



SUNDAY BULLETIN



JULY 17, 2010 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ABIB

**RAISING OF INCENSE
READINGS**

Evening

Psalm 128:1, 5
Luke 16:1-18

Morning

Psalm 40:1, 2
Matthew 16:2-8

**SAINTS OF THE DAY
(ABIB 11)**

The Martyrdom of Sts.
John and Simon, his
cousin.

The Departure of St.
Isaiah, the hermit.

**COPTIC HYMNS OF
THE DAY**

All hymns chanted in
the annual tune.



The Lord teaches that we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven unless we revert to the nature of children, that is, we must recall into the simplicity of children the vices of the body and mind. He has called children all who believe through the faith of listening. For children follow their father, love their mother, do not know how to wish ill on their neighbor, show no concern for wealth, are not proud, do not hate, do not lie, believe what has been said and hold what they hear as truth. And when we assume this habit and will in all the emotions, we are shown the passageway to the heavens. We must therefore return to the simplicity of children, because with it we shall embrace the beauty of the Lord's humility.

— ST. HILARY OF POITIERS, *On Matthew 18.1*

News & Events

More announcements on www.stdemiana.org

Divine Liturgies Every Day Next Week

The church joyfully announces the celebration of Divine Liturgies every day next week. On Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. Liturgies on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will continue to follow the Schedule of Services to the right.

Update on New Church Project

With God's grace, the church celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the site of the new church building yesterday, July 17. In the next weeks, we will have a presentation from Mr. George Iskander on financing options as we seek loans to start the construction project. We ask for the prayers of all on behalf of this parish church, her service, and the new church project.

Sunday School Trip to the San Diego Zoo

On Monday, July 12, several Sunday School classes participated in a church trip to the San Diego Zoo accompanied by Fr. Mina, Fr. Moses, and several servants. Thank God, the trip was a blessed success and a wonderful experience for everyone who participated. Photographs of the trip will be posted to the website shortly.

Church Participates in Patristics Conference

On July 8 and 9, our parish church participated in the St. Athanasius and St. Cyril Theological Library Patristics Conference. Many youth and servants took the blessing of this conference with Fr. Moses and benefited greatly. Anyone interested in the recordings of the lectures may contact Fr. Moses.

**Tuesday Bible Study:
"The Image and Likeness of God"**

On Tuesday, the Orthodox Bible Study with Fr. Moses will focus on Genesis 1:26 and what it means for us to have been created in the Image and Likeness of God. Vespers start at 6:30p and the Bible Study at 7:00p. Come and bring others.

Church Summer Club

The church is continuing its highly successful Summer Club for our youth and children every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. this past week. We encourage all parents to bring their children this Wednesday and Friday to take the blessing and enjoy this wonderful activity.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Tuesdays

Evening Incense (Asheya)	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Orthodox Bible Study	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Youth Activities	8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Divine Liturgy	8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Summer Club	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fridays

Divine Liturgy	8:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Summer Club	6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Youth Meeting	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays

Divine Liturgy (New Land)	7:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Hymns Classes for Youth	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Evening Incense (Asheya)	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday School Classes	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Midnight Praise	8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Sundays

Divine Liturgy	8:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Sunday School Classes	11:30 - 12:00 p.m.
Weekly Servants' Meeting	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Pray for the service of the church and the new church building project that our service may continue to grow.

EPISTLES

PAULINE EPISTLE GALATIANS 1:1-24

Paul, an apostle not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead, and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James, the Lord's brother. Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie. Afterward I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And I was unknown by face to the churches of Judea which were in Christ. But they were hearing only, "He who formerly persecuted us now preaches the faith which he once tried to destroy." And they glorified God in me.

CATHOLIC EPISTLE JUDE 1:14-25

Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God

the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ: Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries. Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by

the flesh. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

And to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

ACTS 5:19-23

But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life." And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!"

HOLY GOSPEL READING

PSALM 118:1, 2

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever."

MATTHEW 18:1-9

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire."