

## The Repose of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Theologian

Saint John reposed when he was more than a hundred years old. He far outlived the other eyewitnesses of the Lord, and for a long time he remained the only remaining eyewitness of the earthly life of the Savior. When it was time for the departure of the Apostle John, he went out beyond the city limits of Ephesus with the families of his disciples. He bade them prepare for him a cross-shaped grave, in which he lay, telling his disciples that they should cover him over with the soil. The disciples tearfully kissed their beloved teacher, but not wanting to be disobedient, they fulfilled his bidding. They covered the face of the saint with a cloth and filled in the grave. Learning of this, other disciples of Saint John came to the place of his burial. When they opened the grave, they found it empty. Each year from the grave of the holy Apostle John on May 8 came forth a fine dust, which believers gathered up and were healed of sicknesses by it. Therefore, the Church also celebrates the memory of the holy Apostle John the Theologian on May 8.

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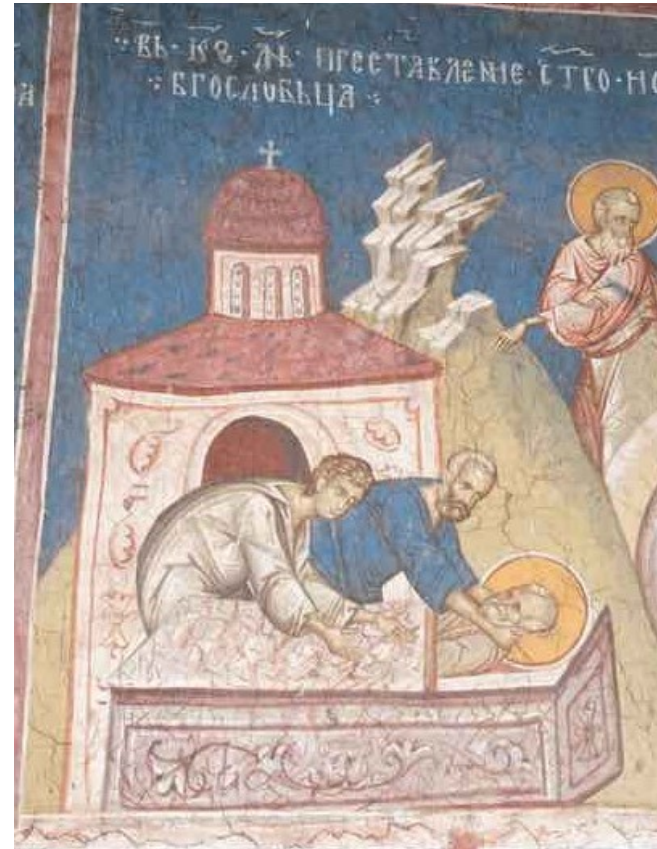
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Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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**Readings**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:21-2:4; 1 John 4:12-19

Gospel Luke 5:1-11; John 19:25-27; 21:24-25

Tone 5 Troparion (Resurrection)

Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, born for our salvation from the Virgin; for He willed to be lifted up on the Cross in the flesh, to endure death, and to raise the dead// by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 2 Troparion (St. John)

Beloved Apostle of Christ our God, hasten to deliver a defenseless people! He Who allowed thee to recline on His breast, receives thee as thou dost bow before Him. Implore Him, O John the Theologian, to disperse the persistent threat from the heathens, // entreating for us peace and great mercy!

Tone 5 Kontakion (Resurrection)

Thou didst descend into hell, O my Savior, shattering its gates as Almighty, resurrecting the dead as Creator, and destroying the sting of death. Thou hast delivered Adam from the curse, O Lover of man, // and we cry to Thee: "O Lord, save us!"

Tone 2 Kontakion (St. John)

Who shall declare thy greatness, O virgin disciple, for thou dost pour forth wonders and art a source of healings, // and prayest for our souls as theologian and friend of Christ.



This Week at St. Herman's

**Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**— *Rest of St. John the Theologian*

- 9:30 AM—Divine Liturgy
- 12:30 PM—Patristic Reading Group

**Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**— *Venerable Cyriacus of Palestine*  
*Fast*

- 7:30 PM—Catechesis; Port Townsend

**Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**— *Hieromartyr Gregory of Armenia*

- 7:00 PM—Catechesis; Port Angeles

**Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**— *Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos*  
*Fish Wine & Oil*

- 8:00 AM—Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**— *Hieromartyr Cyprian & Martyr Justina*

- 6:30 PM—Great Vespers and Confession