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**JULY 31, 2022**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

*Forefeast of the Precious Cross*

*Joseph of Arimathea*

**ORTHROS ~ 8:45 A.M.**

**(ORTHROS SERVICE TEXT CLICK HERE)**

**DIVINE LITURGY ~ 10:00 A.M.**

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Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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### ***FOR THE SAINT. MODE 4.***

The Master who called you to eternal mansions on high \* preserves incorrupt your body even after you died, \* O holy Evdokimos; \* for you had led a lifestyle of self-restraint and decorum, \* never staining your flesh; and therefore truly you are blessed. \* With confidence intercede with Christ to save our souls.

Ἐκ γῆς ὁ καλέσας σε, πρὸς αἰωνίους μονάς, τηρεῖ καὶ μετὰ θάνατον ἀδιαλώβητον, τὸ σῶμά σου, Ἅγιε· σὺ γὰρ ἐν σωφροσύνῃ, καὶ σεμνῇ πολιτείᾳ, μάκαρ ἐπολιτεύσω, μὴ μολύνας τὴν σάρκα· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

### ***APOLYTIKION OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. MODE 4***

Emulating the ways of Elijah the zealot, and following the straight paths of the Baptist, O Father Anthony, you made the wilderness a city, and did support the world by your prayers. Wherefore intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Τὸν ζηλωτὴν Ἡλίαν τοῖς τρόποις μιμούμενος, τῷ Βαπτιστῇ εὐθείαις ταῖς τρίβοις ἐπόμενος, Πάτερ Ἀντώνιε, τῆς ἐρήμου γέγονας οἰκιστῆς, καὶ τὴν οἰκουμένην ἐστήριξας εὐχαῖς σου· διὸ πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

### ***KONTAKION. GRAVEMODE.***

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

***EPISTLE READING***

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

**St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7**

**Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2.**

**Psalm 27.9,1**

**O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.**

**Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

# ***GOSPEL READING***

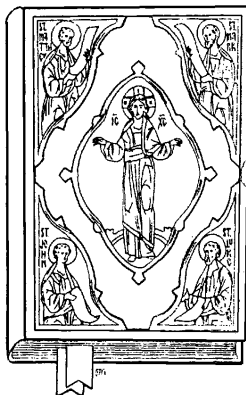
## **7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew**

### **The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35**

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



**Divine Services for the month of August**

*(saint-anthonys.org/calendar):*

Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup> – Great Vespers of Holy Transfiguration (6:00pm)

Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> – Holy Transfiguration (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup> - Small Paraklesis (6:00pm)

**Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – *Great Vespers of Dormition IN LONG BEACH* (7:00pm)**

Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Dormition of the Theotokos (*Orthros 9:00am, Liturgy 10:00am*)

**Today is Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday**, OCPM introduces prisoners to the fullness of the Orthodox faith. **A second tray will be passed** to support this Ministry. Please make checks to Saint Anthony on the memo write OCPM.

**St. Anthony's Coffee Hour is coordinated by St. Anthony Philoptochos:**

Please assist with bringing weekly goodies. A sign-up poster has been placed in the foyer of the hall. Please sign up on the poster or contact Tanya Christodoulelis at 626-379-2304. Thank you for your support.

Please contact the Church office if you need to schedule a memorial.



## Orthodox Christian PRISON MINISTRY

### PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY

Did you know that there are Orthodox Christians practicing their faith in prison?

Or that there are prisoners who are ready to repent of their crimes and embrace the Orthodox Church?

#### Who will minister to them?

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church. OCPM corresponds with thousands of prisoners across the country and provides spiritual books, Bibles, icons, and catechism courses. OCPM trains Orthodox priests and laypeople to enter prisons and minister to prisoners.



**Together we can  
fulfill the Lord's  
commandment to  
visit Him in prison  
(Matthew 25:36 – "I  
was in prison and you  
visited me.")**

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BIBLE STUDIES, DAILY READINGS, AND  
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS SENT IN 2021

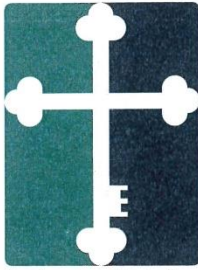
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Orthodox Christian  
PRISON MINISTRY

## WHO WE ARE

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry is the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church in the US and an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops.



## OUR MISSION

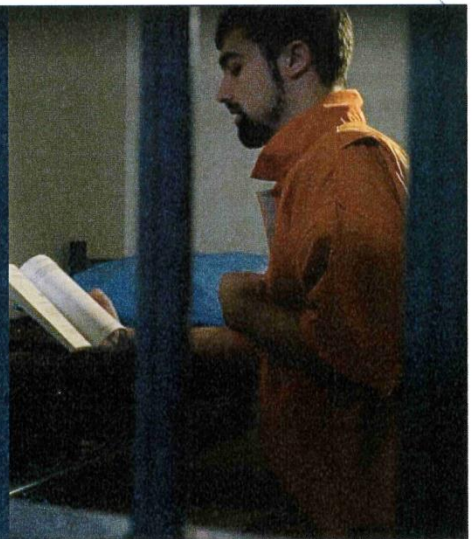
Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry serves those who are incarcerated and their families, and provides resources, training, and support to our ministry partners so that lives are transformed and God is glorified.

## WHAT OCPM DOES

Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry (OCPM) proclaims the love of Christ to men and women who are incarcerated. We do this by applying the teachings of the Orthodox Faith to correspond with thousands of prisoners, providing them personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses. For those wishing to live an Orthodox way of life, we advocate on their behalf for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith, so that priests can enter prison facilities and administer the Sacraments and Services.

As the national prison ministry of the Orthodox Church, we provide resources and training to local parishes and clergy, enabling them to offer local solutions and fulfill Christ's command to visit Him in prison. As a result, families are reunited, marriages are healed, and thousands of incarcerated men and women have a new sense of peace and restored order in their lives.

- We correspond with prisoners to provide personalized spiritual care, Bibles, books, icons, catechism, and study courses.
- We publish our own books and icons, which have been designed for use in prison and are printed to meet the stringent rules of prison mailing rooms.
- We catechize prisoners in the Orthodox faith through a series of correspondence study courses.
- We train Orthodox priests and laypersons to visit and counsel those in prison and to provide the Sacraments.
- OCPM advocates for correctional facilities around the country to recognize the Orthodox faith so that priests can enter prisons and administer the Sacraments and the services.



## BY THE NUMBERS

Prisoners hear from  
OCPM, on average, **120**  
times per year.

**46,047** Bible studies,  
daily readings, and  
spiritual reflections were  
sent to prisoners in 2021.

**6,606** personalized  
letters were sent and  
received by OCPM

## YOUR GIFT TO OCPM IMPACTS REAL LIVES

- From an Orthodox Christian in prison: "I have completed the Orthodox Christian Catechism study course . . . The course was excellent and perhaps the most comprehensive Biblical presentation of the Faith I have come across. Truly wonderful!"
- "I look forward to the next studies . . . I am at a loss for words at the humanity I feel you have brought into my world. Thank you."
- "God bless you all. I am so very thankful to you all and my kids too. They have seen a big difference in my life thanks to you all. They told me to tell you thank you for all you have done and the difference you have made in my life."

## INVITE AN OCPM SPEAKER TO YOUR PARISH

OCPM trains clergy and laity in the unique work that is prison ministry. Our chaplain/speakers have decades of experience in prisons at every security level. We are available for virtual and in-person seminars. Reach out to us to speak with our prison ministry experts or access our publications and resources. Email us at [communications@theoocpm.org](mailto:communications@theoocpm.org).

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### FOR THOSE IN PRISON WISHING TO CORRESPOND WITH US

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# Joseph the Righteous of Arimathea

*July 31, 2022*

Saint Joseph of Arimathea was a prominent Jewish leader during the time of Jesus Christ. He is mentioned in the Gospels as being a rich man from Arimathea who was a secret disciple of Christ due to his status in the Sanhedrin. After the crucifixion and death of our Lord, Joseph approached Pontius Pilate out of piety and asked for the body of Jesus so that he might bury it honorably. He, together with Saint Nicodemus, removed the body of Christ from the cross in the presence of the Theotokos and the Myrrh-Bearing Women, wrapped it in a linen shroud, anointed it with spices, and laid it in a new tomb that he owned. This disciple later traveled the world proclaiming the Gospel until he reposed in peace in England. The Church commemorates him individually on July 31<sup>st</sup> and along with the Myrrh-Bearing Women and Nicodemus on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pascha (the Sunday of the Holy Myrrh-Bearers).



## WELCOME!



We hope you enjoy your time with us today and  
that your worship experience is inspirational and uplifting.

Please note that *only baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians may partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion*. At the end of the Divine Liturgy, you are welcome to come and receive the *Antidoron* (blessed bread) from the priest.

Contact our office at 626-449-6943 or [office@saint-anthonys.org](mailto:office@saint-anthonys.org) to receive more information about our parish or the Orthodox Christian faith.



## Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

*August 2, 2022*

Our Lord had spoken to His disciples many times not only concerning His Passion, Cross, and Death, but also concerning the coming persecutions and afflictions that they themselves would endure. Since all these evils were near at hand, but the enjoyment of good things which they hoped to receive in their stead was yet to come, our Savior desired to give them full assurance, evidently and openly, concerning that glory which is prepared

for those who endure to the end. Therefore, fulfilling that which He had promised shortly before, that "there be some standing here which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in His Kingdom" (Matt. 16:28), He took His three foremost disciples and ascended Mount Tabor, where He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as the light. Suddenly, together with this dread and marvelous effulgence of light, there appeared those pinnacles of the Prophets, Moses and Elias, who spoke with the Lord Jesus concerning His saving Passion which was about to take place. Standing before Him as reverent servants, they showed that He is the Lord of both the living and the dead, for Moses came forth from Hades, having died many centuries before, and Elias, as it were from heaven, whither he had been taken up while yet alive. After a little while a radiant cloud overshadowed them and out of the cloud they heard that same voice which had been heard at the Jordan at the Baptism of Christ, testifying to the Divinity of Jesus and saying: "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well-pleased; hear ye Him" (Matt. 17: 5).

Such are the marvels, truly worthy of God, celebrated in this present feast, which is an image and prefiguring of the future state of the righteous, whose splendor the Lord spoke of, saying: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun" (Matt. 13:43). It is because of this that the Kontakion of this Feast is said daily (when there is not a great feast) in the Service of the Typica in perpetual commemoration of the glory that will be the lot of the Saints. According to tradition, the Lord's Transfiguration came to pass forty days before His Crucifixion; this is why the Transfiguration is celebrated forty days before the Exaltation of the Cross.

