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TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5; FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

PROCHORUS, NICANOR, TIMON AND PARMENAS, DEACONS AND APOSTLES OF THE SEVENTY

Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy



On July 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon and Parmenas, Deacons and Apostles of the Seventy.

These first-century deacons are named in the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-6). The Apostle Peter ordained Prochorus as bishop of Nicomedia. For a time Prochorus was in the service of John the Evangelist and, on the Island of Patmos, copied the Book of Revelation which he heard from the mouth of St. John. After that he returned to Nicomedia where he exerted much effort and labor to convert the people to the Faith. He died a martyr's death in Antioch at the hands of unbelievers. Nicanor was stoned to death in Jerusalem on the same day as the Proto-martyr Stephen the Archdeacon (Acts 7:58-60). Soon after them, two thousand other Christians were slain by wicked Jews. Saint Timon was a bishop in Bostra in Arabia and suffered on the cross for Christ. Saint Paramenas zealously preached Christ in Macedonia. He died in peace in Jerusalem before the eyes of the apostles and was mourned and buried by them.

THE EPISTLE

How great are Thy works, O Lord!

In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (10:1-10)

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that it may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that everyone who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says: Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into Heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will descend into the abyss?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

الرسالة.

ما أعظم أعمالك يا رب، كلها بحكمة صنعت. باركي يا نفسي الرب.

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل رومية. (10-1:10)

يا إخوة، إن مسرة قلبي وطلبتي إلى الله لأجل إسرائيل هي للخلاص. لأني أشهد لهم أن لهم غيرة لله، ولكن ليس حسب المعرفة. لأنهم إذ كانوا يجهلون بر الله، ويطلبون أن يثبتوا بر أنفسهم، لم يخضعوا لبر الله. لأن غاية الناموس هي المسيح لبر لكل من يؤمن. لأن موسى يكتب في البر الذي بالناموس: «إن الإنسان الذي يفعلها سيحيا بها». وأما البر الذي بالإيمان فيقول هكذا: «لا تقل في قلبك: من يصعد إلى السماء؟» أي ليحدر المسيح، أو: «من يهبط إلى الهاوية؟» أي ليصعد المسيح من الأموات. لكن ماذا يقول؟ «الكلمة قريبة منك، في فمك وفي قلبك»، أي كلمة الإيمان التي تكرر بها؛ لأنك إن اعترفت بفمك بالرب يسوع، وأمنت بقلبك أن الله أقامه من الأموات، خلصت. لأن القلب يؤمن به للبر، والفم يعترف به للخلاص.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

الإنجيل

فصل شريف من بشارة القديس متى الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر. (1:9-28:8)

في ذلك الزمان، لما أتى يسوع إلى كورة الجرجسيين استقبله مجنونان خارجان من القبور، شرسان جداً، حتى إنه لم يكن أحد يقدر أن يجتاز من تلك الطريق. فصاحا قائلين: "ما لنا ولك يا يسوع ابن الله؟ أجيئت إلى ههنا قبل الزمان لتعذبنا؟" وكان بعيداً منهم قطع خنازير كثيرة ترعى. فأخذ الشياطين يطلبون إليه قائلين: "إن كنت تخرجنا، فأئذن لنا أن نذهب إلى قطع الخنازير." فقال لهم: "أذهبوا". فخرجوا وذهبوا إلى قطع الخنازير. فإذا بالقطع كله قد وثب عن الجرف إلى البحر ومات في المياه. أما الرعاة فهربوا ومضوا إلى المدينة، وأخبروا بكل شيء وبأمر المجنونين. فخرجت المدينة كلها للقاء يسوع. ولما رآه، طلبوا إليه أن يتحول عن ثومهم. فدخل السفينة واجتاز وأتى إلى مدينته.

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!

Grapes for the Feast of the Transfiguration

Grapes for the Feast of the Transfiguration offered by Nick Nicola and family in memory of Gaby Nasar.



Upcoming Events

Every Sunday at 7pm	St. Anastasia Fellowship Meeting.
July 28 th	Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry Awareness Sunday. There will be a prison ministry card and letter writing workshop during coffee hour.
July 28 th	Festival Committee meeting
Sunday, August 4 th	Blessing of grapes 🍇 after the Divine Liturgy.
Wednesday, August 7 th at 6:00pm	Paraklesis service for the Theotokos
Wednesday, August 14 th	Evening Divine Liturgy for the feast of the Dormition عيد رقاد العذراء
September 28-29	Annual Middle Eastern Festival

Coffee Hours

July 28 th	Sponsor Needed
August 4 th	Kashou Family 10-year memorial lunch for Ibrahim Kashou.

Holy Oblations

This week, Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nick Nicola, George Messih, Daniel Romley, Henriette Hilal and Aida Youakeem**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Sam Nassab**. 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 in memory of **Souhail Kawar**. May his memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Fairouz Freij**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Naim Nazzal**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Nabil Wakileh**. 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!



- † 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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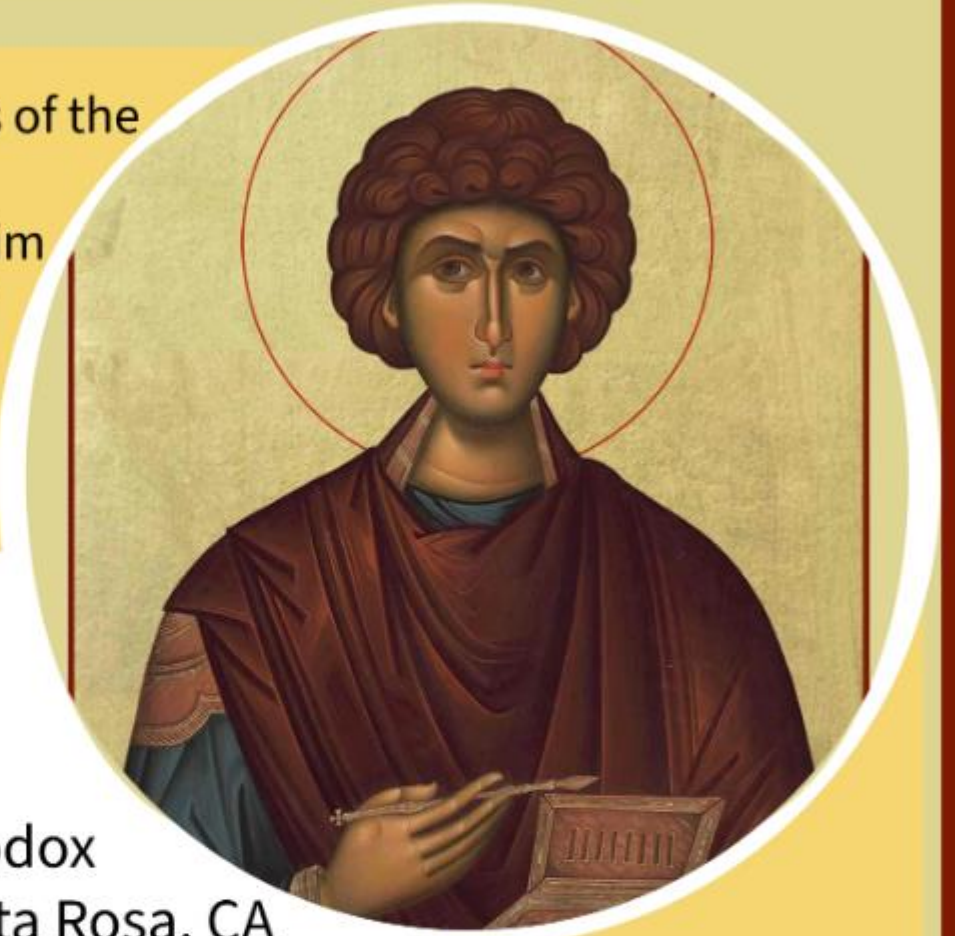
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St. Panteleimon

All Night Vigil

"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

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

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

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