

August 3rd, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 7

Venerable Isaac, Dalmatus, Faustus, Holy Myrrhbearer Salome

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Epistle)

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, "I am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, lest anyone should say that I had baptized in my own name. Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas. Besides, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 14:14-22 (Gospel)

And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

Troparion | Tone 3

O God of our Fathers, always act with kindness towards us; take not Thy mercy from us, but guide our lives in peace through the prayers of Venerable Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus!

Kontakion | Tone 5

Through asceticism you shone like lights in the world, and by your faith you overthrew heresies. We praise you with hymns, Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, as servants of Christ, who are praying for us all.

Many Years!

Thank you Vickie Tipton for your work this week in cleaning up the church carpeting and pews.

anniversaries

7th - Gary & Georgianna Glover
 10th - Robert & Tatiana Boyd
 13th - Trey & Lauren Nelson
 17th - Ken & Lore Denson
 27th - Logan & Abigail Bourg
 31st - Dave & Carrie Guy
 31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

birthdays

4th - Taytam Robinson
 5th - Kelly Glover
 7th - Emmary Britton
 7th - Mat. Lindsey Osburn
 11th - Sheila Mikita
 13th - Denise Mikita
 15th - Debbie Molner
 16th - Kade Pyatt
 17th - Daniel Tipton
 17th - Scott Mikita
 18th - Juston Scott
 23rd - Joey Gdovin
 28th - Ernie Mikita

Services

August 4th Panikhida, Brian Molner
 — Monday 6:30p

August 5th Funeral, Brian Molner
 — Tuesday 10:00a

August 9th Vespers
 — Saturday 6:00p

August 10th Divine Liturgy
 — Sunday 9:30a

Holy Myrrbearer Salome



On August 3, the Orthodox Church honors a host of saints, including Venerable Isaac, Dalmatus, and Faustus, ascetics of the Dalmatian Monastery in Constantinople, whose disciplined lives of prayer inspire the faithful. Yet, among today's commemorations, Salome's example resonates with many Orthodox families, prompting reflection on how we embolden our daughters to serve Christ with love and dedication, rooted in the fullness of our faith.

Saint Salome, first cousin of the Virgin Mary and wife of Zebedee, was the mother of Apostles James (April 30) and John (September 26). A devoted disciple, she followed Christ, ministering to Him from her own resources alongside other women, even through His Crucifixion and burial. Her faith unwavering, she did not fear the Jewish rulers and, with the

Myrrh-bearing women, went to anoint Christ's body on the third day, where an angel revealed His Resurrection (Mark 16:1-8). Salome once boldly asked Jesus to grant her sons places at His right and left hands, believing He would restore David's throne (Matthew 20:20-21). During the Passion, while others hid, Salome stood by the Cross, mourning deeply (Matthew 27:55-56; Mark 15:40). After Pentecost, she continued her zealous service and almsgiving. Despite the sorrow of the Jerusalem Church's persecution and the martyrdom of her son James (Acts 12:2), Salome found strength in Christ, peacefully surrendering her soul in hope of eternal life.

Salome's steadfast devotion, shown through her courageous presence at the Cross and her service in anointing Christ's body with myrrh, exemplifies how women can grow and serve in the Church with faith, humility, and active love. Below, I share wisdom from Matushka Juliana Schmemmann of blessed memory from her article "How can Orthodox women respond to Christ today?"—may it bless us all.

How can Orthodox women respond to Christ today?

We are Orthodox, we are women, and we belong to the world of today — not yesterday, not tomorrow. We are to be helped and guided by the accumulated wisdom of that tradition, but still be fully a part of the world today.

The Church rejects the man's self-sufficiency, strength, self-assurance, and says to the man "strength (of Christ) is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). The Church also rejects the woman's fight for equality and anger at lack of recognition. The human being as the image and likeness of God is the man and the woman. This is the way the man and the woman were created — the original beauty of their creation.

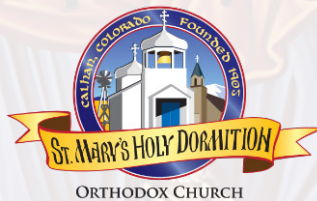
This dualism of man and woman is not rooted in comparison or equality. Equality is an invention of our time, not a true Godlike idea. The principles of comparison are anti-Christian, false, and demonic. Any comparison leads to the experience and the knowledge of inequality and therefore to envy, protest, anger, rebellion and division. Equality is affirmed as the annihilation of distinctions, and since distinctions do exist, it leads to a fight against distinctions, to forced egalitarianism, and what is worse to the negation of the very essence of life. This is the work of the devil. (The essence of life is the distinction between men and women.)

Love is unity between those who are different. In unity, the distinction between male and female is not discarded, but becomes life, creativity, and community. This is the essence of the family. Our contemporary culture resists the family, turns away from it, and eventually destroys it, because the family uncovers the falseness of this kind of equality. Nothing destroys love as quickly as insistence on equality. Our culture replaces love with fighting, because this culture imposes on us equality as the ultimate goal.

How are Orthodox women to respond to Christ today? A general answer would be: follow the gospel, pray, do unto others what you would want others to do to you — that is the road to sainthood. Women are also called to think, to learn, to know, to move — to be alive, to be free. Free to love and follow Christ. Free from the clichés of what a woman should become. Free from fear of giving in to humility, free from concepts that having a vision for serving others and serving Christ might compromise our rights and resort to weakness. Free to adhere to the Spirit in figuring out our response, our role and our choices.

A woman's role in the Church, place in the Church, response to Christ, must be determined by and for each individual woman, without stereotypes, free to be whatever the Lord has created her to be. Not comparing, not seeking for herself but giving of herself. To each her own. There are millions of things to do, according to one's talents. Talents must be given back to the Lord, multiplied tenfold. Talents may involve sharing in the needs of others through teaching, caring, counselling, writing, evangelising, and caring for family or children or the sick also beautifying her environment. Or a woman might have the talent of Mary of Bethany — the talent of sitting at Christ's feet and listening to His word. The ability to accept grief and suffering is also a gift.

Our mission as women is to bring whatever talents are ours to serve rather than to be served. We should avoid the politics of hate and comparison but instead, propagate a set of values based on freedom from prejudices and total gratitude and celebration of the beauty of creation. Our response to Christ should be one of trust, to say to Christ: "Here I am. I cannot, but you can help me." The role model we have, as women, in the Theotokos is important, e.g. the sanctity of motherhood and the humble, submissive attitude to God.



Prayer List

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Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Archim. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Lily with child, Infant Dominic, Tayla with child, Joseph, Alisha with child, Jackie, Amber with child, Anna with child, Joan, Trisha, Stella, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Ashton, infant Sophie, Jeanie, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Taylee with child, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, Earnie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael

Those who are confined: Ethen, Casey, Basil, Mark, Hannah, Theodore

departed

Brian Molner, Avier Cruz, Juliana Cecil, Carl Finney, Fr. Thomas

Molner Funeral

August 4th 6:30p Panikhida. Please bring a desert to share with family and friends, following the.

August 5th 10:00a Funeral. The family will provide a mercy meal in the hall, following the service, please consider volunteering to help serve.

Pan Orthodox Youth

Calhan Youth are invited to attend the following Pan Orthodox Youth activities happening along the front range. At least one adult leader/representative from Calhan will need to accompany of our youth at these events. See the details in our 07.15.2025 e-mail distribution.

Rockies Baseball Game

Saturday, August 16, 2025 - 4:00p Attend Vespers service at St. Luke's (Erie, CO) then attend Rockies game at 6:10p. \$39+tax tickets. Must confirm by August 1 with Mary Jewett.

Paddleboarding at Palmer Lake
New dates TBA!

Calhan Youth Mtg.

Fr. George would like to meet with the parish youth and parents of youth, following liturgy on August 17th to discuss scheduling youth activities for the remainder of the year.

Parish Annual Mtg.

St. Mary's annual meeting will be held on August 24th following liturgy. You must be a parish member to vote in this meeting, please plan on attending and making your voice heard.