



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Matthew
 St. Kyriaki the Martyr

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Second (Mark 16:1-8)

Mode of the Week: First / Πρώτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Sunday, July 7</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 nd Sunday of Matthew 40-day Memorial for Vassilios Troupos at the end of the Liturgy Doxology for Independence Day at the end of the Liturgy Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Tuesday, July 9</i>	7:00pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Thursday, July 11</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Paisios the Athonite 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Friday, July 12</i>	4:00pm Rescheduled Youth Rigby's Outing (until 6:00pm)
<i>Saturday, July 13</i>	3:30pm Catechumen Class (Orthodoxy 201) in the Library/on Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Philoptochos Social Gathering (at the McCluskey Household)
<i>Sunday, 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>	5:30pm 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
<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)

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (7/14) George Saratsiotis, Richard Stewart; (7/21) Pete Tsamolias, Cheryl Schwartzkopf
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (7/14) Natalia Saratsiotis; (7/21) Jim Lekas; (7/28) John Apostolou
Upcoming Ushers: (7/10) David Z.; (7/13) Norm+Eleni A.; (7/14) Erick+Cheryl S.; (7/17) Cristina L.
Upcoming Video Operators: (7/14) David Z; (7/20) David N.; (7/21) Cristina L.; (7/25) Joanna P.
Fellowship Hosts: (7/14) Georgia Saratsiotis; (7/21) Patsy Zoumberis; (7/28) Marcela Chiorescu; (8/4) Cheryl S.

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 reserved for 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

Θαυμαστός ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.
Στίχ. Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

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Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ ἐλθεῖν τὴν πίστιν
ὑπὸ νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα
συγκεκλεισμένοι εἰς τὴν μέλλουσαν
πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. ὥστε ὁ νόμος
παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς Χριστόν,
ἵνα ἐκ πίστεως δικαιωθῶμεν· ἐλθούσης
δὲ τῆς πίστεως οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν
ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ Θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ
τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ὅσοι
γὰρ εἰς Χριστόν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστόν
ἐνεδύσασθε. οὐκ ἔστι Ἰουδαῖος οὐδὲ
Ἕλληνας, οὐκ ἔστι δούλος οὐδὲ
ἐλεύθερος, οὐκ ἔστι ἄρσεν καὶ θῆλυ·
πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἰς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ
Ἰησοῦ. εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἅρα τοῦ
Ἀβραὰμ σπέρμα ἐστὲ καὶ κατ'
ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Λέγω δέ, ἐφ'
ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νήπιός
ἐστίν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος
πάντων ὢν, ἀλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστὶ
καὶ οἰκονόμους ἄχρι τῆς προθεσμίας
τοῦ πατρὸς. οὕτω καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἦμεν
νήπιοι, ὑπὸ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου
ἦμεν δεδουλωμένοι· ὅτε δὲ ἦλθε τὸ
πλήρωμα τοῦ χρόνου, ἐξαπέστειλεν ὁ
Θεὸς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ, γενόμενον ἐκ
γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, ἵνα
τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράσῃ, ἵνα τὴν
υἰοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.

God is wondrous in His saints.
Verse: Bless God in the churches.
(Psalm 67)

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The reading is from Paul's Letter to
the Galatians. (3:23-29, 4:1-5)

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Brethren, before faith came, we were
confined under the law, kept under
restraint until faith should be
revealed. So that the law was our
custodian until Christ came, that we
might be justified by faith. But now
that faith has come, we are no longer
under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus
you are all sons of God, through faith.
For as many of you as were baptized
into Christ have put on Christ. There
is neither Jew nor Greek, there is
neither slave nor free, there is neither
male nor female; for you are all one in
Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's,
then you are Abraham's offspring,
heirs according to promise. I mean
that the heir, as long as he is a child, is
no better than a slave, though he is
the owner of all the estate; but he is
under guardians and trustees until the
date set by the father. So with us;
when we were children, we were
slaves to the elemental principles of
the universe. But when the time had
fully come, God sent forth his Son,
born of a woman, born under the law,
to redeem those who were under the
law, so that we might receive adoption
as sons.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

Second Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν
παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς
Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς,
Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον
καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν
αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας
ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν
θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ
λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου
καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς
ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως
ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν
αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν
ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον
τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην
τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ
μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς
αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα
αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ
δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ
τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν
αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν
Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων
ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ
κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς
βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν
νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν
τῷ λαῷ.

At that time, as Jesus
walked by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw two brothers, Simon
who is called Peter and
Andrew his brother, casting
a net into the sea; for they
were fishermen. And he said
to them, "Follow me, and I
will make you fishers of
men." Immediately they left
their nets and followed him.
And going on from there he
saw two other brothers,
James the son of Zebedee
and John his brother, in the
boat with Zebedee their
father, mending their nets,
and he called them.
Immediately they left their
boat and their father, and
followed him. And Jesus
went about all Galilee,
teaching in their synagogues
and preaching the gospel of
the kingdom and healing
every disease and every
infirmity among the people.

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Bulletin for the week of July 7, 2024

Ushers on Duty: John Apostolou, James Scarborough

Video: Natalia Saratsiotis Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek); Beth Zoumberis (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Philoptochos/Memorial

PC Member On-Duty: Gray Yates



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Martyr Kyriaki (+300)

Saint Kyriake was the daughter of Christian parents, Dorotheus and Eusebia. She was given her name because she was born on Sunday, the day of the Lord (in Greek, Kyriake). She contested in Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 300. After many bitter torments she was condemned to suffer beheading, but being granted time to pray first, she made her prayer and gave up her holy soul in peace.

+ Our Devout Father Thomas of Mount Maleon (+10th Century)

Saint Thomas, though wealthy in material goods, though illustrious for the military trophies he had won in wars against the barbarians, forsook all that he had that he might gain Christ, and was led by a pillar of fire to Mount Maleon. By divine grace he wrought wonders, cast out demons, gave sight to the blind, caused springs of water to gush forth, healed many, and while in prayer appeared as a pillar of fire.

+ The Holy Martyrs Peregrinus and those with him: Lucian, Pompey, Hesychius, Pappias, Saturninus, and Germanus (+2nd Century)

+ The Holy Martyrs Eustathius, Polycarp, and Evangelos

+ The Venerable Acacius of Sinai (+6th Century)

+ The Venerable Eudoxia (Euphrosyne) of Moscow, Grand Duchess of Moscow (+1407)

+ Our Devout Father Willibald, Bishop of Eichstatt and Enlightener of Bavaria (+787)

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 (Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος, First Mode):*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek text in hymnal pg. 98)

- *Hymn of St. Kyriaki (Ἡ ἄμνας σου Ἰησοῦ, 4th Mode):*

Your maiden Martyr, like a lamb, cries out, "O Jesus, for You, * my pure Bridegroom, I long; and seeking You I compete; * and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. * I die for You that I may also live in You. * Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself to You with love." * At her entreaties and intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

- *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 he 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 fails, 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 7—No Fasting: Mark 16:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5; Matthew 4:18-23

Monday, July 8—No Fasting: I Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 6:17-19, 9:1-2, 10:16-21

Tuesday, July 9—No Fasting: Romans 7:14-8:2; Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday, July 10—Strict Fast: Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday, July 11: St. Euphemia—No Fasting: Mark 5:24-34; II Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 7:36-50

Friday, July 12—Strict Fast: Romans 9:6-19; Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

Saturday, July 13—No Fasting: Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21

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, Stelianos, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Nancy, Lucas

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Vassilios (+May 29), Despina (+June 9), Evangelia (+June 10), Arthur (+June 20)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julie G., Bobbie L., Muryah S.

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. Silouan the Athonite on the Holy Saints: "'I love them that love me, and glorify them that glorify me.'" (Proverbs 8:17, I Kings 2:30,) says the Lord of His saints. The lord gave the Holy Spirit to the saints, and they love us in the Holy Spirit. The saints hear our prayers and have the power from God to help us. The entire Christian race knows this."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

July 7: Dominic Economopoulos

July 10: Amalia Emily Dermatas

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

July 7: Jordan Rothwell Perry

July 8: Paul Srybeys

July 12: Nicholas Michalakis

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

None in the Records

(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.

* **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:** Please note the two upcoming events in July: Rescheduled outing to Rigby's this coming Friday, July 12 from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Youth Cooking with Joanna in the Parish House on 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 13 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 Thursday, July 11 at 6:30pm after the Great Vespers in the Chapel.

* **Cross Dive Meeting** will be taking place this Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00pm in the Parish House and/or Zoom. If you are interested in serving on the committee for the Third Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive, please plan on attending!

* 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 on 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!

* **PHILOPTOCHOS:** Save the Date for our Summer Social Gathering! Next Saturday 7/13, 6:30pm at Maria McCluskey's home. Please contact Presvytera Stacey for more details!

* 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.