

Sunday July 07, 2019
3rd Sunday of Matthew
Kyriaki the Great Martyr
Thomas the Righteous of Malea

HYMNS FOR THE DAY: 2, 261, 134, 218 (Found in red hymnal book)

READINGS: **Orthros Gospel:** Mark 16:9-20
Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 6:22-23

THE NICENE CREED & LORD'S PRAYER are found on pages 52-54 and 71 of your blue service book. Everyone is encouraged to recite them out loud in both Greek & English.

PRE & POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS: The Pre-Communion prayers are found on pages 76-80 in your blue service book. The first four will be read in Greek and the next four in English. **Please recite them out loud as a congregation.** The Post-Communion prayers are found on pages 98-100 in Greek and pages 101-102 in English. These should be read by those who have received Holy Communion when they return to their seats.

COUNCIL DUTY: **Orthros: 8:00 a.m.** Andy Campbell
Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. Everyone

MEMORIALS

6 mons. Nicholas Skotadis	40 yrs. Emmanuel (Mike) Karlakis
3 yrs. Helen Karlakis	62 yrs. Maria Karvounakis
20 yrs. Georgia Bikos	70 yrs. John Karvounakis

WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to worship with us today. Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to the Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion is offered only to the baptized and chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians, in good standing with the Church, all are invited to receive the antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The antidoron is not sacramental but is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After the Divine Liturgy this morning, please join us in the church hall for fellowship, refreshments and visit with our Clergy, our Parish Council and the Stewards of our Parish.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS: The warm days of summer often provide excuse for not attending church services and also failing to pay your Stewardship Pledge payment to the church with consistency. Whether or not the church is filled or not, the monthly expense of \$86,000 continues. **Please remain current with your pledge payments over the summer!** At this time, all 2019 pledges should be at least half way paid. Second quarter Statements of Financial Contribution have been mailed out. Please review your statement to see if it is correct. If there is a problem with your statement or if you cannot make your payments, contact the church office.

COMMITMENT: There was a mugging victim who had his watch taken, then his wallet, finally his assailants beat him quite fiercely. When he got home his wife asked him, "Why did you just stand there and let them do that to you? Why didn't you do something?" The man replied meekly, "Oh, I didn't want to get involved."

Though our thoughts at this time of the year are focused on fun and relaxation, please don't be like this man. Get involved in our Greek Fest! Give of your time, talent and treasure.

Also the needs of those less fortunate continue. Bring in your donations of non-perishable food items and personal hygiene supplies to church for our Food Pantry.

Donations for the Helping Hand are always welcome as the need continues throughout the year. You will be truly blessed if you can assist in any of these ministries!

COOPERATION IS NEEDED! We remind our faithful that the Orthros Service begins at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday in the Cathedral and is followed immediately by the Divine Liturgy. **Please be prompt and on time!** Please turn off cell phones before entering church. No conversation should take place during worship. During the reading of the Gospel people in the narthex should not be purchasing or lighting candles, but stand reverently and listen to the reading. If possible avoid using the center aisle during high points of Divine Liturgy. Lipstick and lip-gloss should be removed before kissing icons, receiving Holy Communion and kissing the hand of the priest. Only Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church may receive Holy Communion. Parents with children who cannot sit quietly during services should use the cry room. Please avoid using cell phones, I-Pads or other electronic devices to entertain or amuse children during worship. This delivers the wrong message of why we are in church and allows the child to pick up bad habits. When receiving antidoron, please, use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall.

CATHEDRAL EARLY LEARNING CENTER: Our preschool is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. To enroll for the two day class the child must be 3 years old before August 1st. To enroll for the three day a week class the child must be 4 years old before August 1st. Applications are available in the church office. Registration fee is \$50 per child, and activity fee of \$75 per child. Tuition for two-day class is \$120 a month, and for the three-day class is \$150 a month. Children must be potty trained to be enrolled. Call Christine Chimitris at 219-769-2481 for details.

HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS: Practice will be Wednesday, July 10th with the Junior group from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the Senior group Monday, July 8th and Wednesday, July 10th 7:30-8:30 p.m. Alumni Group Monday, July 8th and Wednesday, July 10th – 6:00-9:00 p.m. For details or to check on schedule changes, contact Taki Zarakas or check the Hellenic Dancers Facebook page.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Greek Fest – July 12th, 13th, & 14th
Vespers for Agia Markella – July 21st
Vespers for St. Panteleimon – July 26th
Dormition Fast – August 1st-15th
Book Bag Back to School Blessing – August 11th

BACK PACK/SCHOOL BLESSING: On Sunday, August 11th we will have a special blessing service for our children as they return to school. Students are asked to be in church on this day so that a special prayer may be offered for them as they start off the new school year.

We will also be collecting school supplies for those less fortunate. See Presvytera Tulla for details. Please help us out and bring a little something to the church with you on Sundays or during the week. For ideas on what to bring, see the list below:

Backpacks	#2 Pencils	Color Pencils	Pencil Boxes
Hand Sanitizer	Kleenex	2 pocket folder	Rulers
Pens	Glue	Erasers	Markers
Wide Rule Paper	Box of 24 crayons	Single subject notebook	

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Did you know volunteering at our Greek Fest will help fulfill your community service hours needed for school? Any questions or to sign up contact Kevy Paviadakis @ 219-331-3119

FANARI CAMP UPDATE: Fr. George will be at Fanari Camp during the 4th Session, July 14th-20th along with a number of campers from our community.

WORTH: The real worth of a person is determined by what that person does when there is nothing to do.

GREEK FEST NOTES: Following worship today our Greek Fest Committee members will be seeking volunteers to help with and work our Fest. We hope that we can have enough members of our community to volunteer for at least 2 to 4 hours of work during the peak times of the Fest. This will be a great assistance. If we have enough workers it will not over-work, or burden anyone. Secondly, we can save a lot of money if we can do certain jobs ourselves instead of having to pay others to do the work. Please offer your time and talent by signing up today!

BAKERY NEWS: We need a variety of baked goods, Greek and non-Greek. If you can bake something, please do so. If you can't bake, a monetary donation may be made, this will assist us in purchasing ingredients and items for our Bake Shop. The baking schedule for June and July is as follows:

Monday, July 8 8:00 a.m. – Baklava
Thursday, July 11 8:00 a.m. – Get Pastries Ready

OUR CATHEDRAL GREEK FEST will be held on the weekend of July 12th-14th. Preparations are underway for a great weekend.

Once again, we will be seeking donations for bakery, dairy, meat, seafood, produce and other various items. We especially need donors for the 400 lambs that we need for this year's Festival. If you can donate a lamb or two (\$100-whole, \$60-half) or be of assistance in donating towards the other items, please see Fr. Ted, John Petalas Parish Council President or contact the church office. Your assistance will help ensure a successful festival. Our goal for this year's festival is to raise at least \$100,000 profit. We can do it if everyone pitches in.

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to all members of our Cathedral. If you have not received your raffle tickets or need more, contact the church office. It may seem a little early, but the Festival Committee wants to have a successful year in raffle sales. This year we will be giving out \$20,000 in prizes. Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 5 for \$100. This we urge everyone to make every effort to sell your tickets. It is through the raffle that the Festival makes most of its money.

VENDORS NEEDED for the Greek Fest. Spaces available inside and outside, for information contact Vicki Dovellos at 219-670-9700 or vicki@royalbrush.com.

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED to help set up for the Festival, work it, and clean up after it. Please volunteer your time and talent. Our regular core labor force has shrunk over the years due to illness and death, as well as work and vacation schedules. We need more people to step forward, especially our young adults between the ages of 18-35. Areas that need assistance during the Festival are: the Taverna, Kitchen, Bakery, supply and demand, and clean up. Please contact the church office to offer your assistance. For more details, see Chairmen John Kostides, Pete Zervos, Elias Ploutis, Andy Campbell, & Dora Adams.



PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATE: The Oath of Office was administered last Sunday to the 2019-2021 Board of our St. Helen's Philoptochos Society following services. The following ladies were elected officers:

President	Vicki Dovellos
1 st Vice President	Frances Klimis
2 nd Vice President	Julia Papadopoulou
Recording Secretary	Nitsa Coulson
Corresponding Secretary	Eva Kratimenos
Treasurer	Nicki Droza
Assistant Treasurer	Leni Vinzent

We wish them, their board and all the members of Philoptochos, continued success in all their endeavors for assisting those in need, as well as all the ministries of our parish, Metropolis and Archdiocese that serve the Lord and His flock.

SAINT OF THE DAY – THE POWER OF A YOUNG GIRLS FAITH: In the first three centuries of the Church's existence, the number of men, women and children of all ages and from all walks of life who suffered martyrdom for their Christian Faith is truly staggering. One such martyr was Kyriaki willingly gave up her life for Christ.

The Great Martyr Kyriaki, whose name literally means "THE DAY OF THE LORD," was born in the third century to devout Christian parents. Her mother and father actively spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Asia Minor, and were thrown into prison for their missionary efforts. Kyriaki, whose dream was to serve the Lord as a nun, felt compelled to carry on the work of her parents. She, too, was arrested and imprisoned in Nicomedia.

While in Nicomedia, Kyriaki caught the attention of the Emperor Maximilian. Mistakenly thinking that a young girl could easily be persuaded to abandon her beliefs, Maximilian attempted to convert her to paganism. When he could not verbally shake the faith of young Kyriaki, the ruler resorted to cruel physical torture of the maiden. Still, she would not forsake the Master she loved.

Time and again, the Lord enabled Kyriaki to foil the devious plans of her captors. When Kyriaki was taken to the temple and ordered to pray to the pagan gods, she offered prayers to the one true God, who sent an earthquake and destroyed the temple. Finally, Kyriaki, was put to death by beheading. The Lord, however, answered her final plea: it is that she died an instant before the executioner's knife fell

WHAT CAN WE SAY? Some thoughts about the will of God and suffering: First, God came into the world in the Person of Jesus not to inflict evil, suffering and death upon us, but to overcome them. **"In the world you have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world,"** said Jesus (John 16:33). Call many things evil, call them inevitable because of sin, but don't call them the will of God.

Secondly, we could understand God's will better if we did not always expect Him to do things our way. **"For many thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are many ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts"** (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Thirdly, we can say that when we suffer God shares our sorrow and grief. As a little boy who had been badly burned said when a woman said of him, "Oh, why does God punish a child like that?" "Don't say that," the child called out. "Don't say anything bad about God! When it hurts, God cries with me!" That boy's theology was absolutely Orthodox! Despite persecution and suffering, Christians can maintain the peace and joy of Jesus Christ who has overcome the world of darkness through His saving work,

GIVING GOD PERMISSION TO DO GLORIOUS THINGS WITH OUR LIVES:

There is no limit to what God can do with someone who prays the "whatever" prayer – the prayer of total surrender to God. A simple virgin named Mary became the Mother of God when at the Annunciation she said "whatever" to God, that is, "Be it done according to Your will." Simon Peter the fisherman became Simon Peter the rock on whose confession of faith that Jesus is the Lord, the Church was built. A tax collector named Matthew became an evangelist who wrote the Gospel that bears his name. Mary Magdalene, a woman possessed by seven demons, became the first to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. A persecutor named Saul became Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles. And the list goes on. "Whatever, Lord! Whatever!" is a prayer that gives God permission to do glorious things with our lives.

"...the sure and solid foundation of our spiritual life is to give ourselves to God and put ourselves entirely in His hands body and soul. To forget ourselves completely so that He becomes our whole joy and His pleasure and glory, His being, our only good. To think of ourselves as objects sold and delivered, for God to do with what He likes. With this foundation laid, souls have but to spend their entire existence rejoicing that God is God, surrendering themselves so completely that they are happy to obey His commands whatever they may be and without question." - Jean-Pierre de Caussade

Lamb Donations:

Adams, Tim & Dora – 3
AHEPA Chapter 78 – 5
Ampeliotis, George & Linda – 2
Andros, Nick – 1
Kolozenski, Dr. Mark – 7
Anonymous – 26
Anton, Gus & Karen -2
Batalis, Bill & Irene – 1
Bafaloukos, JoAnn – 1
Berta, Mike & Tina – 1
Bills, Mary – 3
Bogordos, John & Jane – 1
Campbell, Andrew & Rose – 1
Casamassa, James – 1
Christos, Louis – 2
Coady, Alexis & Terrence – 1
Cominos, Nicholas – 2
Cooper, Dawn – 1
Cortina, Helen – 1
Coulson, Nitsa – 1
Coveris, Dean & Shawn - 1
Damaskos, Christine – 1
Daughters of Penelope #81 – 1
Dedelow, James & Kalliope – 1
Demakas, John & Meg – 2
Demitroulas, George & Mary Sue – 2
Demitroulas, William & Karen – 2
Detroit Painting – 10
Domoras, George – 1
Dovellos, Michael & Alexandra – 10
Dovellos, Vicki – 5
Dranger, Mark & Paula – 5
Droza, Nicoletta A. – 2
Emmanoilidis Family – 10
Foster, Edward & Elizabeth – 1
Fralinger, Doug & Peggy – ½
Faver, Jeff, Belia, & Frances Klimis – 1
Ferentinos, Bess – 2
Franke, Mary Ann – ½
Galouzis Robert-U.S. Fireworks – 2
Gardner, John & Lena – 1
Georgiadis, Pete & Faye – 3
Georgion, Nick, Jan & Carrie – 1
Gerodemos, Louis & Olga – 1
Gianikos, Nick & Maureen – 1
Giatras, Ekaterini – ½
Gikas, Louis & Angelina – 5
Grace, Robert & Melanie – 1
GOYA – 1
Halkias, George & Vicky – 1
Hartman, Matt & Margaret – 1
Hayes, Elaine – 1
Ioannides, Chris – 1
Ioannides, Eleftheria – 1
Johnson, Ron & Sunday – 1
Kappas, Bill & Wendy – 1
Kappas, Nick & Sophia – ½
Kish, William & Georgia - 1
Korellis, Gus & Kathy – 2
Kostides, John & Eva – 5
Kouimanis, George & Cally – 4
Kouimanis, John & Sarah – 2
Koulianos, Jason & Patricia – 1
Koulianos, Theo & Sharon – 1
Kratimenus, George & Eva - 1
Kriades, Demetra – 1
Kus, Brian & Kirsten - 1
Kyres, Andrew – 1
Lalios, Tony – 1
Liapes, Lucas & Femr – 1
Logan, Alexandra & Nick – 1
Logan, Tony – 3
Logan, Vassie - 1
Logothetis, Bill, May, & Greg – 3
Lucaitis, Ethel – 1
Massow, JoAnn – 1
Maxims - 2
Mileos, Manoli & Maria - 1
Naglosky, Bessie – 1
Nestorovich, Irene – 1
Nikolaras, Demetri & Maria - 1
Nestorovich, Irene – 1
Nikolaras, Demetri & Maria - 1
Nuses, Panagiota – 1
Pangere, Ross & Lexi – 50
Pangere, Steve & Georgiann – 15
Panagiotides, Bill – 2
Papadopoulos, Louis & Julia -2
Pappas, Fr. George, Prez. Kathy & Perry – 1
Pappas, Marilyn – 1
Passaloukos, Steve & Helen – 1
Perdicologos, Elias & Aphrodite – 1
Philoptochos, St. Helen's Womens Society - 3
Ploutis, Elias & Bessie – 5
Poteris, Fr. Ted & Prez. Tulla – 2
Pratl, Alexander – ½
Round the Clock, Valpo - 2
Runions, Charles & Lorraine - 1
Sacopulos, Eugenia – 1
Sgouroudis, George & Anastasia - 1
Schillo, Christopher N. – 1
Schillo, Helen – 1
Skora, Joseph – 1
Spanos, Nick & Dalia - 10
Stroguiludis, George & Sharon – 1
Theodoros, William – 4
Tromouliaris, Mike – 1
Turpa, Paul & Catherine - 1
Vallas-Kravas, Helen – 2
Vlassopoulos, Alex – 1
Venetis, Peter & Maria – 1
Wilk, Kristen & Jeremiah - 1
Xidias, Nick – 2
Zembillas, Demetri & Joyce – 1
Zervos, Pete & Mary - 2
Zissides, Gust - 1