



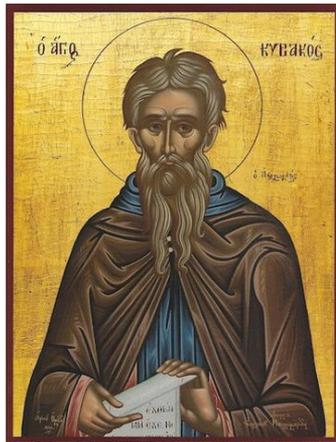
ST. SIMEON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024
TONE 5 / EOTHINON 3; FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
& SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE
VENERABLE KYRIAKOS THE HERMIT OF
PALESTINE**

MARTYR PETRONIA AND THOSE WITH HER IN PALESTINE; MOTHER
MARY THE HERMIT OF PALESTINE

WELCOME!

“The Newest Church in Santa Clarita is the Oldest Church in the World.”

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes all of you to our community this Sunday- for truly, ***“This is the Day that the Lord has made.”*** We are honored to have you worship with us. If you are new to our community or simply have any questions, please introduce yourselves to Fr. George after the Divine Liturgy. He would love to meet and chat with you. May our Lord bless you and your families.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. KYRIAKOS OF PALESTINE IN TONE ONE

Thou didst prove to be a citizen of the desert, an angel in the flesh, and a wonderworker, O Kyriakos, our God-bearing Father. By fasting, vigil, and prayer thou didst obtain heavenly gifts, and thou healest the sick and the souls of them that have recourse to thee with faith. Glory to Him that hath given thee strength; glory to Him that hath crowned thee; glory to Him that worketh healings for all through thee.

TROPARION FOR ST. SIMEON IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and

speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt keep and preserve us. Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (1:21-2:4)

Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me—it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Second Sunday of Luke)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: “As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of our righteous father Kyriakos the hermit of Palestine, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

HOLY OBLATIONS

Many blessings are wished upon our **beloved Fr. George** as he celebrates **his birthday** this week. May God grant you many many years!! **By your loving family.**

Happy Birthday to our dear Father George!! May God grant you many more years of health and joy. We are grateful for all that you do for everyone at St. Simeon! You are a blessing from God to all of us! **by your loving parish council and parishioners.**

Prayers are offered by **Paulina Petrosyan** for her mother-in-law, **Nune Abramyan**, who is undergoing open heart surgery on Monday, 9/30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Simeon has 3 young ladies participating in the Sweetheart Ball this year: **Natalia Malouf, Emma Ajalat and Olivia Resendez.**

They will be participating in a **Debutante Fashion Show** on November 9th and everyone is welcome to attend. This is a really fun luncheon and it would be wonderful to have some of their St. Simeon family in attendance. **Flyers with ticket information are on the back table.**

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT - INFO NEEDED! This year the St. Simeon **Women's Ministry** is implementing an **Adopt-a-Student program** in support of our College Students to help keep them connected to our church family. Statistics state that more than 60% of students fall away from their churches during their college years - let's help make sure that doesn't happen to our St. Simeon young adults!

We are currently finalizing our list of college students so if you have not already done so, please **submit your student's information by October 1st to Kristy Maloof** at kmmcode5@sbcglobal.net or call her at 213-505-3400. In addition to the Women's Ministry sending a small care package to start off their school year, we will be asking parishioners to select a student to "**adopt**" for the school year to pray for them weekly, send an occasional care package, send notes or emails of encouragement, etc. Your support is appreciated!

Please submit the following student information: **Student name, college name, college address, email, and phone.** Wishing everyone a terrific school year! - **St. Simeon Women's Ministry**

Join us on Saturdays at 4 p.m. to learn more about the Orthodox Faith:

FOR CATECHUMENS AND INQUIRERS "I BELIEVE"

1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS 4:00 P.M.

FOR EVERYONE "LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH"

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS 4:00 P.M.

Please submit your oblations to: stsimeonbulletin@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Wednesday!!

If you would like to host Coffee Hour please contact Tracy Kuncar at 818-402-7994 or tkuncar@icloud.com

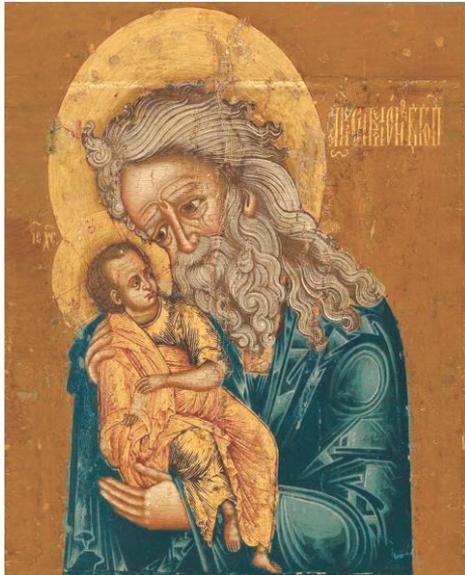
Thought for the Week

“He has put his seal upon us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

On this Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we hear these blessed words of St. Paul in his 2nd Epistle to the Corinthians. A better translation of the above statement is “He (God) has stamped us with His seal....” That is, in Holy Baptism and Chrismation, we have been stamped or branded with the mark of Christ, just as lambs are branded so that their owner can identify them. That is why everyone at a Baptism joyously responds “seal” when the priest is anointing the newly baptized with Chrism. By this anointing, each one of us has been branded with our Lord’s seal so that He can identify us as His own. In making us His own, He has given the power of the Holy Spirit, implanted deep within our hearts so that we can follow Him wherever He leads us. We must listen carefully for His voice, not with our ears, not with our minds, but with our hearts- for this is where the Holy Spirit speaks to us. If we are to truly hear with our hearts, we must try, with all of our strength, to keep them pure and unstained from every evil thing. It is by acting on this intention that we become his sheep and begin to hear His voice; and it is only by His grace that we can obtain the purity that we so fervently seek. This is what it means to follow Christ, and this is what it means to inherit eternal life. The Lord Jesus said this very clearly: ***“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never***

perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. (Joh 10:27-28 NKJ)”

**LORD, NOW LETTEST THOU THY
SERVANT DEPART, IN PEACE,
ACCORDING TO THY WORD,**



**FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THY
SALVATION.**