Second Sunday of Matthew

June 26, 2022

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
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Live streaming services

Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Presiding Priest
On this Twenty-sixth day of the month, we commemorate Our Righteous Father St. David of Thessaloniki

First Tone Ἡχος α’

Apolytikion of the Resurrection: “The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Saviour, the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life where by all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory to You our resurrected Christ. Glory unto Your Kingdom. Glory to Your dispensation O You alone who loves all.”

Apolytikion of the Church: “Blessed are You, O Christ our Lord and God, You who made all wise the fishermen Your Apostles, sending down upon them Your Spirit, which is Holy and through their work drawing the world into Your net, glory to You Who loves mankind.”

Kontakion: “A protection of Christians unshamable,* Intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering,* please reject not* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin.* Instead, come to us for you are good;* your loving help do bring to us,* who are crying in faith to you:* hasten to intercession* and speed now to supplication,* as a protection for all time,* Theotokos, for those who honor you.”

Sacraments and Rites

Memorials: Your prayers are requested this morning at the memorial service for Angela ‘Kiki’ Christopulos Micek†, 40 days, and Peter Markos†, one year. Eternal be their memories.

Baptism: On Saturday, June 25, the baptism for Luke James, son of Paul Salvesen and Alyssa Gentile, was celebrated. Godmother is Jennifer Kyriakakis.
**Liturgical Schedule**

Sunday, July 3 - Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, July 3 – Consecration Vespers of St. Nicholas National Shrine  
Monday, July 4 – Consecration of St. Nicholas Shrine at Ground Zero  
Sunday, July 10 - Orthros, 8:15 AM; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 AM

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**Fourth of July**

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Mon., July 4.

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**Prayer List**

*For Health and Well-being of the servants of God:*

Rich, Keti, Georgia, Harry, Kathy, Jennifer, Gayle, William, Byron, John, Robert, Connie, Donald, Terry, John, Angela, Andrew, Dianna, Edward, Sue, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Phyllis, Denise, Cloy, Minka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Stephanie, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilia, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Thomas, Dorka, Stavroula, Maroulla

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**National Clergy/Laity Congress**

**Philoptochos Convention - July 3-7**

Holy Trinity Delegates to the 2022 National Clergy Laity in New York City are: Rev. Fr. Peter Delvizis, Felicia Karsos, Peter Tarhanidis, and Lia Lewis.
Parking Lot – Milling & Paving

- Paving of the church’s parking lot in front and back of the church is completed. Paving took place Monday and Tuesday of last week. You can see first-hand how your donation to the Capital Campaign was used. Thank you for your contribution to this important campaign.

Church Dome

- Work on the dome and protective membrane that covers it from the elements is the next scheduled phase in the Capital Campaign.

Donors as of May 31

- The following is a list of donors who have contributed to the Holy Trinity Capital Campaign. Thank you for your generosity and support.
- Don’t worry, there is still time to give. Offer your donation today!

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What the Saints do for us!

Our thoughts cannot comprehend what the Saints do for us. We live in the valley of lamentation - a foreign land that is filled with struggle and strife. Since we have been born into a fallen world, we have also inherited a fallen will. And the fallen man who has a fallen will has a tendency to run away from God. And those who run away from God have poor spiritual vision. While it is an innately human feature to seek perfection, this poor spiritual vision deceives us into thinking perfection can be found in something or someone other than God. God is perfection and perfection can only be found in Him.
The Saints, who have walked where we currently walk and who have encountered all the difficulties, temptations, and obstacles which we also encounter on a daily basis, have been healed by the grace of God. Their spiritual vision has been corrected, made clear and concise, by the restorative power of Christ. Their healing came through a transformation of their fallen humanity. Through the process of repentance, the grace of Christ fell upon them and they were fully cured from the stain of sin. With joyful hearts and in the spirit of thanksgiving, the saints freely pursue God and do His will in all things. Every Saint has surrendered himself or herself to the Omnipotent God. And as the Lord’s Prayer indicates, as God’s will is done in the lives of the Saints, then His kingdom will come and be established within. The Saints have demonstrated countless times that full union with God is possible by allowing the Almighty to touch the fallen and broken nature of humanity’s fallen and sinful state.

The Saints are brilliant models of faith demonstrating to us their utmost trust in God. This is why we ought to flee to the Saints for their protection always asking for their prayers and supplications as they intercede on our behalf to Christ our God.

“But their virtues' effulgent light, they made earth to be heaven-like, and they imitated the death of Jesus Christ. These are the ones who have walked the way that leads to immortal life. By the surgery of grace, they removed human passions as healers of mankind. And united throughout the world the Martyrs have courageously contested. Let us extol all the Saints today.”

– Troparion of the Saints

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Trinity Treasures & Classy Collectibles Rummage Sale
Friday, July 15th 9am - 5pm
Saturday, July 16th 9am - 4pm
Drop Off Dates
Wednesday, June 29th-Sunday, July 10th

- Household Items
- Holiday Décor
- China & Glassware
- Small Appliances
- Small Furniture
- Linens & Dry Goods
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Το Γενέθλιο του Αγίου Ιωάννη Προδρόμου και Βαπτιστού
24 Ιουλίου

Ζαχαρία, χόρευε σύν τῇ συζύγῳ
Οὐ πολλὰ μὲν τίκτοντες, ἕν δὲ καὶ μέγα.
Πρόδρομον ἄμφι τετάρτην εἰκάδα γείνατο μήτηρ.

Την ἡμέρα αυτή η Αγία μας εκκλησία εορτάζει το γενέσιο του ενδόξου Προφήτου Προδρόμου και Βαπτιστού Ιωάννη. Ο πατέρας του Ζαχαρίας, ήταν ιερέας. Κάποια ημέρα την ὥρα του θυμιάματος, εἰδε μέσα στο θυσιαστήριο ἄγγελο κυρίου, ο οποίος του ανήγγειλε ότι θα αποκτούσε γιον τον οποίο θα ονόμαζε Ιωάννη. Ο Ζαχαρίας σκίρτησε από χαρά, αλλά δυστικόντως. Η γυναίκα του ήταν ηλικιωμένη και στείρα και άρα ήταν αδύνατο να κυοφορήσει και αυτές τις αμφιβολίες τις εξέφρασε στον άγγελο ο οποίος του απάντησε ότι το παιδί θα γεννηθεί και εκείνος θα τιμωρηθεί για την απεργία του, παραμένοντας κωφάλαλος μέχρι να πραγματοποιηθεί η βουλή του Θεού. Πράγματι η γυναίκα του η Ελισάβετ συνέλαβε και μετά από εννέα μήνες γέννησε γιο. Οκτώ ἡμέρες μετά τη γέννηση κατὰ τὴν περιτομὴ του παιδοῦ οἱ συγγενεῖς, θέλησαν να του δώσουν τὸ ὅνωμα του πατέρα του δηλ. Ζαχαρία. Ὄμως ο Ζαχαρίας ἔγραψε επάνω στὸ πινακίδιο τὸ ὅνωμα Ιωάννης. Αμέσως λύθηκε η γλώσσα του και όλοι οἱ παριστάμενοι πλημμύρισαν χαρά κι ελπίδα, διότι καταλαβαν ότι γεννήθηκε ο Πρόδρομος τῆς παρουσίας του αναμενόμενου Μεσσία. Ο Ιωάννης δὲ διέθετε μόνο τὸ χάρισμα τῆς προφητείας, ἀλλὰ αξιώθηκε καὶ τὴν μεγαλύτερη χαρά καὶ τιμὴ. Βάπτισε τὸ Μεσσία Χριστὸ, τὸν οποίο καὶ ομολογοῦσε σ’ ὅλη τῆς ζωῆς.
GLORY BE TO GOD FOR ALL THINGS

† AMEN †