






## Parish Information Bulletin

### Program for 9—15 November 2025

<b>SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER</b> <i>St Nectarios the Wonderworker</i>	<b>7th SUNDAY OF LUKE, Luke 8: 41-56</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>7.30am</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy</li></ul>
<b>2025 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES</b> (A free voluntary program organised by the Church) <b>Lessons take place in the building behind the church and begin at 10.30am until Church dismissal.</b> We have classes for ages ranging from 5yrs to teenage years. Lessons are taught in a relaxed, friendly environment. Please bring your children along to learn of their rich Orthodox faith and come close to God and His Love.	
<b>MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Osios Arsenios of Cappadocia</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>7.30am</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy</li><li>• <b>10.00am</b> Meeting of Elderly Citizens in Church Hall</li></ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>5.00pm</b> Paraklesis to the Theotokos</li></ul>
<b>THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>8.00—9.00pm</b>  <b>TEENAGE YOUTH GROUP</b> <b>ALL TEENAGERS WELCOME</b> Join the group and learn about your faith, make friends, enjoy refreshments, in a friendly, relaxing environment. * Downstairs in the building behind the Church   <b>Find St Vasilios Greek Orthodox Parish Brunswick on Facebook and Instagram</b> <b>@stvasiliosgreekorthodoxchurch</b></li></ul>
<b>FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER</b> <i>Apostle St Philip</i> <i>St Gregory Palamas</i>   <b>NATIVITY FAST</b> <b>BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>7.30am</b> Orthros and Divine Liturgy</li></ul>
<b>SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER</b>	<b>GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9: 9-13</b> <b>EPISTLE READING: Romans 10: 11– 11:2</b>

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Fr Athanasios and  
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at the Church every  
Monday to Friday  
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for Holy Confession and  
any spiritual need.

### St Nectarios the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentapolis - 9 November

#### REPENTANCE

Two factors are involved in man's salvation: the grace of God and the will of man. Both must work together, if salvation is to be attained.

Repentance is a Mysterion through which he who repents for his sins confesses before a Spiritual Father who has been appointed by the Church and has received the authority to forgive sins, and receives from this Spiritual Father the remission of his sins and is reconciled with the Deity, against Whom he sinned.

Repentance signifies regret, change of mind. The distinguishing marks of repentance are contrition, tears, aversion towards sin, and love of the good.

**Saint Nectarios**



### Osios Arsenios of Cappadocia - 10 November Apolytikion

Your godly life well-spent, as a vessel of the Spirit, honourable, you shone, Arsenios inspired by God. Endowed with the grace of miracles, you swiftly send aid to all. Beseech, Blessed Father, Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## **St John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople - 13 November**

Our father among the saints John Chrysostom (347-407), Archbishop of Constantinople, was a notable Christian bishop and preacher from the fourth and fifth centuries in Syria and Constantinople. He is famous for his eloquence in public speaking, his philanthropy, his denunciation of abuse of authority in the Church and in the Roman Empire of the time, and for a Divine Liturgy attributed to him. He had notable ascetic sensibilities. After his death he was named Chrysostom, which comes from the Greek Χρυσόστομος, "golden-mouthed."

The Orthodox Church honours him as a saint (feast day, November 13) and counts him among the Three Holy Hierarchs (feast day, January 30), together with Saints Basil the Great and Gregory the Theologian. Another feast day associated with him is January 27, which commemorates the event in 437, thirty years after the saint's repose, when his relics were brought back to Constantinople from the place of his death.



## **St Philip the Apostle— 14 November**

This Apostle, one of the Twelve, was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and was a compatriot of Andrew and Peter. He was instructed in the teachings of the Law, and devoted himself to the study of the prophetic books. Therefore, when the Lord Jesus called him to the dignity of apostleship, he immediately sought out and found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of Whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph" (John 1.45). Having preached Jesus the God-man throughout many parts of Asia Minor, and having suffered many things for His Name's sake, he was finally crucified upside down in Hierapolis of Phrygia.



## **St Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessaloniki – 14 November Apolytikion**

O Gregory the Miracle Worker, light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, comeliness of Monastics, invincible defender of theologians, the pride of Thessalonica, and preacher of grace, intercede forever that our souls may be saved.



## **7th SUNDAY OF LUKE, Luke 8: 41-56**

### **The Raising of Jairus's Daughter**

This Sunday we read the Gospel for the 7th Sunday of Luke 8:41-56 which is about Jairus' daughter and the women who touched the cloak of Jesus.

The essence of the Bible's exhortation is: "Believe and you will live! Seek and you will find your true life!" Yet hearing these words from the Bible many people do not turn to God nor go to Church, for a variety of reasons, but many simply because they think that they are not good enough. Many feel inadequate, they feel they must reach a certain standard of spirituality or a plateau of visible piety before they can honestly go to Church and direct themselves to God.

No one of us is "good enough" to stand before God and make claims of self-worth. But in essence everyone is precious to God and can come before Him by simple faith – Faith in His Word that He loves us and that He is ready to fulfil our needs as a caring Father.

By the power of faith we can seek the Lord and find true life in Him. St. Simeon the New Theologian teaches us that there is no obstacle to faith but as soon as we wish it and decide in our heart straightway we believe. Every human being can exercise the gift of faith! When we do this, then the gift of faith through God's grace becomes an amazing power that strengthens and renews our life and the lives of those around us!

One of the most profound examples of faith is demonstrated by today's gospel lesson of the raising of Jairus' daughter by Our Lord from the dead and the healing of the women who had an issue of blood for twelve years who touched the Lord's garment. These were perfect examples of the power of faith. You see Jesus is telling us that because of the women's faith she was healed and because of the faith of Jairus, who Jesus exhorted to believe, his daughter rose from the dead, saying to her while taking her hand, "My child get up! Her spirit returned and she stood up!" You see our faith our sincere belief in Our Lord carries us through the worst of times with His miraculous healing power.

The words Jesus uttered to the despondent father, "Don't be afraid, just believe and she will be healed" is spoken to us always, whether we feel inadequate to come unto Him or not, for we are all precious to God and can come before Him simply by faith!

May Our Lord welcome us within His Holy Church so that we too may be healed of those things which have afflicted us! Also this week we commemorate the memory of St. John Chrysostom, (November 13th), the author of our Holy Liturgy who said, "ignorance of the Bible is the source of the greatest evils in the world, while knowledge of the Bible is the source of the greatest blessings!"