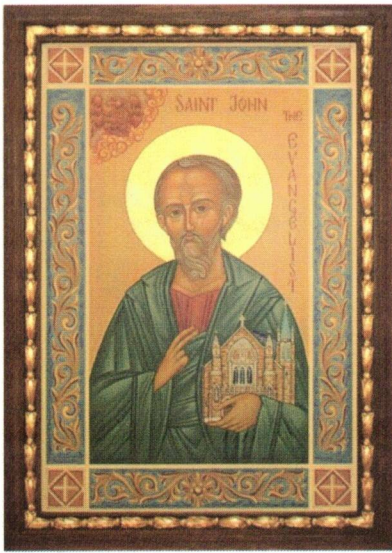




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***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Fr. Seraphim

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Kyriaki)

God is wondrous in His saints.

Bless God in the congregations.

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the
Galatians. (3:23-4:5)**

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 spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

(For Second Sunday of Matthew)

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

At that time, as Jesus was walking 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 the boat and their father, and followed Him. And He 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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JULY 07, 2024

TONE 1 / EOTHINON 2; GREAT-MARTYR KYRIAKI OF NICOMEDIA

& SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

VENERABLE THOMAS OF MT. MALEON

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. KYRIAKI IN TONE FIVE

(** Let us worship the Word**)

Thou didst prove an auspicious and pleasing sacrifice, * a holy offering, O valiant prize-winner Kyriaki, * when thou broughtest thy Creator thine own spotless soul; * which Christ in turn hath glorified, * for through thee, He poureth forth divine gifts and endless graces * upon the faithful who praise thee, since He is the Friend of man.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast, will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech him then, O wise and holy theologian. Dispel from us the dark and omanous clouds of disbelief. Grant us all of his peace and great mercy.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE SYNAXARION (Plain Reading)

On July 7 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr Kyriaki of Nicomedia.

Verses

Though Kyriaki dieth before beheading, she is perfected by the sword in volition.

On the seventh, Kyriaki ascended to her Betrothed.

Kyriaki means "the Lord's day" in Greek. Her devoutly Christian parents, Doretheus and Eusebia, gave their only child this name because she was born on a Sunday. From her childhood, Kyriaki consecrated herself to God, restraining from everything that unruly children do. When she matured, beautiful in body and soul, many suitors came to ask for her hand in marriage. Kyriaki refused them all, saying that she betrothed herself to Christ the Lord and desired to die as a virgin. One of the rejected suitors denounced Kyriaki and her parents to Emperor Diocletian as being Christians. The emperor ordered that her parents be tortured and banished to the town of Melitene where they died for Christ. Kyriaki endured trial and similar tortures. When Kyriaki lay in her prison cell, completely covered with wounds, Christ the Lord appeared to her, healed her and said: "Kyriaki, do not be afraid of torture. My grace is with you." When she was taken from there for beheading, Kyriaki—bearing in mind all of the glorious martyrs before her—offered one last prayer that God would have mercy and save all those who would celebrate her memory, and to give rest to her soul together with the souls of her parents. Kyriaki rendered her soul to God just before the sword was lowered on her head. Many pagans believed in Christ through her, and also received martyrdom. Kyriaki was received into eternal joy in 289 in Nicomedia.

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

JULY 01 THRU JULY 06 — FR.SERAPHIM ON VACATION

July 6th Saturday—NO GREAT—VESPERS

July 7th Sunday—Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

July 13th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

July 14th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

COUNCIL MEETING 12Noon

July 20th Saturday—Community Breakfast 8:30-10:30AM

Great Vespers 5PM

July 21st Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

July 27th Saturday —Great Vespers 5PM

July 28th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

August 1st thru 15th — Dormition Fast.

August 3th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

August 4th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

**August 6th TRANFIGURATION will be Celebrated at the
Monastery of the Transfiguration**

August 10th Saturday — Great Vespers 5PM

August 11th Sunday — Matins 9AM / Divine Liturgy 10AM

Prayers are offered for the health and well-being of:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Ann, Carol, Debbie, Jim, Shannon, Aiden, Justin, Sassic Family, Harriet, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Yvonne, Cindy, Joann and Julianna.

For Thou are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Thy servants who have fallen asleep especially:

Prayers are offered in memory of Infant Micah and Eleanor.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Easiest way to follow Christ is to say over and over, "Thy will be done". This should not be done daily, but moment by moment , in every waking moment. It simplifies thoughts, decisions and deeds with much less difficulty.

DAYANNA WIGLESWORTH WILL BE DIRECTING THE CHOIR

THIS SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HELPING US.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WITH

GOOD HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND LOVE!

DISCIPLINE, COMMITMENT & PERSEVERANCE

A fourth century saint is featured today on our bulletin. GREAT MARTYR PROCOPIOS was born in the Holy Land to a Christian father and a pagan mother. From an early age he is said to have lived in great purity and abstinence.

As he grew, Procopios began his career in the military under the cruel Emperor Diocletian. Being a soldier, he was sent to control uprisings of disgruntled peoples. It was during one such activity that he is said to have seen a vision of the Cross, and heard a voice saying: ". . . fight not against My servants, lest thou die." His conversion to Christ was completed shortly thereafter, and Procopios the soldier of the pagan emperor became Procopios the warrior for Christ.

In fact, he became a reader of the Church at Scythopolis in the Holy Land. It wasn't long before the soldiers of Diocletian arrested him as a Christian. It was while on a trip to Caesarea that he was taken at the gates of the city and brought to the room of the governor, Flavian. The governor tried to persuade him to sacrifice, but Procopios with a loud and sure voice confessed that there was but ONE GOD, the Creator of all things.

He was taken out of the city and executed with the sword. The account of his martyrdom is given by Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea. Procopios is regarded as a great-martyr, much in the fashion of another soldier of ancient times, St. George.

The passing of centuries have failed to dim the esteem in which the Great Martyr Procopios is held by the Orthodox Church. Much change has come to the world since his day, but the love of a man for the Lord and his desire to serve Him faithfully, has not changed.

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