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News & Announcements
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Fifth Sunday of Matthew

5η Ματθαιου



Athanasius of Mount Athos 7/5/2026
Righteous Father Lampadus the Wonderworker 7/5/2026
Kyprianos the New Martyr of Koutloumousiou Monastery 7/5/2026
Uncovering of the Holy Relics of Our Righteous Father Sergius of Radonezh 7/5/2026

Matins – 9:00 a.m.
Great Doxology 9:50
Morning Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

To Our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you to worship with us today, whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to an Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion and other Sacraments are offered only to 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 a sacrament, but it 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 and refreshments. We would you appreciate you completing a stewardship form before you leave today and give it to one of the parish council members after the service, or mail it to the Church Office at your convenience.

The Sunday Epistle Reading
The saints shall rejoice in glory.
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Καυχήσονται ὅσιοι ἐν δόξῃ
Στίχ. Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾄσμα καινόν.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 5:22-26, 6:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματός ἐστιν ἀγάπη, χαρά, εἰρήνη, μακροθυμία, χρηστότης, ἀγαθωσύνη, πίστις, πραότης, ἐγκράτεια· κατὰ τῶν τοιούτων οὐκ ἔστιν νόμος. Οἱ δὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, τὴν σάρκα ἐσταύρωσαν σὺν τοῖς παθήμασιν καὶ ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις. Εἰ ζῶμεν πνεύματι, πνεύματι καὶ στοιχῶμεν. Μὴ γινώμεθα κενόδοξοι, ἀλλήλους προκαλούμενοι, ἀλλήλοις φθονοῦντες. Ἀδελφοί, ἐὰν καὶ προληφθῇ ἄνθρωπος ἔν τινι παραπτώματι, ὑμεῖς οἱ πνευματικοὶ καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραότητος, σκοπῶν σεαυτὸν μὴ καὶ σὺ πειρασθῇς. Ἀλλήλων τὰ βάρη βαστάζετε, καὶ οὕτως ἀναπληρώσατε τὸν νόμον τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

The Gospel
According to Matthew 8:28-34; 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 would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you 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 you cast 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.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα 8:28-34; 9:1

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντος τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὸ πέραν εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσηνῶν ὑπήντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαιμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλεποὶ λίαν, ὥστε μὴ ἰσχύειν τινὰ παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἔκραξαν λέγοντες· τί ἡμῖν καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἦλθες ὧδε πρὸ καιροῦ βασανίσαι ἡμᾶς; ἦν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ᾽ αὐτῶν ἀγέλη χοίρων πολλῶν βοσκομένη. οἱ δὲ δαίμονες παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ὑπάγετε. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες ἀπῆλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὥρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασιν. οἱ δὲ βόσκοντες ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαιμονιζομένων. καὶ ἰδοὺ πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεσαν ὅπως μεταβῇ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.



Today's Coffee Hour Hosts 7/5

Parrish Council

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 7/5

George Glekas
Nikie Sarris

Our Chantor

Gus Bouloubasis

Volunteer Choir Director Directing Today

Costa Constantinou

Asst. Volunteer Choir Director /Church Office Asst.

Costa Constantinou

Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos (Out of Town)



On March 6, 1776, General George Washington issued a decree. During this time, he called for a day of fasting and prayer because our country was beginning a long battle for independence. We, as Christians, must remember the good and bad – and allow the unseen blessings to be represented and thoroughly appreciated.

"Set apart…as a day of fasting, prayer and humiliation, to implore the Lord and Giver of all victory to pardon our manifold sins and wickedness, and that it would please Him to bless the Continental Arms with His divine favor and protection – all officers and soldiers are strictly enjoined to pay all due reverence and attention on that day to the sacred duties due to the Lord of hosts for His mercies already received and for those blessings which our holiness and uprightness of life can alone encourage us to hope through His mercy to obtain."

Prayers are more than words. They are the foundation for hope, faith, and our future. Reciting and memorizing powerful words of faith will help us establish and/or maintain a closer relationship with the Lord. It's important, during holidays like the Fourth of July, to recognize the impact the actual celebration has on our lives – and how we can grow as individuals and as a community.

Orthodox Prayer for the 4th of July

O Lord our God, You hold together the universe by Your power, and by Your divine and almighty Will You govern the world;

You created from one blood all nations of mankind that inhabit the face of the earth, and have assigned to each boundaries;

You have conferred special blessings on this our country of the United States of America, and helped it develop into the foremost nation of the world, a true champion of freedom and democracy, and the haven for the oppressed and those who look for the opportunity to live in dignity.

You kept it free for more than two centuries by Your divine grace, and You preserved and saved it through many wars and world upheavals.

Do you, Yourself, all holy Master, accept our prayers of thanksgiving for our country of the United States of America.

Give rest to the souls of our fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who nobly fought and gloriously died for its freedom.

Make us all worthy of freedom and aware of the responsibilities that flow therefrom, preserve us in peace and concord, and guide us to every good work that is pleasing to You.

Give steadfastness to every authority and power in the nation and make them favorable and well disposed towards the God-given right of all Your People.

For You are the Prince of Peace and the Savior of our souls, and to You we give glory, to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

The Star-Spangled Banner

In 1814, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem, *Defense of Fort McHenry*. The poem was later put to the tune of (John Stafford Smith's song) *The Anacreontic Song*, modified somewhat, and retitled *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Congress proclaimed *The Star-Spangled Banner* the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

GOD BLESS AMERICA BY IRVING BERLIN

This simple one-verse song became an overnight hit, and a hopeful song as war threatened. “It’s not a patriotic song,” composer Irving Berlin said in a 1940 interview, “but an expression of gratitude for what this country has done for its citizens, of what home really means.” Today, many Americans consider “God Bless America” an unofficial national anthem of the United States.

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that’s free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in solemn prayer.
God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above
From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the ocean white with foam
God bless America,
My home sweet home.

AHEPA 277 is proud to announce that we have awarded an academic scholarship to Vlad Fedorovskyi, son of Nataliya Fedorovsky.

Vlad served as an altar boy for several years and has achieved significant success in academics and extracurricular activities, including winning gold medals in judo, as well as competing in chess and robotics.

Vlad will be attending the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, IN, to study mechanical engineering with an emphasis on aerospace engineering.

Please join AHEPA 277 in congratulating Vlad on his accomplishments and praying for his continued success.

Also a reminder, that there will be an Ahepa meeting on July 19 after church on Sunday.

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> **"Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you."**
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> — 1 PETER 3:15

"Ignorance of spiritual matters is a darkness that creeps into the soul... We must learn, so that our faith is not just a habit, but a living, burning fire."

— *SAINT GREGORY PALAMAS*

INFORMED ORTHODOXY

For Present and Future Orthodox Christians

Inspired by the beautiful iconography and deep traditions of our sanctuary, Saint Barbara's is starting a new parish study series to bring the rich reality of our ancient faith into clear focus for all.

Informed Orthodoxy provides a welcoming, open forum to examine Holy Tradition, early Church history, the depth of our liturgy, and the practical rhythm of an intentional Orthodox life in a fast-changing world.

Whether you were raised cradle-born in the Church and want a powerful spiritual refresher, are newly illumined seeking a firmer theological foundation, or are a catechumen taking your very first steps, this class is built for you!

WHEN: **Tuesdays starting on June 30 from 6:30 - 8:00PM**

WHERE: **The Church Fellowship Hall**

LOCATION: **Saint Barbara Greek Orthodox Church (Durham, NC)**

COME WITH QUESTIONS. DISCOVER YOUR FAITH.

All are welcome. Refreshments will be served in the hall.
Contact Kohl Wouters to be added to the groupchat @ (440)789-8569