

Dorotheus, Abba of Gaza

Saint Dorotheos was born in Antioch, Syria, in the year 506 or 508 A.D. He began his education very early in life and profited from the social status of his parents. He received a classical education in the Greco-Roman world, which included medical studies, thus allowing him to work as a physician. Despite his great mind, Dorotheos yearned for a life of seclusion in the monastery. He inquired through letters with the holy men Barsanuphius and John (see February 6th) as how to begin the process towards monasticism. Many of these letters exist to this day and provide insight to the life of Dorotheos and his relationship with his mentors.

Dorotheos entered the monastery of Thawatha where Barsanuphius and John lived. His quick mind and advanced education made life in the monastery difficult as he struggled with social encounters and even challenged his abbot when he knew of better ways to run the monastery. This struggle against pride lasted a great while and served as an ongoing lesson for Dorotheos. He worked as assistant to the holy father John and enjoyed this position of communication between John and the rest of the community.

As he progressed in the spiritual life, Dorotheos was given spiritual charge over younger monks to which he was hesitant to accept as he struggled with interactions with others. Despite his reservations, Dorotheos took charge over a young man named Dositheos and taught him the monastic life, a relationship which proved to be difficult but beneficial for both. When John died, Dorotheos left the monastery of Thawatha and founded his own monastery where he took charge of many young monks, training them in the spiritual art.

The Children's Word

Wouldn't it be great to spend your whole life relaxing, kicking back, eating good food, and enjoying the easy life? A happy, comfortable, pain-free life. Sounds good at first...but would it really be so good? Today's epistle reading is a letter Saint Paul wrote to the people of Corinth. The new Christians there were getting too comfortable. They wanted an easy life, while other people did all the work! In the epistle, we hear Saint Paul telling them how easy life is for them, but how hard it is for the apostles. "For I think that God has displayed us, the apostles, last... We have been made as the filth of the world, the off-scouring of all things until now." The apostles often felt like they were the lowest people in the world! Sometimes we might hear other Christians talking about how God will give us the easy life as long as we just pray for it. But we know that life as a Christian can be hard. Just ask Saint Paul! He was hungry, hurt, lost, made fun of, put in prison, and hurt some more. Life definitely wasn't easy for him. As Christians, we know God loves us and wants us to be happy. But let's remember that God wants to give us the joyous, comfortable, pain-free life forever...with Him in heaven!

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Orthros at 8:45 a.m. Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Coffee Hour will follow Divine Liturgy

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL SUNDAY LITURGICAL GUIDE FOR

August 13, 2017 10th Sunday of Matthew
1st Tone Eothinon Gospel 10

The Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Only begotten Son and Word of God, though immortal for our salvation You deigned to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever Virgin Mary, without change becoming man, and were crucified Christ our God, trampling death by death; being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and Holy Spirit: save us.

Resurrection Dismissal Hymn

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all.

The Small Entrance

Come, let us worship and bow before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, who rose from the dead, to You we sing: Alleluia.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of Transfiguration

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

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Kontakion

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.

Hymn

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

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The Readings - Epistle

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Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

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At that time, a man came up to Him and kneeling before Him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day."

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Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia.

Holy Communion: Orthodox Christians prepared to receive Holy Communion should come forward, quietly and reverently, at the direction of the ushers.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & EVENTS

Monday, August 14 Great Vespers 5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 15 **Dormition of the Theotokos**
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Wednesday, August 16 Paraclesis 5:30 PM

Saturday, August 19 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today** join us in the coffee hour room for a reception to welcome Chrysostom and Alexis Mitchell. Chrysostom is our new Pastoral Assistant and will soon be ordained to serve as our Second Priest. Welcome Chrysostom and Alexis.
- **Today - Greek Festival dance practice** for rising K - 5th Graders at Noon.
- **Today - Greek Festival dance practice** for 6th - 12th graders at 1:30 pm.

VOLUNTEER
Sign up in the coffee hour room
to work at the Greek Festival
or online
<http://signup.com/go/ezbRsXh>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MEN CUT BAKLAVA - August 21
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

CUP AND PACKAGE BAKLAVA
August 22 - August 25
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM and
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM each day
No evening shift on Friday

MOUSSAKA - August 22 and 23
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM each day

PASTICHIO - August 28 and 29
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM each day