



THADDEUS (JUDE) THE APOSTLE & BROTHER OF OUR LORD

Celebrated: June 19th

The Holy Apostle Jude, one of the twelve apostles of Christ, is descended from King David and Solomon, and was the son of Righteous Joseph the Betrothed (Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord) by his first wife.

The Holy Apostle John the Theologian writes in his Gospel, "... neither did his brethren believe in Him" (John. 7:5). Saint Theophylact, Archbishop of Bulgaria, explains this passage. He says that at the beginning of the Lord Jesus Christ's earthly ministry, Joseph's sons, Jude among them, did not believe in His divine nature. Tradition says that when Saint Joseph returned from Egypt, he began to divide his possessions among his sons. He wanted to allot a share to Christ the Savior, born miraculously and incorruptibly from the All-Pure Virgin Mary. The brothers were opposed to this because Jesus was born of another mother. Only James, later called "The Brother of God," offered to share his portion with Him.

Jude came to believe in Christ the Savior as the awaited Messiah, and he followed Him and was chosen as one of the twelve Apostles. Mindful of his sin, the Apostle Jude considered himself unworthy to be called the Lord's brother, and in his Epistle he calls himself merely the brother of James.

The Holy Apostle Jude also had other names: the Evangelist Matthew terms him "Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus" (Mt. 10:3). The Holy Evangelist

Mark also calls him Thaddeus (Mark 3:18), and in the Acts of the Holy Apostles he is called Barsabas (Acts 15: 22). This was customary at that time.

After the Ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, Saint Jude traveled about preaching the Gospel. He propagated the faith in Christ at first in Judea, Galilee, Samaria and Idumaia, and later in the lands of Arabia, Syria and Mesopotamia. Finally, he went to the city of Edessa. Here he finished the work that was not completed by his predecessor, Saint Thaddeus, Apostle of the Seventy (August 21). There is a tradition that Saint Jude went to Persia, where he wrote his catholic Epistle in Greek. In the Epistle much profound truth was expressed in a few words.

Saint Jude's Epistle speaks about the Holy Trinity, about the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ, about the good and bad angels, and about the dread Last Judgment. The Apostle urges believers to guard themselves against fleshly impurity, to be diligent in prayer, faith and love, to convert the lost to the path of salvation, and to guard themselves from the teachings of heretics. He also says that it is not enough just to be converted to Christianity, but faith must be demonstrated by good works. He cites the rebellious angels and men punished by God (verse 6) to support this.

The Holy Apostle Jude died as a martyr around the year 80 near Mt. Ararat in Armenia, where he was crucified and pierced by arrows.



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Fr. Jack Sparks
Victory in the Unseen Warfare p.94

All this requires patience—for just as a city is not built in a day, we cannot expect to gain inner peace in a day. Achieving inner peace means building a house for the God of peace, a tabernacle for the Almighty—in this way becoming a temple of God.



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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After the celebration of Pascha and the joy of the Paschal season, we now turn our focus to the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. The sending of the Holy Spirit in the form of tongues of fire and the sending of the Apostles throughout the world, shows the universality of the message of the Risen Christ. It is this universal message that the Apostles preached throughout the world and which we are called to emulate.

The message of the church and certainly our parish, must continue to be the joy of the Risen Christ and through that our salvation. Often, we place emphasis on the mundane things of this life drawing our attention away from what is ultimately important. When our emphasis changes our priorities change, sometimes not to our benefit. This leads to our being drawn away from what the Apostles received at Pentecost and what we have been called to continue.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost let us keep the universality of the message of the joy of the Risen Christ and our salvation in the fore. Let us also focus not on the mundane things of this life but on those things that will lead to our salvation. May our Lord give us the wisdom to continue on His path following in the footsteps of the Apostles.

In His Service,

Fr. Mario

Parish Organizations



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We meet the first Sunday of every month, after the Divine Liturgy in the conference room.



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We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm. Come Join us!



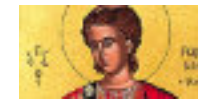
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If you would like to join the choir, please contact **Helen Papageorge**.



Sunday School

Sunday School meets every Sunday directly after Holy Communion.

If you would like more information, please contact **Stacey Henderson** or **Travis Soderquist**.



Goya

GOYA is our middle-school and high school ministry.

If you would like more information, please contact **Lindsay Toulatos**.



Hope & Joy

Hope & Joy is our pre-k through elementary school ministry. If you would like more information, please contact **Stacey Henderson**.



Book Club

We meet every Sunday after coffee hour. Anyone can join at any time!

If you would like more information, please contact **Kent Nabers**.



Youth Greek Dancing

If you would like to join, please contact **Vasiliki Chaus** or **Stacey Henderson**.

Stewardship

To All Stewards Christ is risen!

Nice thing about Pascha is we all get to start anew, forgiven for the past, giving us a chance to redeem ourselves and this applies to how we approach stewardship too. So for those who have not participated now is a chance to begin, for those who do, this is a time to continue, and for those who can give more, now is a time to do so.

A few words from Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris - It is by offering our blessings back to God that he will be able to continue His forgiving, healing, liberating, empowering, transfiguring, loving ministry through the church. For God, Infinite though He is, has chosen to work through us, through our gifts to continue His saving work in the world today.

Help make this a prosperous stewardship year - through God all things are possible!

Troy Cutrubus

Stewardship Chairperson

Philoptochos Corner



NOTICE TO ALL ELIGIBLE MEMBERS

Philoptochos Elections!

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DATE: Sunday June 4th

TIME: Following Divine Liturgy

PLACE: Community Center Conference Room

June						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Pentecost Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 All Saints Orthros 9:00am Liturgy 10:00am	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 No Services	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 No Services	26	27	28	29	30	

Fast Days:

-  **Wine:** Wine and oil are allowed. Refrain from meat, fish, dairy, and eggs.
-  **Strict:** Refrain from meat, fish, oil, wine, dairy, and eggs.
-  **Fish:** Fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat, dairy and eggs.
-  **Dairy:** Dairy, eggs, fish, oil and wine are allowed. Refrain from meat.

 **Memorial** (Mnimosino)



Memorials:

June 11th: Chris Bolos 1 year



Father out of town...

Fr Mario will be away from June 14 to June 29.

During that time we will be having the interior of the church painted. The narthex will be open for lighting candles on Sundays but the interior will be closed.

After Church on *June 11th* we will need volunteers to help get the church ready to be painted.

See Drew Wilson for details.

Quotes of the Fathers

Having passed through our trials does not mean that our external circumstances have changed, but rather that by submitting ourselves to the will of God and chiding ourselves, we gain patience.

St Ignatius (Brianchaninov)

Harbor for Our Hope: On Acquiring Peace Amidst Suffering p.1

In order to overcome one struggle, one needs courage; to be released from a second struggle, one needs wisdom; to be delivered from a third, humility is required. But in dealing with all struggles as well as with every virtue, patience is essential. Not a single virtue can be accomplished without patience; it cannot be sustained without it.

St Ignatius (Brianchaninov)

Harbor for Our Hope: On Acquiring Peace Amidst Suffering p.79

Just as the ocean and the sky have no end, so much more is the compassion of God unending.... As God's compassion is unending, even so must man's patience be without end.

Gerondissa Makrina (Vassopoulou)

Words of the Heart p.77

Learn patience, patience, and patience, and humility will sprout with it -"grow out of it". Out of this comes true spiritual life, and not an imitation of it.

Fr. John Krestiankin

Keep in mind that it is the enemy that attacked you in order to block your path to salvation, and fight back with a short prayer (it is best to use the Jesus Prayer), patience, labor and obedience.

Abbot Nikon Vorobiev

Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children p.169

Patient endurance is the fruit of love, for 'love patiently endures all things' (1 Cor. 13:7), and teaches us to achieve such endurance by forcing ourselves so that through patience we may attain love...

St. Gregory Palamas

The fruits of the earth are not brought to perfection immediately, but by time, rain and care; similarly, the fruits of men ripen through ascetic practice, study, time, perseverance, self-control and patience.

St. Anthony the Great

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