

# ST. JOSEPH THE BETROTHED

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## CLERGY:

Rev. Christopher Manuele, Presbyter

## DIVINE SERVICES:

Wednesday :

Compline ..... 7:30 P.M

Saturday:

Great Vespers: ..... 3:15 P.M

Sunday:

Orthros ..... 9:00 A.M.

Divine Liturgy: ..... 10:00 A.M.

Holy Days:

Eve: Great Vespers: .... 5:30 P.M.

Day: Divine Liturgy ... 5:30 P.M

## HOLY MYSTERY OF CONFESSION:

Before Vespers at 3:00 P.M.; following any service; or by appointment.

## HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Following services /call the Rectory.

## HOLY MYSTERY OF CROWNING:

Call rectory at earliest convenience.

## PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL:

Meetings as scheduled.

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



*Icon of Christ Healing the Centurion's Servant*

# DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

20 JUNE 2021 ♦ TONE 03 EOTHINON 04 † FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / HIEROMARTYR METHODIOS

## GREAT DOXOLOGY:

### ANTIPHONS:

FIRST:

SECOND:

THIRD:

### ENTRANCE HYMN:

### APOLYTIKIA:

*Resurrection (Tone 3)*

*Holy Hieromartyr Methodios of Patara*

Sharer in the Apostle's way of life and successor on their throne, inspired by God, you found ascetical effort as the means to contemplation. And so, dispensing rightly the word or truth, you fought for the faith unto the shedding of your blood, O Hieromartyr Methodios. Intercede with Christ God, for the salvation of our souls.

*St Joseph the betrothed*

### KONDAKION:

### TRISAGION:

### PROKIMENON: Ps. 46:7,2

Sing praises to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King sing praise!

*Stichon.* All you peoples clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness.

### EPISTLE:

Brethren, now that you have been freed from sin, you have come to serve justification.

I speak in a human way because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you yielded your members as slaves to uncleanness and iniquity, so now yield your members as slaves of justification so as to be sanctified. For while you were the slaves of sin, you had nothing to do with justification. But what fruit did you gather then of those deeds of which you are now ashamed? For the end of such things is death. But now, set free from sin and become slaves to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and as your end, life everlasting. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life everlasting in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### ALLELUIA: *Psalm 20:2,3*

In you, O Lord, have I hoped: let me never be ashamed.  
Be my God and protector.

### GOSPEL:

*The Lord said:* when Jesus entered Capernaum, there came to him a centurion who begged him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying sick in the house, paralyzed, and is grievously afflicted." Jesus said to him, "I will come and cure him." But in answer the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man subject to authority, and have soldiers subject to me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." And when Jesus heard this, he marveled, and said to those who were following him, "Amen I say to you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel. And I tell you that many will come from the east and from the west, and will feast with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be put out into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; as you have believed, so be it done to you." And the servant was healed at that hour.

*Liturgy Book p. 1*

*Liturgy Book p. 11*

*Liturgy Book p. 11*

*Liturgy Book p. 17*

*Liturgy Book p. 15*

*Liturgy Book p. 17*

*(Tone 4)*

*Liturgy Book p. 20*

*Liturgy Book p. 21*

*Liturgy Book p. 23*

*(Tone 3)*

*Romans 6:18-23*

*(Tone 3)*

*St. Matthew 8:5-13*

professionals - who brought comfort, along with priests who brought the Sacrament of the Sick to Covid patients.

Now, as we trust in the Lord, and with great confidence in the vaccines, our lives are opening up to more activity. It is time to return to the obligation of Sunday Divine Liturgy. Because our communities are scattered over many states, we still must follow the guidelines given us in the areas where we live. Most states have opened up once again. Churches are included in the re-opening.

Our obligation to participate in worship at the Divine Liturgy is an obligation of love as well as a command of the Lord. Worshiping by watching a live-stream Liturgy is permissible only for those who are ill, have recently been exposed to Covid-19 or any other communicable illness; those who are home-bound or in hospitals or other health-care facilities, those not yet vaccinated, and those of advanced age. Holy Communion to be provided by a visit of the priest or deacon. I recommend we continue live-streaming our services for them. All other parishioners who are well and ambulatory need to be in church to receive the Eucharist.

The obligation to return to Sunday Divine Liturgy attendance becomes effective June 27, 2021. We look forward to welcoming all our faithful back to the celebration of Divine Liturgy after this long and difficult year.

✙ Most Reverend Nicholas J. Samra,  
Eparchial Bishop of Newton



## BISHOP NICHOLAS SAMRA'S LETTER

### SUNDAY OBLIGATION RETURN: JUNE 16, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Eucharist is our life-line, without it we cannot live. The Sunday Divine Liturgy is the community celebration of Christ in our midst, the event that unites us all together as the Body of Christ. Celebrating the Eucharist is not just a commandment of the Church, but an inner necessity. Christ sustains us, and, without Him, our lives are empty. It is time to return to full parish life, with precautions, and to come back to church weekly to participate in the Lord's banquet and receive Him in Holy Communion, by which we become the Body of Christ.

Participating in the Divine Liturgy is the best way to remember the sabbath and to keep it holy – the third commandment from the Old Testament. The Lord Himself rested after six days of creation and “blessed the sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:8,11).

In the gospel account, we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there. We mirror the life of Christ by conforming to what Jesus Himself did. At the Last Supper, Jesus commanded us to take and eat and drink, and to do it in His memory (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1Cor 11:23-26). The Eucharist is our food on life's journey, filling us with joy, and transforming us to be witnesses of Christ to our world.

It has been a long, difficult year since March 2020. Many have experienced great pain and suffering during the pandemic. Many have died and many are still recovering from the long-term effects of Covid-19. We honor the heroes ~ nurses, doctors, and all medical

## SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EVENTS IN JUNE

Saturday, June 19th

Confessions 3:00 p.m.

Great Vespers 3:15 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 20th

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Memorial Service for Frank Milewski

Saturday, June 26th

Confessions 3:00 p.m.

Great Vespers 3:15 p.m.

Divine Liturgy 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 27th

Orthos 9:00 a.m.

Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 29th

Feast of Sts. Peter & Paul: 5:30 p.m.

### DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

19 June Joseph Viola ✕

20 June Charles & Joanna Simon ✕

60th Wedding Anniversary

from Anthony & Kathie Barrett

20 June ✕ Frank Milewski

from Andrew & Tylor Milewski

20 June ✕ Frank Milewski Memorial Service

### 2021 WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 13

Weekly Offering \$ 430.00

Monthly \$ 65.00

Candles \$ 25.00

Total: \$ 520.00

*Thank you for your support!*

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

O St. Joseph, chaste spouse of the Lady Theotokos, head of the Holy Family, we again place ourselves under your patronage. † Through your powerful intercession, bestow up on us every good thing both spiritual and temporal. † Protect this your parish from all spiritual harm and renew in us the spirit of repentance and a fervent desire for the kingdom of heaven. † Make this vineyard flourish with new souls and by an increase of faith, hope and love; may forgiveness, peace and joy reign within our holy fellowship. † In all we do, may the Name of God, the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit be glorified, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

### 2021 FOOD FESTIVAL INFORMATION

#### DATE & TIME:

Friday, August 13, 2021:

4:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 14, 2021:

4:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 15, 2021:

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

#### FOOD PREPARATION DAYS:

June 26th: pie making 9:00 a.m.

July 24th: Kibbie 9:00 a.m.

July 31th: grape leaves 9:00 a.m.

Happy Father's Day  
to all the Fathers and Grandfathers  
of St. Joseph Parish

# THE OTHER PARACLETE

AS THE TIME FOR THE LORD’S PASSION neared, Jesus tried to prepare His followers for what was to happen. He warned them about His impending arrest, their flight, and about His ultimate death. He also made a promise: “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever — the Spirit of truth...” (Jn 14:16).

The word Paraclete comes from the world of civil law. In the Roman system, a Paraclete was an advocate, a counselor who advised and encouraged people in the courts. It was the Paraclete who would provide the first Christians with their defense when they were brought before a worldly judge.

Jesus identified this Paraclete as the Holy Spirit, advising His disciples, “Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say” (Lk 12:11, 12). The Holy Spirit would be their advocate when any authority challenged their preaching.

After His resurrection, the Lord Jesus repeated His promise, this time with an additional dimension. Prior to His Ascension He told His followers: “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” (Lk 24:49) “...for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5). The Paraclete, the promised Holy Spirit, would come, bestowing heavenly power on those who received Him.

## **The Promise is Kept**

This bestowal of the Holy Spirit would come a few days later, on the day of Pentecost. This term, from the Greek word for fifty, referred to the Jewish feast of Shavuot or “Weeks,” when the firstfruits of the grain harvest in Israel were to be offered in the temple. Shavuot was observed fifty days after Passover as one of Judaism’s pilgrimage feasts, when men were supposed to go to Jerusalem to make their offerings.

What took place during that feast is described in the Acts of the Apostles: “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4).

Peter, the senior apostle, interpreted what had happened as the outpouring of the Spirit prophesied in Joel 2:28-32 for the start of the messianic age (the “last days”). He proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah and called on his hearers, attracted by the commotion, to repent and be baptized “in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers (Acts 2:38, 41, 42). This outpouring of the Spirit thus marked the beginning of a new community built around the apostolic faith, common prayer and the “breaking of bread” (communal meal/Eucharist).

## **The Spirit as a Sign of Authenticity**

For most of human history communication was by writing, delivered by a messenger. You knew the message was authentic because it was sealed. The message was sealed with hot wax into which the writer’s seal or signet was then stamped. The seal was the stamp guaranteeing the authenticity of the message.

Other seals were identifying marks branded on animals or even slaves. All Jewish men were sealed by circumcision, to demonstrate that they were members of God’s people, Israel.

When the Lord Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, the Father’s voice bore witness to Him, calling Him beloved Son. “And the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed the truth of this word” (troparion). The Spirit was the seal on Christ, demonstrating that He was the Son of God.

The same Spirit, who descended on the disciples of Christ, confirmed the truth of their words, the Gospel message. His presence, at work among them and in the Church of every age, is the seal demonstrating the divine origin and truth of the Christian faith.

St Paul affirms that every Christian has been sealed with the Holy Spirit. Writing to the Corinthians, he teaches that the Holy Spirit is within us: “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” (1 Cor 3:16). He expresses this mystery of the indwelling Spirit as an anointing and a sealing: “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee” (2 Cor 1:21, 22). We are, in fact, called Christians (anointed ones) because this sealing has confirmed our union to the Anointed One, the Lord Jesus.

In our Church this anointing is given to each newly baptized Christian in the mystery of Chrismation. As the priest anoints the newly-baptized, he announces “The seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.” The visible seal of the Chrism signifies the inner sealing of our hearts.

The Spirit marks each Christian as being in Christ, the eternal High Priest and, therefore members of the royal priesthood (see 1 Pt 2:9). Thus, when we join in the worship of the Church, we are acting in union with Christ the High Priest. We also are gifted by the Spirit in particular ways to help build up the Church. Thus every Christian has an individual gift, meant to be used for the good of all.

At Pentecost the Spirit energized the apostles in a remarkable way. The same Spirit works that way today as well, but only in some, generally those whom we call saints. Although not every saint is a wonderworker, each of them reflects the presence of God in some discernible way. Each saint is the “face of the Holy Spirit,” making visible the presence of the Spirit within.

## **The Spirit as a Promise of Eternity**

In his Epistle to the Ephesians, St Paul teaches that we are confirmed in the assurance of our union with Christ through our faith in Him and by being sealed with the Holy Spirit. “In Him [Christ] we have redemption through His blood... In Him also we have obtained an inheritance... In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth...in Him also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” (Eph 1:9-14).

St Paul calls the Spirit “the Spirit of promise,” who assures us of our inheritance to come. If we have been given the Spirit to dwell within us now, how great a gift will be ours in the age to come.