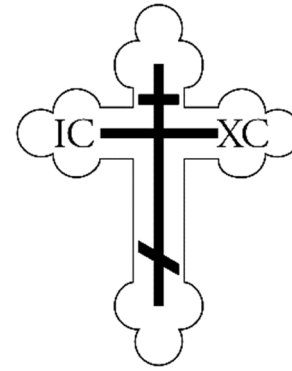


FARM DAY
40HM Youth Event
GOD, GAMES & GRUB

Saturday Aug. 3rd
10am - 3pm
RSVP by texting:
832.253.7392

Guest Speaker:
**Fr. Juvenaly
Hale**

A black and white illustration of a farm scene. In the foreground, a wooden fence runs across the bottom. To the left, a signpost with an arrow points right and says 'FARM'. A rooster stands on the signpost. In the middle ground, a person is walking towards a large barn with a white 'X' on its door. To the right of the barn, there are stacks of hay and a vintage pickup truck. In the foreground, a cow and a chicken are visible. The background shows rolling hills and a line of trees.

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July 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Fifth Sunday of Matthew
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas,
Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy



“This I command you, to love one another. If the world hates you, know that it hated Me before it hated you.”

~ John 15:17-18 ~



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 4	8:45am 10:00am	Orthros Divine Liturgy
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WELCOME

Welcome to all those visiting today. We are pleased you are here. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Hall after the Divine Liturgy.

EVENTS

CHURCHING: Mila Chedrawi, daughter of Paul & Joelle Chedrawi.

ST. TIMON SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY FOR BOSRA-HAURAN: We commemorate St. Timon today as one of the seventy apostles sent out by the Lord and one of the original deacons mentioned in Acts 6:5. He was the first bishop of what is now the city of Bosra in Syria and he died as a martyr for Christ. Many people there now live below the poverty line. Please donate to help support the Archdiocese of Bosra-Hauran. Please mark "Bosra-Hauran" on checks or cash envelopes.

FARM DAY YOUTH EVENT: 10am-3pm Saturday, August 3 at Doyle & Octavia's farm. Spiritual & social activities will begin with an opening prayer by Father at 10a and will include time with the animals, outdoor & indoor games, lunch, guest speaker Fr. Juvenaly Hale, and iconography activity with Rima Zod. To RSVP, text Doyle (832-253-7392).

ST. AGLAIUS MEN'S GROUP MEETING: Sunday, August 11 after Liturgy. All men are welcome to join.

ALTAR SERVERS: All males above the age of 8 are welcome to sign up. Please see Alex Saber for more information.

CHURCH SCHOOL: Classes for the 2024-2025 school year will begin Sunday, September 8. Please see Doyle Odom for more information. Have a wonderful summer!

READINGS

THE EPISTLE

*How great are Thy works, O Lord!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
(8:28-9:1)**

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.