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Welcome to our parish!

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

AUGUST 25, 2024

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
TONE 8

Return of the Relics of the Apostle
Bartholomew from Anastasiopolis to
Lipari

Holy Apostle Titus of the Seventy,
Bishop of Crete

RETURN OF THE RELICS OF THE APOSTLE BARTHOLOMEW FROM ANASTASIOPOLIS TO LIPARI

The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the sixth century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century. When the city of Anastasiopolis was captured by the Persian emperor Chozroes, Christians took up the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and fled with it to the shores of the Black Sea. Having overtaken them, pagan priests threw the chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew into the sea. Four other chests containing the relics of the holy Martyrs Papias, Lucian, Gregory and Acacius were also thrown into the sea. By the power of God the chests did not sink into the depths of the sea, but miraculously floated upon the waves and reached Italy. The chest with the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew came to land at the island of Lipari, and the remaining chests continued their journey and came to land at various places in Italy. The chest with the relics of the Martyr Papias halted at Sicily, the Martyr Lucian at Messina, the Martyr Gregory at Calabria, and the Martyr Acacius at Askalon. The arrival of the relics of the holy Apostle Bartholomew was revealed to Bishop Agathon of the island of Lipari, who went with clergy to the shores of the sea, took the

chest from the waters and solemnly transferred it to church. Myrrh flowed from the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew, healing people of various illnesses. The holy relics remained in the church of the island of Lipari until the middle of the ninth century when the island was captured by pagans. Christian merchants took up the holy relics of the Apostle Bartholomew and transferred them to the city of Beneventum, near Naples, where they were received with great veneration and placed in the main church of the city.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Archpriest Matthew, Michelle, Larissa, Cristina, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

BIRTHDAYS: Lory Easton, John Mykyta, Elizabeth Woodill

NAMEDAYS: Fr. Alessandro, John Weaver

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH SCHOOL: Please note that Church School will resume on Sunday, September 8. If you are interested in teaching, even once a month, please speak with Fr. A.

FALL TEEN RETREAT: The Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania is sponsoring a Fall Teen Retreat at Camp Halifax in Hebron, PA on October 18-20. The cost for this is \$200 per person but the Archdiocese of Washington will be providing either full or partial scholarships, depending on the number of our applicants. If you are interested, speak with Fr. Alessandro by August 30 or at your earliest convenience.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Aug 25, Sun
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

Aug 31, Sat
5:00 PM

Great Vespers

Sep 1, Sun
9:30 AM

Divine Liturgy

MINISTRY ROTATIONS

Aug 25

Sep 1

Coffee Hour:

Margheritino

Woodill

Reader:

Barr

Andy/Charlotte

*Fr. Alessandro is available for Confession on Saturday after
Vespers or by appointment*