



**August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Tone 3**

**The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Most-Holy Theotokos**

## Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Epistle)

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you – unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Matthew 19:16-26 (Gospel)

Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments." He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

## Many Years!

anniversaries

### August

31st - Dave & Carrie Guy  
31st - Rodney & Kelly Glover

### September

2nd - Austin & Tori Jackson  
6th - Victor & Terri Volosin  
23rd - Rick & Shirley Sandbothe

## birthdays

### September

5th - Linda Deak  
12th - Ken Denson  
13th - Doreen Himelrick  
14th - Cassandra Head  
17th - Trevor Hendrix  
20th - Noah Scott  
22nd - Bill Stevens  
24th - Dave Guy  
29th - Michael Mikita  
29th - Bodie Glover  
29th - Eilidh Robinson

## Calendar

### Paddleboarding Palmer Lake

Following coffee hour today, Calhan youth are invited to join youth from St. John's, Holy Theophany, and St. Luke's for an afternoon at Palmer Lake.

**Location:** 199 County Line Road, Palmer Lake, CO 80133

September 6<sup>th</sup> Vespers  
— Saturday 6:30p (new time!)

September 7<sup>th</sup> Divine Liturgy  
Followed by Sunday School  
— Sunday 9:30a

September 10<sup>th</sup> Moleben  
Followed by Orthodox Study  
— Wednesday 6:30p

## The Placing of the Cincture (Sash)

The Placing of the Venerable Belt of the Most Holy Theotokos in Constantinople's Chalcostrateia district occurred under Emperor Theodosius the Younger. The relic, entrusted to the Apostle Thomas by the Mother of God after Her Dormition, was first kept by Christians in Jerusalem.

During Emperor Leo the Wise's reign (886–911), his wife Zoe was afflicted by an unclean spirit. In a vision she learned she would be healed if the Belt were placed upon her. At the emperor's request, the Patriarch opened the coffer, finding the relic whole and incorrupt. When the Belt was laid on Zoe, she was instantly healed, and hymns of thanksgiving were offered before the relic was resealed.

To honor this miracle and the twofold Placing of the Belt, the Church established the Feast of its Placing. Portions of the relic are preserved at Vatopedi Monastery on Mt. Athos, Trier, and in Georgia.

## Surrendering All? Lessons from the Saints

For he that is held in subjection to the tyranny of riches is no longer master of himself, being sold under that dominion, and making himself a slave... For what He saith is this: If thou wilt be perfect, lay aside what thou hast, and so thou shalt have treasure in heaven. For it is not possible, having two masters, to please both.  
–St. John Chrysostom, *Homilies on the Gospel of Matthew*

The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry; the garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked; the shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot; the money you keep hidden is the money of the poor. –St. Basil the Great, *Homily to the Rich*

Possessions are not by themselves harmful, nor is wealth, but only their misuse, and the passions of the soul which accompany them. For it is not the outward things, but the inner disposition, which must be changed.  
–St. Clement of Alexandria, *Who is the Rich Man That Shall Be Saved?*

The soul that clings to wealth is weighed down, as if bound by chains, unable to ascend to the heights of virtue –St. Gregory of Nyssa, *On Virginity*

The Savior's command was not grievous, but full of mercy. He bids him to strip off the burdens of wealth, and to follow Him, so that having nothing, he may be rich in God. –St. Cyril of Alexandria, *Commentary on Luke 18:18–27 (parallel passage)*

It is not riches themselves that are condemned, but the bonds of passion and attachment to them. For one who is poor in spirit can enter heaven, even if he be rich in possessions. –St. Theophylact of Ohrid, *Explanation of The Gospel of Matthew*

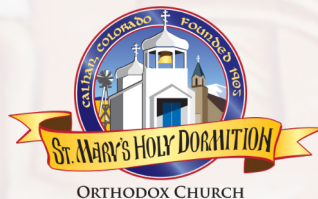
Wealth is God's gift, entrusted for a time, in order that it may be used for the good of all. But if it is hoarded selfishly, it becomes a curse, a heavy weight dragging the soul to the earth. –St. John of Kronstadt, *My Life in Christ*

### Troparion | Tone 8

*Ever Virgin Theotokos, protectress of mankind, thou hast given thy people a powerful legacy: the robe and sash of thy most honored body which remained incorrupt throughout thy seedless childbearing; for through thee time and nature are renewed. Therefore we implore thee: "Grant peace to thy people and to our souls great mercy!"*

### Kontakion | Tone 4

*Today thy flock celebrates the enshrinement of thy precious sash, and it earnestly cries out to thee: "Rejoice, O Virgin, boast of all Christians!"*



## Prayer List

### living

**Clergy:** Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan

**Community:** Diane, Bourg Family, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard & Meryl, Harold, Tammy, Litsa, Lillian, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Michael, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Navvlet, Leilah, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, McKenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy, Michael.

**Those with child:** Libbie

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

### departed

Bob Selle, Brian Molner, Avier Cruz, Juliana Cecil

## Commemorations

The Placing of the Cincture (Sash) of the Mother of God; Hieromartyr Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage; Saint Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople; Saint Aidan, Bishop of Lindesfarne; Saint Eanswythe, Abbess of Folkestone; The restoration of the church of the Theotokos at Neorion

## Fort Ross Pilgrimage

When: October 3-4, 2025  
What: Fort Ross Conference, Pilgrimage and Luncheon

Participate in this beautiful, celebratory moment to thank God for the gift of Holy Orthodoxy in our land and to prayerfully invoke the Lord's bounties on the next 100 years. Divine Liturgy will begin at 10 am. For the most up-to-date information about this pilgrimage, the festive meal, or for the "Fort Ross- Then and Now" conference visit:

[www.fortrosspilgrimage.org](http://www.fortrosspilgrimage.org)

## Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who brought food to share last week. Today's Coffee Hour will be sponsored by Terrie and Millie. Please join us in the hall across the street for a time of fellowship and a light meal. If you would like to sign up to sponsor a coffee hour, please use the form in the parish hall to select a date and sign up.