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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 14, 2024

Sunday of the Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council
 St. Aquila the Apostle

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Third (Mark 16:9-20)

Mode of the Week: Second / Δεύτερος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, July 14</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4 th Ecumenical Council 40-day Memorial for Despina Karpouza (Maria Murphy's mother) at the end of the Liturgy Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	5:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Thursday, July 18</i>	6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Friday, July 19</i>	8:00am Festival Prep: Pastitsio
<i>Saturday, July 20</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Prophet Elijah 11:30am Youth Baking with Joanna in the Parish House
<i>Sunday, July 21</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 4 th Sunday of Matthew Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:30pm Festival Chairman Meeting in the Parish House 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Tuesday, July 23</i>	3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House (until 7:00pm)
<i>Wednesday, July 24</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Dormition of St. Anna 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Thursday, July 25</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Dormition of St. Anna
<i>Friday, July 26</i>	4:30pm Orthros 5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Paraskevi the Great Martyr
<i>Saturday, July 27</i>	3:30pm Orthodoxy 201 Class in the Library/on Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers 6:00pm Parish Fellowship: Dinner and Movie in the Parish House
<i>Sunday, July 28</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5 th Sunday of Matthew Blessing of Students for the New School Year at the end of the Liturgy Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (7/21) Pete Tsamolias, Cheryl Schwartzkopf; (7/28) George Saratsiotis, Charles Glotzb.
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (7/21) Jim Lekas; (7/28) John Apostolou; (8/4) Maria Spicer; (8/11) Sarah D.
Upcoming Ushers: (7/17) Cristina L.; (7/20) Cheryl+Eric S.; (7/21) Cleo B., Jim L.; (7/24) David Z.; (7/25) Sarah D.
Upcoming Video Operators: (7/20) David N.; (7/21) Cristina L.; (7/25) Joanna P.; (7/28) Gray Y./David N.
Fellowship Hosts: (7/21) Patsy Zoumberis; (7/28) Marcela Chiorescu; (8/4) Cheryl Schwartzkopf; (8/11) OPEN

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshipping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is offered only to Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.
Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Epistle Reading

*Εὐφράνθητε ἐπὶ Κύριον καὶ
ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι.*

*Στίχ. Μακάριοι ὧν ἀφέθησαν αἱ
ἀνομίαι.*

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*Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος· καὶ περὶ
τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῖσθαι,
ἵνα φροντίζωσι καλῶν ἔργων
προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ
Θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστι τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα
τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις
καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεις καὶ μάχας
νομικὰς περιΐστασο· εἰσὶ γὰρ
ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰρετικὸν
ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν
νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι
ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ
ἀμαρτάνει ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὄταν
πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σε ἢ Τυχικόν,
σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς
Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα
παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖον τὸν νομικὸν
καὶ Ἀπολλὼν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον,
ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη.
μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι
καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς
ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν
ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ
πάντες. ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας
ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων
ὑμῶν· ἀμήν.

*Be glad in the Lord and rejoice
greatly, O righteous ones.*

*Verse: Blessed are those whose
transgressions are forgiven.*

(Psalm 31)

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter to
Titus. (3:8-15)*

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Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I
desire you to insist on these things, so
that those who have believed in God
may be careful to apply themselves to
good deeds; these are excellent and
profitable to men. But avoid stupid
controversies, genealogies,
dissensions, and quarrels over the
law, for they are unprofitable and
futile. As for a man who is factious,
after admonishing him once or twice,
have nothing more to do with him,
knowing that such a person is
perverted and sinful; he is self-
condemned. When I send Artemas or
Tychicus to you, do your best to come
to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided
to spend the winter there. Do your
best to speed Zenas the lawyer and
Apollon on their way; see that they
lack nothing. And let our people learn
to apply themselves to good deeds, so
as to help cases of urgent need, and
not to be unfruitful. All who are with
me send greeting to you. Greet those
who love us in the faith. Grace be
with you all. Amen.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (5:14-19)

Sunday of the Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ
μαθηταῖς· Ὑμεῖς ἐστε τὸ φῶς
τοῦ κόσμου. οὐ δύναται πόλις
κρυβῆναι ἐπάνω ὄρους κειμένη·
οὐδὲ καίουσι λύχνον καὶ τιθέασιν
αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τὸν μῶδιον, ἀλλ' ἐπὶ
τὴν λυχνίαν, καὶ λάμπει πᾶσι
τοῖς ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ. οὕτως λαμψάτω
τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν
ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν
τὰ καλὰ ἔργα καὶ δοξάσωσιν τὸν
πατέρα ὑμῶν τὸν ἐν τοῖς
οὐρανοῖς. Μὴ νομίσητε ὅτι
ἦλθον καταλῦσαι τὸν νόμον ἢ
τοὺς προφήτας· οὐκ ἦλθον
καταλῦσαι, ἀλλὰ πληρῶσαι.
ἀμήν γὰρ λέγω ὑμῖν, ἕως ἂν
παρέλθῃ ὁ οὐρανὸς καὶ ἡ γῆ,
ἰῶτα ἐν ἡ μία κεραία οὐ μὴ
παρέλθῃ ἀπὸ τοῦ νόμου ἕως ἂν
πάντα γένηται. ὃς ἐὰν οὖν λύσῃ
μίαν τῶν ἐντολῶν τούτων τῶν
ἐλαχίστων καὶ διδάξῃ οὕτως τοὺς
ἀνθρώπους, ἐλάχιστος
κληθήσεται ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν
οὐρανῶν· ὃς δ' ἂν ποιήσῃ καὶ
διδάξῃ, οὗτος μέγας κληθήσεται
ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν.

The Lord said to his disciples,
“You are the light of the
world. A city set on a hill
cannot be hid. Nor do men
light a lamp and put it under
a bushel, but on a stand, and
it gives light to all in the
house. Let your light so shine
before men, that they may see
your good works and give
glory to your Father who is in
heaven. Think not that I have
come to abolish the law and
the prophets; I have come not
to abolish them but to fulfill
them. For truly, I say to you,
till heaven and earth pass
away, not an iota, not a dot,
will pass from the law until all
is accomplished. Whoever
then relaxes one of the least
of these commandments and
teaches men so, shall be
called least in the kingdom of
heaven; but he who does
them and teaches them shall
be called great in the kingdom
of heaven.”

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Bulletin for the week of July 14, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl and Erick Schwartzkopf

Video: David Zoumberis Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek); Richard Stewart (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Georgia Saratsiotis

PC Member On-Duty: Natalia Saratsiotis



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + The Holy 630 God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council in Chalcedon

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we chant the Service to the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451, to condemn Eutyches, who taught that there was only one nature, the divine, in Christ after the Incarnation, and Dioscorus, Patriarch of Alexandria, who illegally received Eutyches back into communion and deposed Saint Flavian, Patriarch of Constantinople, who had excommunicated Eutyches.

- + The Holy Apostle Aquila (+1st Century)

Saint Aquila, who was from Pontus of Asia Minor, was a Jew by race and a tent-maker by trade. In the year 52 he and his wife Priscilla were in Corinth when Saint Paul first came there. They gave him hospitality, and the Apostle remained with them for many days, himself working at the same trade as they (Acts 18:2-3). And having believed in Christ through Paul, they followed him from that time on, working together with him and suffering perils with him for the sake of the preaching of the Gospel, as he himself testifies concerning them in his Epistle to the Romans, saying: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the nations" (Rom. 16:3-4).

- + The Holy Martyr Justus the Soldier (+1st Century)
- + Our Devout Father Onesimus the Wonderworker (+284)
- + Our Father among the Saints Joseph, Archbishop of Thessaloniki (+832)
- + The Holy Martyrs Aquila and Hilary and Heraclius
- + The Holy Martyr Peter the New of Crete
- + Our Devout Father Nikodemus of the Holy Mountain (+1809)

Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Ότε κατήλθες, Second Mode):

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek text in hymnal pg. 102)

- Hymn of the Fathers (Υπερδεδοξασμένος ει, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε, First Mode):

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

- Kontakion of the Memorial Service (Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, Plagal 4th Mode):

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

- The Normal Kontakion of the Theotokos (Προστασία των Χριστιανών, Second Mode):

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. (Greek text in hymnal pg. 224)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, July 14: Sunday of the Fathers of the 4th EC:

No Fasting: Mark 16:9-20; Titus 3:8-15; Matthew 5:14-19

Monday, July 15—No Fasting: I Corinthians 13:11-14, 14:1-5; Matthew 17:24-27, 18:1-4

Tuesday, July 16—No Fasting: Romans 10:11-21, 11:1-2; Matthew 11:16-20

Wednesday, July 17: St. Marina—Wine+Oil: Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34

Thursday, July 18—No Fasting: Romans 11:13-24; Matthew 11:27-30

Friday, July 19—Strict Fast: Romans 11:25-36; Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 20: Prophet Elijah—No Fasting: James 5:10-20; Luke 4:22-30

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Nancy, Lucas

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Despina (+June 9), Evangelia (+June 10), Arthur (+June 20)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julie G., Bobbie I.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Bobbie, Jessica, Nate, Schyler, Susan and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Symeon the Theologian with a timely word in these weeks after having celebrated Pentecost: "'The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force' (Matt. 11:12), since it is 'through many tribulations that we must enter the kingdom' (Acts 14:22) of heaven. The 'kingdom of heaven' consists in partaking of the Holy Spirit, for this is what the saying 'The kingdom of heaven is within you' (Luke 17:21) means. So we must endeavor to receive the Holy Spirit within ourselves and to keep Him."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

July 17: Marina Deskins, Anthony Nicholas Odom, Nicholas True

July 20: Cleo Bennette, Louis Bennette

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

July 14: Tassie Cantrell, Bill Vasilopoulos

July 15: Rene Esquivel

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

July 20: Paula and Jimmy Cacavias

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* **Bookstore:** The Bookstore is open on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment only. If you are interested in making an appointment, please contact Cristina at 478-952-0202.

* **Bible Study** will take place today in the Parish House at approximately 12:45pm. Join us as we continue our study of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans!

* **GREEK DANCE:** practice has begun and will be every other Sunday for the time being as we look ahead to the Festival. Bring comfortable shoes if needed. Opa!

* **YOUTH:** Youth Cooking with Joanna in the Parish House this coming Saturday, July 20 at 11:30am/after the Divine Liturgy. Don't miss out!

* The next meeting of the **Catechumen/Orthodoxy 201 Class** will take place this coming Saturday, July 27 from 3:30 to 4:45pm in the Library/on Zoom. Contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

* **Byzantine Chant Class** will take place this coming Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30pm after the Divine Liturgy honoring St. Marina.

* For those interested in **How to Prepare Prosfora**, an email has been sent out to select a date. If you did not get an email and are interested, please contact Natalia (478.951.3990). We are looking at some dates in July and August that works for most! For those that got an email, please respond as soon as you can.

* **FESTIVAL INFO: Sponsorship Program** has been emailed. The deadline for this is August 15th. Please share with your family and friends as well as Business Friends. Festival **Prep** planning has begun. We will be prepping Pastitsio this Friday, July 19th. There will be a **Chairman Committee Meeting** on Sunday, July 21st following Divine Liturgy in the big room in the Parish House. Please let Natalia know if you are able to help for Pastitsio and/or attend the Chairman Planning Committee. Other dates to mark on your calendar: Spanakopita Prep (Aug. 10) and Dolmades Prep (Sept 21). Also, coming soon...Sponsorship Sales...be on the lookout!

* We are excited to announce a **Dinner and a Movie Night** for everyone to enjoy on Saturday, July 27th! For parents with children, we will be providing a babysitter upstairs in the Parish House so you can relax and enjoy the movie! Please let Natalia know if you will be attending and how many children will be attending as well so we can properly prepare.

* For those that received a letter, please consider returning the Tri-fold Pledge Card for the remainder of 2024's Stewardship. The midyear Stewardship Blessing will take place next Sunday.