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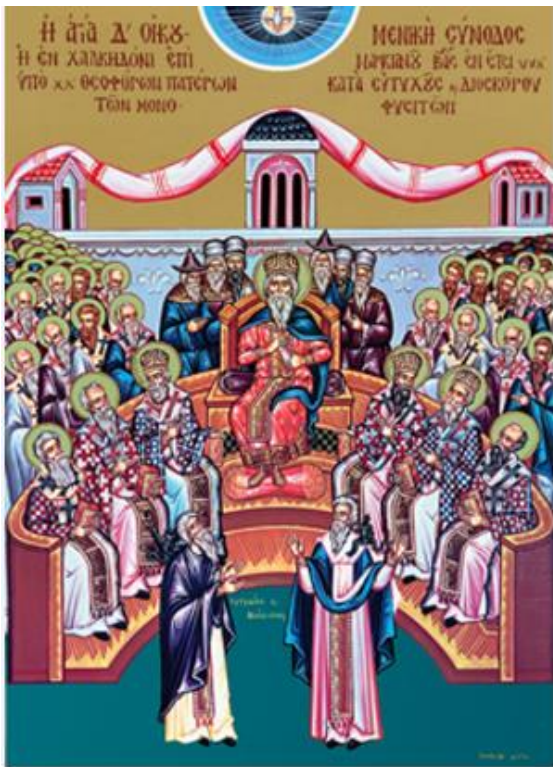
## **SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

APOSTLE AQUILA OF THE SEVENTY; JOSEPH THE CONFESSOR, ARCHBISHOP OF THESSALONICA

### Sunday of the Fathers of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council

On this Sunday, we commemorate the 630 holy and God-bearing Fathers of the Fourth Ecumenical Council, which convened in Chalcedon in 451 against the Monophysites.

The Holy Fathers were, once again, concerned with the nature of Jesus Christ. The false teaching arose that Christ's human nature (considered by heretics as less perfect) dissolved itself in His divine nature (considered by heretics as more perfect): like a cube of sugar in a parcel of water. Thus, in that scenario, Christ had only one nature, the Divine. These false preachers were called Monophysites ("mono", meaning "one" and "physis", meaning "nature"), and they were led by Eutyches and Dioscorus. Monophysitism overemphasized the divine nature of Christ, at the expense of the human. The Fourth Ecumenical Council condemned Monophysitism and proclaimed that Christ has two complete natures: the divine and the human, as defined by previous Councils. These two natures function as equally perfect, without confusion, and are neither divided nor separate. The Fathers declared that at no time did they undergo any change.



### THE EPISTLE

*Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O ye righteous.  
Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven!*

#### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to St. Titus. (3:8-15)**

Titus, my son, faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire you to affirm confidently, that those who have believed in God may be thoughtful of how to preside in honorable occupations. These things are good and profitable to men. But avoid foolish disputes, and genealogies, and contentions, and controversies about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man who is a heretic after the first and second admonition reject, knowing that such a one is subverted, and sins, being self-condemned. When I send Artemas to you, or Tychicós, give diligence to come to me to Nicopolis; for I have determined to winter there. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that they may be lacking in nothing. And let our people also learn how to preside in honorable occupations, so as to help in cases of urgent need, that they should not be unfruitful. All who are with me salute you. Salute those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

## الرسالة.

إفْرَحُوا بِالرَّبِّ وَابْتَهِجُوا يَا أَيُّهَا الصِّدِّيقُونَ.

طُوبَى لِلَّذِينَ غُفِرَتْ ذُنُوبُهُمْ.

فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى تيطس.

يا ولدي تيطس، صادقة هي الكلمة وإياها أريد أن تفرح حتى يهتم الذين آمنوا بالله في القيام بالأعمال الحسنة، فهذه هي الأعمال الحسنة والنافعة. أما المباحثات الهدائية والأنساب والخصومات والمماحكات التاموسية فاجتنبها، فإنها غير نافعة وباطلة. ورجل البدعة بعد الإنذار مرة وأخرى أعرض عنه. عالماً أن من هو كذلك قد اعتسف، وهو في الخطيئة يقضي بنفسه على نفسه. ومتى أرسلت إليك أرتيماس أو تيخيكس، فبادر أن تأتيني إلى نيكوبولس لأنني قد عرمت أن أنسى هناك. أما زيناس معلم التاموس وأبلوس، فاجتهد أن تشيعهما متأهبين لئلا يعوزهما شيء. وليتعلم ذونا أن يقوموا بالأعمال الصالحة للحاجات الضرورية حتى لا يكونوا غير مثيرين. يسلم عليك جميع الذين معي، سلم على الذين يحبوننا في الإيمان، النعمة معكم أجمعين. آمين.

### **THE GOSPEL (Sunday of the Holy Fathers)**

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (5:14-19)

The Lord said to His Disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father Who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

### الإنجيل (لأحد الآباء)

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر.

قال الرب لتلاميذه، أنتم نور العالم، لا يمكن أن تخفى مدينة واقعة على جبل. ولا يوقد سراج ويوضع تحت المكيال، لكن على المنارة ليضيء لجميع الذين في البيت. هكذا فليضيء نوركم قدام الناس ليروا أعمالكم الصالحة، ويمجدوا أبائكم الذي في السماوات. لا تظنوا أنني أتيت لأحل التاموس والأنبياء، إنني لم أت لأحل لكن لأتمم. الحق أقول لكم، إنني إلى أن تزول السماء والأرض، لا يزول حرف واحد أو نقطة واحدة من التاموس حتى يتم الكُل. فكل من يحل واحدة من هذه الوصايا الصغار ويعلم الناس هكذا، فإنه يدعى صغيراً في ملكوت السماوات؛ وأما الذي يعمل ويعلم، فهذا يدعى عظيماً في ملكوت السماوات.

### **Love Your Neighbor**

**July - Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, CA**

An Orthodox Christian Monastery for Women, with its home on the banks of the Napa River in Calistoga, California, Holy Assumption Monastery welcomes faithful pilgrims and visitors of all backgrounds. Mother Melania, the Abbess of the Monastery has given talks at our church and to many other groups.

### **Vigil in Santa Rosa**

A vigil will be held for St. Panteleimon on 7/26 at St. Seraphim Sarov church in Santa Rosa. Details in the flyer. Thank you!

### **Memorial Services**

July 14<sup>th</sup>: By the Haddad family in memory of Khalid Haddad (one year). May his memory be eternal!

### Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. There will be a prison ministry card and letter writing workshop during coffee hour.
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

### Coffee Hours

July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon/coffee hour by the Haddad family in memory of Khalil Haddad.
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### Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Daniel Romley** and **Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Frida Cawog**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Henriette Hilal**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Daniel Scuiry**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Vivian Sruji**. May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Souhail Kawar**. Many years!

### Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



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- † Altar Servers: Nathan Sweis, Clayton Morgan, Elias Freij, Angelo Freij, Andrew Freij, Mazyn Haddadin, James Dudum, John Dudum, David Evans, Evan Kawar, Mason Kawar, Jonathan Juha and Maron Juha

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## Fellowship Hall News

### Building Committee Update:

As you can see, the exterior of the fellowship hall is nearing completion. The doors and windows are in and exterior tiles are being applied. Inside the hall insulation is being installed and drywall is going up. Additionally, the preschool playground area is being mapped out and final designs for equipment are being determined. Final details for the hardscape from the new parking to the entrance of the hall is being finalized and will begin soon.

There is still much to be done on the interior before we complete the project such as the kitchen, restrooms, some lighting, and floor, wall and ceiling treatments, but we are nearing the point where building funds are being depleted. The parish council, building committee, contractor and fundraising committee are meeting to strategize next steps for the final fundraising push to complete the project. With God's help, we will be able to raise the funds to bring the building to completion soon.

### Fundraising Committee Update:

The Fundraising Committee, along with the contractor, and the Building Committee will be meeting with the Parish Council to look at fundraising opportunities for completing the Fellowship Hall. We may soon be announcing the donors and the amount of their gifts to date. If you would like your gift to the Fellowship Hall to be anonymous, please let the Church Office know as soon as possible.

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## Doors Installed!

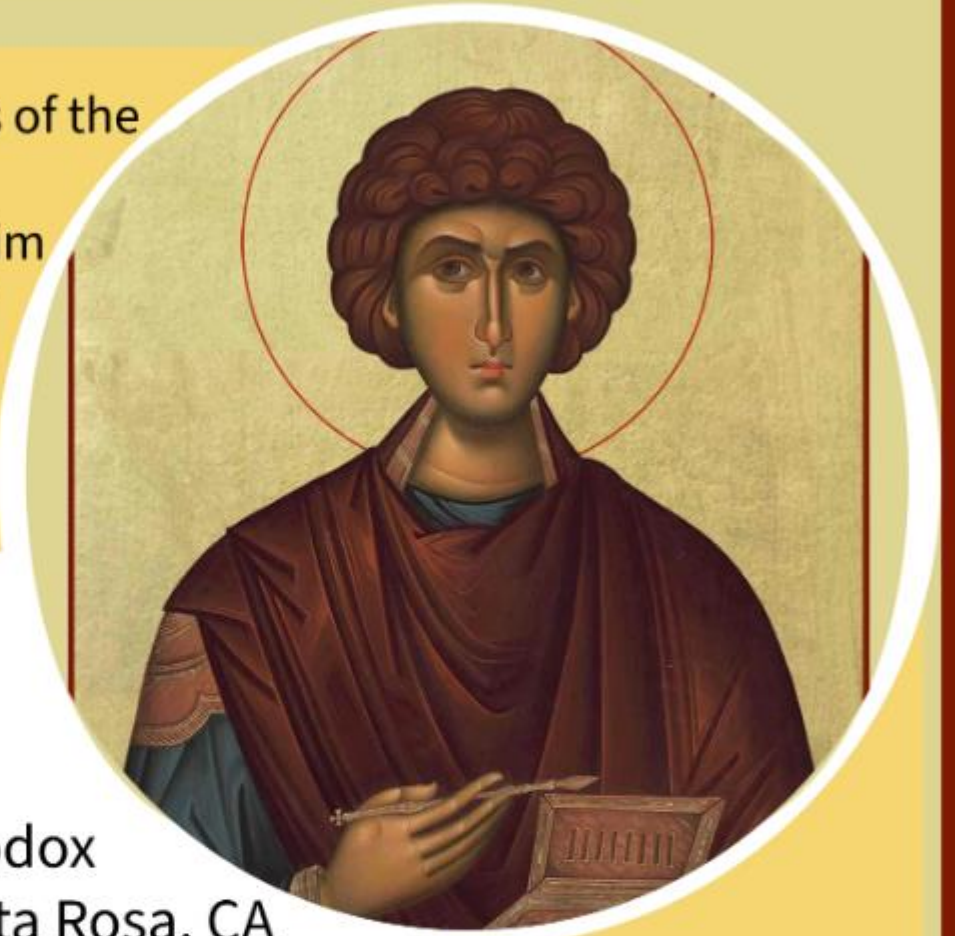


# St. Panteleimon

## All Night Vigil

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"Come, O ye lovers of the Martyrs, with one accord let us acclaim the prizewinner of Christ..."



St. Seraphim  
of Sarov Orthodox  
Cathedral Santa Rosa, CA

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Friday, July 26th  
7:00 P.M. - 2:00am

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90 Mountain View Ave

- Vespers
- Litia w/ Artoklasia
- Orthros
- Divine Liturgy

Relic of the Saint  
present for veneration

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