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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Hieromartyr Babylas of Antioch

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle Reading
II Cor. 4:6-15

Gospel Reading
Mt. 22:35-46

*Christ is in our midst!
He is and ever shall be!*

Troparion — Tone 4

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Babylas, entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion — Tone 4

You guarded the mighty works of faith in your heart, therefore, you did not fear the tyrant; preserve us as well, Hieromartyr Babylas, good servant of Christ.

Prayer for Hurricanes and Earthquakes: While communications have been difficult as a result of the recent hurricanes affecting the South and the major earthquake that hit Mexico, it appears that OCA parishes and communities in the affected areas have largely “weathered the storms. We continue to pray for all affected by the hurricanes and earthquakes.

Welcome to Our Guests

We offer a warm welcome to all guests with us today, Orthodox Christians and seekers alike. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you again at Liturgy and other parish life activities.

IOCC Emergency Disaster Response

Consider sending a gift to the Hurricane Harvey Response Fund (iocc.org/Harvey or iocc.org/Irma) to support the Frontline team who helps the people impacted by the storm with emotional and spiritual care and for others in the long-term disaster recovery.

Vespers and Orthodoxy 201 – Wednesday, September 20

Every Wednesday, Vespers begins at 7PM. Come join in the prayers and the adult discussion group on “The Heavenly Banquet” by Fr. Emanuel Hatzidakis.

The Museum of the Bible

The museum opens this November in Washington, DC. Grand Opening November 17-19, 2017. Volunteer opportunities are available, contact Linda Rutherford, linda.rutherford@mbible.org, for details, MuseumoftheBible.org.

Russian Language Course - “Jump Start Russian”

Marina Koker, a parishioner of St. John the Baptist ROC in Washington, DC, has started the Russian Mobile Academy, to develop Russian language skills at any level. Enrollment has begun, course begins on October 23, 2017. For information www.RussianMobileAcademy.com or marina@RussianMobileAcademy.com.

Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles' Event

Sunday, September 24 from 3 to 6 pm at 686 Vineyards, 14001 Harpers Ferry Road, Neersville, Va. Cost is \$27 per person, includes wine sampling and cheese. Mail your event fees to: Pan-Orthodox Christian Singles, 9716 Lindsay Blake Lane, Great Falls, Va. 22066. For more information, contact Diana Haverlack at dianahav@earthlink.net or 703.759.1551.

St. Luke Fall Picnic and Lamb Roast – Saturday, September 23

Our Fall Picnic is coming soon on September 23, 12 noon to 5PM, with a menu of Serbian specialty meats, side dishes, desserts and a full bar. The children will enjoy the Moon Bounce and other fun activities. Volunteers are needed for inside and outside food preparations and hospitality. Sign up with Hossana Aberra.