ARNOUNCEMENTS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat. Sept. 9	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Sept. 10	8am	Divine Liturgy
Sat. Sept. 16	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Sept. 17	8am	Divine Liturgy
Wed. Sept. 20	6:30 pm	Great Vespers
Thurs. Sept. 21	10 am	Festal Liturgy Nativity of the Theotokos
Sat. Sept. 23	5 pm	Great Vespers
Sun. Sept. 24	8am	Divine Liturgy
Tues. Sept. 26	6:30 pm	Great Vespers
Wed. Sept. 27	10 am	Festal Liturgy
		Exaltation of Holy Cross
Sat. Sept. 30	5 pm	Exaltation of Holy Cross Great Vespers

This is Labor Day Weekend

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

PRAY FOR PEACE AND FOR EACH OTHER



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SUN. SEPT. 3, 2023

APOSTLE THADDEUS OF THE 70

TONE 4



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Prokeimenon in Tone 4 (Ps 103)

O Lord, how manifold are Thy works! In wisdom hast Thou made them all!

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, Thou art very great!

EPISTLE: 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

RETHREN, watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. I urge you, brethren-you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves to the ministry of the saints- that you also submit to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us. I am glad about the coming of Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, for what was lacking on your part they supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men. The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. The salutation with my own hand - Paul's. If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.+

Alleluia in Tone 4 (Ps 103)

Go forth and prosper and reign, because of truth and meekness and righteousness!

You love righteousness and hate iniquity!



GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-42

HE LORD TOLD THIS PARABLE: "There was a 2 certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers? They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes'?+

SAINTS ALIVE

The deeds and stories of the heroes of our faith

Apostle Thaddeus of the Seventy

The Disciple from the Seventy, Thaddeus, was by descent an Hebrew, and he was born in the Syrian city of Edessa. (The holy Disciple from the Seventy Thaddeus must needs be distinguished from the Apostle from the Twelve, Jude, also called Thaddeus or Levi, Comm. 19 June). Having come to Jerusalem for a feast day, he heard the preaching of John the Forerunner and, having received from him baptism in Jordan, he remained in Palestine. In beholding the Saviour, he became His follower, and was chosen by the Lord amidst the number of the Seventy Disciples, which He sent by twos for preach-



ing to the cities and locales, which He intended to visit (Lk. 10: 1). After the Ascension of the Saviour to Heaven, the Disciple Thaddeus preached the good-news in Syria and Mesopotamia.

He came preaching the Gospel to Edessa and he converted to Christ king Abgar, the people and the pagan-priests. He backed up his preaching with many miracles (about which Abgar wrote to the Assyrian emperor Nerses); he established there priests and built up the Edessa Church. Prince Abgar wanted to reward the Disciple Thaddeus with rich gifts, but he refused and went preaching to other cities, converting many pagans to the Christian faith. Having arrived preaching in the city of Berit (Beirut), he founded there the Church, and it was in this city that he peacefully died in the year 44. (This place for his death is indicated in the Slavonic Menaion, but according to other sources he died in Edessa. According to an ancient Armenian tradition, the Disciple Thaddeus after various tortures was beheaded by the sword on 21 December in the Artaz region in the year 50).

Glory to God for All Chings!

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

You can get important information, including the IOCC Emergency Checklist at our Ready page at:

ArizonaOrthodox.com/Ready SCROLL DOWN FOR FULL ACCESS TO CHECKLISTS

HERE ARE THE BASICS

To make preparation plans you will need to account for the following basics:

- Water (2 weeks worth 1 gallon/person/day)
- Food (3 days/3 weeks/3 months worth)
- Clothing (including footwear season appropriate)
- Communication (alternatives to stay in touch with family)
- Sanitation (for keeping things clean!)
- Transportation (and fuel if you have to get out)
- Shelter (whether you shelter in or bug out)

Don't forget any special needs such as medications, legal docs, mobility issues, family photos, comfort foods, snacks, treats, Bible and other reading materials, etc.

Remember stores running out of toilet paper and soup in 2020? By preparing these things in advance, you won't be caught wondering what you needed that you forgot, and your family and friends won't have to worry that you have what you need.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Week 1: Make a Plan



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Week 2: **Build a kit with** everyone in mind



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Week 3: Stay Informed



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



Week 4: Test Your Plan



The Power is in the Plan



#PrepareToProtect means preparing to protect everyone you love. Start by making a plan before disasters and emergencies strike.

Step 1: Get everyone on the same page.

Start your emergency plan by discussing with your family, friends or household questions, such as: How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings, what is my shelter plan, what is my evacuation route, what is our family communication plan and do we need to update our emergency preparedness kit?

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets or specific needs like operating medical equipment.

Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan at bit.ly/FamilyECP or use it as a guide to create your own.

Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household

Visit ArizonaOrthodox.com/READY for additional information, resources, checklists, and more for building your family or agency disaster supply plan.