed the Lord.

The Apostle John was especially  
loved by the Savior for his sacrifi-  
cial love and his virginal purity.  
After his calling, the Apostle John  
did not part from the Lord, and he  
was one of the three apostles who  
were particularly close to Him.  
Saint John the Theologian was pre-  
sent when the Lord restored the

daughter of Jairus to life, and he was a witness to the Transfiguration of the  
Lord on Mount Tabor.

During the Last Supper, he reclined next to the Lord, and laid his head upon His  
breast. He also asked the name of the Savior's betrayer. The Apostle John fol-

lowed after the Lord when they led Him bound from the Garden of Gethsemane to the court of the iniquitous High Priests Annas and Caiphas. He was there in the courtyard of the High Priest during the interrogations of his Teacher and he resolutely followed after him on the way to Golgotha, grieving with all his heart.

At the foot of the Cross he stood with the Mother of God and heard the words of the Crucified Lord addressed to Her from the Cross: "Woman, behold Thy son." Then the Lord said to him, "Behold thy Mother" (John 19:26-27). From that moment the Apostle John, like a loving son, concerned himself over the Most Holy Virgin Mary, and he served Her until Her Dormition.

After the Dormition of the Mother of God the Apostle John went to Ephesus and other cities of Asia Minor to preach the Gospel, taking with him his own disciple Prochorus. They boarded a ship, which floundered during a terrible tempest. All the travellers were cast up upon dry ground, and only the Apostle John remained in the depths of the sea. Prochorus wept bitterly, bereft of his spiritual father and guide, and he went on towards Ephesus alone.

On the fourteenth day of his journey he stood at the shore of the sea and saw that the waves had cast a man ashore. Going up to him, he recognized the Apostle John, whom the Lord had preserved alive for fourteen days in the sea. Teacher and disciple went to Ephesus, where the Apostle John preached incessantly to the pagans about Christ. His preaching was accompanied by such numerous and great miracles, that the number of believers increased with each day.

During this time there had begun a persecution of Christians under the emperor Nero (56-68). They took the Apostle John for trial at Rome. Saint John was sentenced to death for his confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, but the Lord preserved His chosen one. The apostle drank a cup of deadly poison, but he remained alive. Later, he emerged unharmed from a caul-

dron of boiling oil into which he had been thrown on orders from the torturer.

After this, they sent the Apostle John off to imprisonment to the island of Patmos, where he spent many years. Proceeding along on his way to the place of exile, Saint John worked many miracles. On the island of Patmos, his preaching and miracles attracted to him all the inhabitants of the island, and he enlightened them with the light of the Gospel. He cast out many devils from the pagan temples, and he healed a great multitude of the sick.

Sorcerers with demonic powers showed great hostility to the preaching of the holy apostle. He especially frightened the chief sorcerer of them all, named Kinops, who boasted that they would destroy the apostle. But the great John, by the grace of God acting through him, destroyed all the demonic artifices to which Kinops resorted, and the haughty sorcerer perished in the depths of the sea.

The Apostle John withdrew with his disciple Prochorus to a desolate height, where he imposed upon himself a three-day fast. As Saint John prayed the earth quaked and thunder rumbled. Prochorus fell to the ground in fright. The Apostle John lifted him up and told him to write down what he was about to say. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord, Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev 1:8), proclaimed the Spirit of God through the Apostle John. Thus in about the year 67 the Book of Revelation was written, known also as the "Apocalypse," of the holy Apostle John the Theologian. In this Book were predictions of the tribulations of the Church and of the end of the world.

After his prolonged exile, the Apostle John received his freedom and returned to Ephesus, where he continued with his activity, instructing Christians to guard against false teachers and their erroneous teachings. In the year 95, the Apostle John wrote his Gospel at Ephesus. He called for all Christians to love the Lord and

one another, and by this to fulfill the commands of Christ. The Church calls Saint John the “Apostle of Love”, since he constantly taught that without love man cannot come near to God.

In his three Epistles, Saint John speaks of the significance of love for God and for neighbor. Already in his old age, he learned of a youth who had strayed from the true path to follow the leader of a band of robbers, so Saint John went out into the wilderness to seek him. Seeing the holy Elder, the guilty one tried to hide himself, but the Apostle John ran after him and besought him to stop. He promised to take the sins of the youth upon himself, if only he would repent and not bring ruin upon his soul. Shaken by the intense love of the holy Elder, the youth actually did repent and turn his life around.

Saint John reposed when he was more than a hundred years old. He far outlived the other eyewitnesses of the Lord, and for a long time he remained the only remaining eyewitness of the earthly life of the Savior.

When it was time for the departure of the Apostle John, he went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with the families of his disciples. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave, in which he lay, telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, but not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of Saint John came to the place of his burial. When they opened the grave, they found it empty.

Each year from the grave of the holy Apostle John on May 8 came forth a fine dust, which believers gathered up and were healed of sicknesses by it. Therefore, the Church also celebrates the memory of the holy Apostle John the Theologian on May 8.

The Lord bestowed on His beloved disciple John and John’s brother James the name “Sons of Thunder” an awesome messenger accompanied by the cleansing power of heavenly fire. And precisely by this the Savior pointed out the flaming, fiery, sacrificial character of Christian love, the preacher of which was the Apostle John the Theologian. The eagle, symbol of the lofty heights of his theological thought, is the iconographic symbol of the Evangelist John the Theologian. The appellation “Theologian” is bestowed by Holy Church only to Saint John among the immediate disciples and Apostles of Christ, as being the seer of the mysterious Judgments of God.

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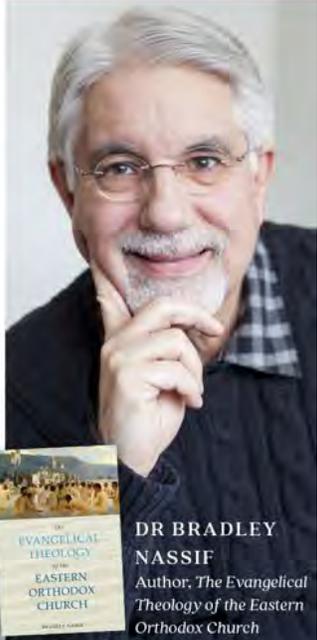
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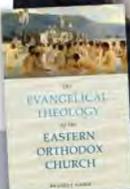
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## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest’s ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason.

He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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## RECENT EVENTS

On Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, during his visit to St. Theodosius Cathedral in Cleveland, Archbishop Paul ordained the Reader Igor Gajewsky to the Sub diaconate, and tonsured Nikolai "Eric" Seddon as a Reader. He also presented a Synodal Grammotta to St. Theodosius Cathedral celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also gave Synodal Grammotta to Theodore and Susan Lenz honoring their many years of service to the Cathedral. Kenneth Kovach was honored for his 50 years of service as Choir Director of the Cathedral. He was given a wood engraved picture of the Troparion to St. Theodosius that he composed. Finally, the Archpriest John Zdinak, former dean of the Cathedral was given an icon of the Nativity of John the Baptist in recognition of his retirement from the Cathedral a year and a half ago. The Pandemic prevented the occasion of this event taking place until now. "Axios!" and "Many Years! to all those honored this day!"

## THE SALE OF COPPER STONE

On September 19th, 2021, the parish voted to proceed with the sale of Copper Stone to Bethany Assembly of God Church. The vote was seventy to zero.

**Altar Society Meeting:** The St. Theodosius Altar Society will meet immediately after Divine Liturgy on October 3rd, 2021, in the Parish Hall adjacent to the Cathedral.

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10. Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

## In Chernigov, the 125th anniversary of the canonization of St. Theodosius of Chernigov

Link to original article: <https://spzh.news/ru/news/82781-v-chernigove-otprazdnovali-125-letije-kanonizacii-svt-feodosija-chernigovskogo>

The celebrations on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the glorification of Saint Theodosius in Chernigov were led by Metropolitan Sergius.

On September 22, in Chernigov, celebrations were held on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the glorification of St. Theodosius, Archbishop of Chernigov, according to the press service of the Chernigov diocese of the UOC .

The Divine Liturgy in the Holy Trinity Cathedral, where the relics of St. Theodosius rest, was led by Metropolitan Sergius of Ternopil and Kremenets. He was concelebrated by the Metropolitan of Chernigov and Novgorod-Seversky Ambrose, the vicar of the Chernigov diocese, Bishop Nikodim of Lyubech, the clergy of the cathedral, diocese and guests in the priesthood.

After reading the Gospel, Vladyka Sergius addressed the flock with a sermon.

After completing the Liturgy, the clergy and believers performed a procession of the cross around the

cathedral and a prayer service before the relics of St. Theodosius of Chernigov.



Saint Theodosius was the archbishop of Chernigov from 1692 until his death in 1696. His church glorification took place 200 years later - on September 9 (22), 1896.

During the canonization, Saint Theodosius appeared to the Monk Alexy Golosevsky, who was invited to be glorified as a specialist in relics, and asked him to pray for his parents - Nikita and Mary. Before that, their names were unknown. Several years later, the authenticity of the phenomenon was undoubtedly confirmed - they found a monument in the monastery where Saint Theodosius was hegumen.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

9/19/2021

## **Departed:**

**Virginia** Haupt (*Lisa's Mother*)

**Archpriest Fr. Anastasy "Stacey"** Richter

**Fred** Baker (*uncle of Nicholas Kozak*)

**Deacon Michael**

## **Special Intentions:**

**Deacon Paul** Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

**Protodeacon Dan** Boerio

**Subdeacon Theodore** Lentz

**Reader Paul** Pangrace

**Jennifer** Boerio

**Horia** Dascalescu (*Lavinia's brother*)

**Diane** Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's Sister*)

**Chris** Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

**Debra** Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

**Elena** Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

**Janice** Tkacz

**Eleanor** Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

**Erin** Zawolowycz

**Mary Kay** Weber

**Mickey** O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

**Joe** Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

**Carol** Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

**Matthew** Ponomarenko

**Alexander** Ponomarenko

**Virginia** Medvec

**Charles** Linderman (*friend of Joyce Tabeling*)

**Stephen** Chwalyk

**Merio** (*friend of Fr. Adamcio*)

**Michael** Novail (*friend of Subdeacon Leon*)

**Child Benjamin** Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

**Arlene** Czajkowski

**Jeffrey** Parhamovich (*brother-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Maggie** Parhamovich (*sister-in-law of Karen Felon*)

**Karen** Felon

**Chris** McCutcheon (*son of Melissa McCutcheon*)

**Margaret "Peg"** Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

**Steve** Zvara

**Kristin** Robinson (*friend of Nicholas Kozak*)

**Tony** Shikaluk

**Andrew** Shikaluk

**James Peter** Petkac

**Andrew** Mytrohovich

**Patrick** Carey (*Tatiana's nephew*)

**Jean** Woycitzky Thompson (*Frank's cousin*)

Please submit names to the Prayer List by  
emailing them to

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## BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF September 26

### Sept 26

1 John 3:21-4:6  
 1 John 4:11-16  
 1 John 4:20-5:5  
 Mark 16:9-20  
 1 John 4:12-19  
 John 19:25-27; 21:24-25  
 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4  
 Luke 5:1-11

### Sept 27

Galatians 2:11-16  
 Luke 4:37-44

### Sept 28

Wisdom of Solomon 5:15-6:3  
 Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9  
 Wisdom of Solomon 4:7-15  
 Matthew 4:25-5:12  
 2 Corinthians 4:6-15  
 Luke 6:17-23  
 Galatians 2:21-3:7  
 Luke 5:12-16

### Sept 29

Galatians 3:15-22  
 Luke 5:33-39

### Sept 30

Galatians 3:23-4:5  
 Luke 6:12-19

### Oct 1

Genesis 28:10-17  
 Ezekiel 43:27-44:4  
 Proverbs 9:1-11  
 Luke 1:39-49, 56  
 Hebrews 9:1-7  
 Luke 10:38-42; 11:27-28  
 Galatians 4:8-21  
 Luke 6:17-23

### Oct 2

1 Corinthians 4:17-5:5  
 Luke 5:17-26

### Oct 3

Luke 24:1-12  
 2 Corinthians 4:6-15  
 Luke 6:31-36

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 Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



### Sunday, Sept 26

#### 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Rest of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist  
 John the Theologian  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy

### Monday, Sept 27

Martyrs Callistratus and his company

### Tuesday, Sept 28

Ven. Chariton the Confessor, Abbot of Palestine

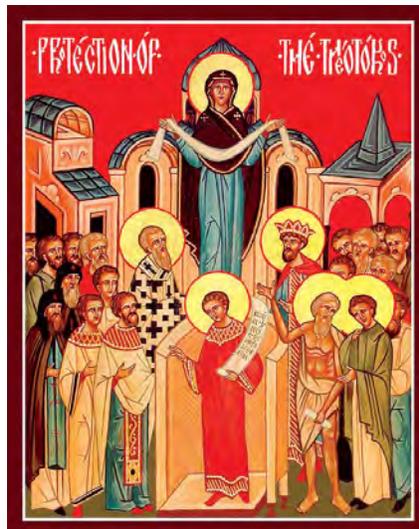
### Wednesday, Sept 29

Ven Cyriacus the Hermit, of Palestine

### Thursday, Sept 30

Hieromartyr Gregory, Bishop of Greater Armenia, Equal of the Apostles, Enlightener of Armenia

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021



### Friday, Oct 1

**The Protection (Pokrov) of our Most Holy  
 Lady Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary**  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

### Saturday, Oct 2

Hieromartyr Cyprian, Virgin Martyr  
 Justina, and Martyr Theoctistus, of  
 Nicomedia  
 Church School 5:00 PM  
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

### Sunday, Oct 3

#### 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Hieromartyr Dionysius the Areopagite, Bishop of Athens, and with him Martyrs Rusticus the Presbyter and Eleutherius the Deacon  
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read  
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
 Coffee Hour following Liturgy