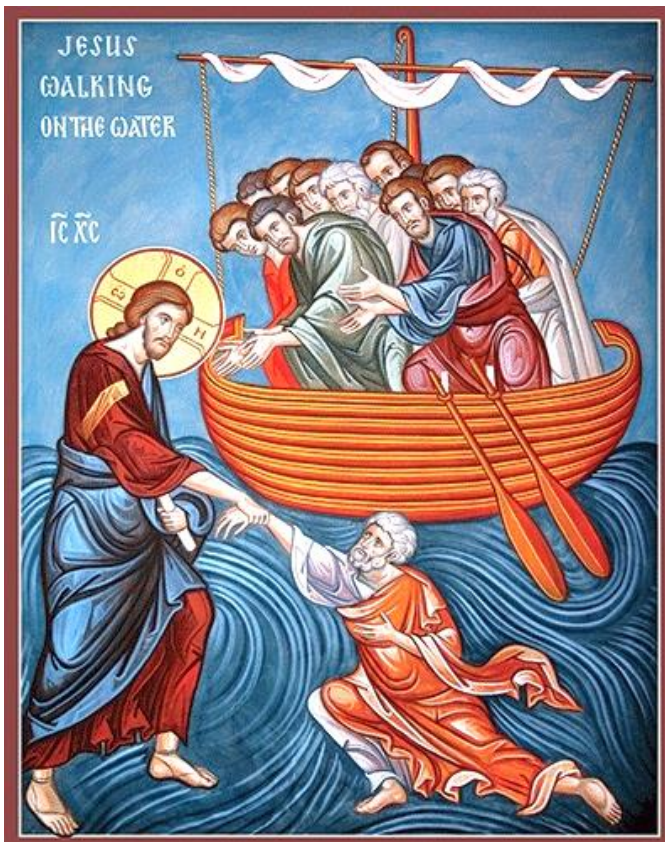




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Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 8

From the heights didst Thou come down, O Compassionate One. And Thou didst submit to three-day burial that from the passions Thou might deliver us. O our Life and

Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

Seasonal Kontakion Tone 7

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.

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4.

Psalm 75.11,1

Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them.

Verse: God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of

God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.



The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him

to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.



Word of the week – Reflection

From *Living Without Hypocrisy: Spiritual Counsels of the Holy Elders of Optina*

If we strive to cleanse our hearts from the passions, then according to the amount that we have purified ourselves, Divine Grace will open the eyes of our hearts to the vision of the true Light; for as it is written, *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God* (Matt. 5:8), but only when we perfect ourselves through humility, for through humility the mysteries are revealed.

– St. Macarius

The Lord will teach you His ways (Ps. 24:9). So it says in the psalm. God does teach man His ways, but only when that man is meek and humble. God teaches only such people.

– St. Nikon

The story of Job is an example for every person. As long as a man is rich, famous, and content, God pays him no mind. When a man is on a dung heap, rejected by everyone, then God appears and converses with him, and the man in return cries out, "Lord have mercy!"

– St. Nektary

Without the visible Holy Church, there could not be the Holy Mysteries of Christ, without which man could not inherit eternal life. Prayers during church services have so much power and significance that just the words, "Lord, have mercy," surpass all the spiritual exercises performed in one's cell. For this reason the Holy Fathers, while standing in church during divine services, imagined themselves standing before the very throne of God in heaven!

– St. Anthony

How good it is to be in church to hear the holy prayers, the chanting, and the psalms! What depths are concealed in the psalms and other sacred prayers! Of course, the reader cannot grasp everything, but if just one thought makes an impression, that is good.

– St. Nikon

You should know which of the passions torments you the most, and you should especially struggle against it. To achieve this, you must examine your conscience daily.

– St. Nikon



Liturgical Schedule for this week

Wednesday <i>August 1</i>	6:00 pm	Paraklesis
Thursday <i>August 2</i>	6:30 am 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Paraklesis
Friday <i>August 3</i>	6:30 am 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy Paraklesis
Saturday <i>August 4</i>	9:00 am 6:00 pm	Divine Liturgy followed by Memorial Service Vespers
Sunday <i>August 5</i>	8:30 am 9:30 am 6:00 pm	Matins Divine Liturgy Vespers, Litia, and Matins – Holy Transfiguration
Monday <i>August 6</i>	TBA	Divine Liturgy – Holy Transfiguration

Announcements:

- **Many years** to the youngest baptized member of our church: **Antonia Pitsillides!**
- **Our Festival is today, 12:00pm - 5:00pm.**
- **The Holy Dormition fast** starts Wednesday, August 1. No dairy, meat and eggs are allowed until August 15. Fish is allowed only on the Holy Transfiguration feast, August 6.
- **Fundraising for buying clothes for children in Romania.**
Talk with Preoteasa/Presbitera Camelia.



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