

From the Fathers

When you begin to read or listen to the Holy Scriptures, pray to God thus: “Lord Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart so that I may hear Thy words and understand them, and may fulfill Thy will.” Always pray to God like this, that He might illumine your mind and open to you the power of His words. Many, having trusted in their own reason, have turned away into deception.

— *St. Ephraim the Syrian*



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 20, 2021**



JESUS HEALING THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

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Divine Liturgy: Sunday 10:00 AM

Antiphon (3rd)

1: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth, sing praise to His name.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

2: Say to God: How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You.

Be shafa'ati Walidatil Eelah, ya Mukhallisu, khallisna.

3: Let all the earth worship You and sing praises to You; let it sing praises to Your name, O Most High!

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Entrance Hymn

Priest: Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ.

People: **O Son of God, who are risen from the dead, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

Resurrection Troparion (Tone 3) pg. 39

Let all in heaven rejoice, and all on earth be glad, for the Lord has exerted power with His arm: By death He has trampled upon Death and has become the firstborn from the dead. He has delivered us from the bosom of Hades and has granted to the world great mercy.

Patronal Troparion (Tone 1) pg. 15

In giving birth, you have preserved your virginity, and in falling asleep you did not forsake the world, O Mother of God. You have passed to life, being the Mother of Life. Through your intercession, save our souls from death.

Kondakion (Tone 2) pg. 16

O never-failing Protectress of Christians, and their ever-present Intercessor before the Creator, despise not the petitions of us sinners, but in your goodness extend your help to us who call upon you with confidence. Hasten, O Mother of God, to intercede for us, for you have always protected those who honor you

Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$ 288
Candles	\$ 17
Flowers	\$ 30
Coffee Hr	\$ 65
Diocesan	\$ 10
Stole	\$ 50
Total	\$460

God bless you for your generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday (June 27) there is a second collection for the Holy Father. This is one of several extra collections we are required to take during the year.

Please be as generous as possible.

PARISH COUNCIL

I would like to form a Parish Council this fall. It is an important part of parish life. For a parish of our size, I think nine people will be enough, at least to begin. We will elect six members and I will appoint three. Currently, we have both a Finance & Building committee. Each of these committees will have a representative on the Council.

We will have an election this Fall. If you are interested in serving on the Council or want to nominate someone, please let me know. The election will take place in late September.

Please remember that the Parish Council, like all of the councils, is an advisory body. It's purpose is to advise the pastor on elements of church life, not to set policy for the parish. It is not a governing body. Problems often arise when that distinction is not understood by all, including the pastor.



HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OUR FATHERS!

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today **Health & Salvation of all our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and those who may fill those roles**
+**John Kakaty**. Requested by Antoinette Arraj & Family
+**Henry Syseskey, Jr.** Requested by Tom Syseskey
+**All our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and those who may fill those roles**

June 27 +**Nicholas & Theodora Barouk**. Requested by Michael & Virginia Mischitelli and Antonio & Karen Solitro

July 4 +**Annie & Salim Abraham**. Requested by Ron Abraham

July 11 +**Habib & Mariam Rahall, William & Bertha Rahall, Reeks & Rahall Families**. Requested by Nick Rahall and Family

July 18 +**Saadallah al Kateb**. Requested by Laurence & Saimon Aulo and Family

Today's flowers were donated by James & Karen Esper in memory of Karen Esper Webster

Summer Liturgical Schedule

Wed June 23, 6PM - Vespers for the Nativity of the Forerunner

Mon June 28, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul

Mon July 19, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of St. Elias followed by blessing of cars

Wed Aug 4, 6PM - Paraclisis

Thu Aug 5, 6PM - Vespers for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Fri Aug 6, 6PM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration followed by blessing of grapes

Wed Aug 11, 6PM- Paraclisis

Sun Aug 15, 10AM - Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos

As you know, we were not able to have our Picnic last year due to the pandemic. I would like to try to have something this Fall. It doesn't have to be on the same scale. I was thinking of several things: We could have a simpler version of the Picnic or a Take-Out Food Fair. Someone also mentioned a Memorial Service for all the loved ones we lost during the pandemic followed by a luncheon. We would charge a minimal amount for the luncheon, which would be catered. That gives everyone a chance to enjoy the event. If we make a little profit, that's great, but the primary purpose is to welcome everyone back to the parish. As I have said several times, you are missed!

If you have some other ideas or would like to help with one of the above possible events, please call, text, or email me. My contact information is on the first page of the bulletin.

Today we commemorate the Hieromartyr Methodius, the Bishop of Patara (Lycia in Asia Minor). He was truly humble monastic. Calmly and with mildness he instructed his flock, but he firmly defended the purity of Orthodoxy and he energetically contended against heresies, especially the widespread heresy of the Origenists. He left behind him a rich literary legacy: works in defense of Christianity against paganism, explications of Orthodox dogmas against the heresy of Origen, moral discourses, and explanations of Holy Scripture.

St Methodius was arrested by the pagans, steadfastly confessed before them his faith in Christ, and he was sentenced to death by beheading in the year 312.



COFFEE HOUR

The Coffee Hour is back. We are keeping it simple. I would like a different family to host the coffee hour each week. This includes setting up, buying some sort of food (bagels, pastries, fruit, etc.), making the coffee and cleaning up after. Going forward, the parish will provide the coffee, milk/cream and drinks from the donations we receive. If there is a mercy meal after a memorial Divine Liturgy, the family of the deceased should host the coffee hour, provide the food, and clean up.

This is an act of love for your brothers and sisters in the parish. The Coffee Hour is a time for us to visit and share with each other what's going on in our lives. I will have a sign-up sheet so that you have the opportunity to host the coffee hour. We have volunteers to host through August 1.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and help!

This morning's coffee hour is sponsored by Ryan & Tina Dumont

Next week's coffee hour is sponsored by Tony & Karen Solitro

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I would like to start religious education this fall for adults and children. We will use diocesan resources for the children. For the adults, we will discuss different aspects of our Faith. If there is anything you want to know more about, please don't hesitate to let me know.

I believe that our Byzantine music is also part of religious education, so I plan to have regular music sessions so that those who want to become more familiar with our music have that opportunity. We will begin with the music for the Divine Liturgy and then move on to feast day and other music. I hope you will be able to join us!

There will be more to come during the summer.

Prokimenon

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Verse: All you peoples, clap your hands! Shout to God with cries of gladness!

People: Sing praise to our God, sing praise! Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

Reader: Sing praise to our God, sing praise!

People: Sing praise to our King, sing praise!.

Epistle: Rom 6:18-23

Alleluia Verses

In You, O Lord, I have hoped: let me never be put to shame. In Your justice, save me and deliver me, lend me Your ear and hasten my deliverance.

Verse: Be for me a protecting God, a sheltering house to save me.

Gospel: Mt 8:5-13—Healing of the Centurion's Servant

