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News & Announcements
July 12, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Matthew
6η Ματθαίου



Proclus & Hilary the Martyrs of Ancyra 7/12/2026

Our Holy Father Michael of Maleinus 7/12/2026

Gerasimos of Byzantium and Akakios the young ascetic 7/12/2026

Paisios the Athonite 7/12/2026

Veronica, the woman with the issue of blood who was healed by Jesus 7/12/2026

Andre the Commander & his Companion Martyrs 7/12/2026

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

You, O Lord, shall keep us and preserve us.

Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the godly man has failed.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσῃς ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκέλοινεν ὅσιος.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 12:6-14 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδιδούς, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστυγοῦντες τὸ πονηρόν, κολλῶμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρεαίαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

The Gospel
According to Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ προσέφερον αὐτῷ παραλυτικὸν ἐπὶ κλίνης βεβλημένον· καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν πίστιν αὐτῶν εἶπε τῷ παραλυτικῷ· θάρσει, τέκνον· ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι σου. καὶ ἰδοὺ τινες τῶν γραμματέων εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτος βλασφημεῖ. καὶ ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς ἐνθυμήσεις αὐτῶν εἶπεν· ἵνα τί ὑμεῖς ἐνθυμεῖσθε πονηρὰ ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ὑμῶν; τί γάρ ἐστιν εὐκοπώτερον, εἰπεῖν, ἀφέωνταί σοι αἱ ἁμαρτίαι, ἢ εἰπεῖν, ἔγειρε καὶ περιπάτει; ἵνα δὲ εἰδῆτε ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχει ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς ἀφιέναι ἁμαρτίας - τότε λέγει τῷ παραλυτικῷ· ἐγερθεὶς ἄρῃ σου τὴν κλίνην καὶ ὑπάγε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου. καὶ ἐγερθεὶς ἀπῆλθεν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ ὄχλοι ἐθαύμασαν καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν τὸν δόντα ἐξουσίαν τοιαύτην τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.



Today's Scheduled Coffee Hour Hosts 7/12

Philoptochos

Today's Scheduled Narthex Greeters for 7/12

Thamie Bakis

Carolyn Hack

Our Chanter

Gus Bouloubasis

Volunteer Choir Director Directing Today

Panos Messis

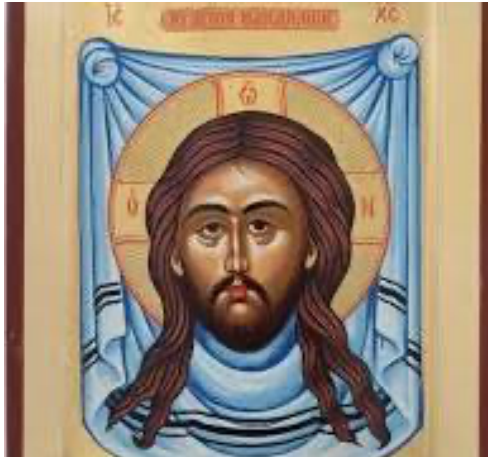
Asst. Volunteer Choir Director /Church Office Asst.

Costa Constantinou

Volunteer Organist

Eleni Christakos

SAINT OF THE DAY - July 12



Saint Veronica is known as the woman who wiped Jesus's face as He carried His cross towards Golgotha. She is also known as the woman whom Christ cured of the issue of blood, and she is also traditionally identified as Herod the Great's, niece.

Few concrete details are known of the life of Saint Veronica, though much folklore has arisen, especially in Western Christendom, concerning her miraculous cloth, or veil, which touched the face of Christ.

Traditionally, Veronica came to believe in Christ when He healed her of an ailment that had afflicted her for twelve years: She is referenced in the bible with the following quote:

“And behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:

For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.

And the woman was made whole from that hour.”

The next episode that we hear of in her life is the famous cloth incident during Christ's Crucifixion. When Christ paused in exhaustion, Veronica was able to give the Lord her handkerchief. When she looked at the cloth again, she realized that an image of Christ's face had appeared on it; this is often called the first icon that was made without hands. Veronica's name itself is said to be derived from the Latin words meaning true (verus) image/icon .

No one is certain of what happened to Veronica in her later years, though one story has it that she cured the Roman Emperor Tiberius of some kind of sickness using her iconic cloth. Some sources say that she and her husband, named Zacchaeus, travelled all the way to Southern France confessing the **Gospel**.

COMMUNITY NOTES

AHEPA NEWS

There will be an Ahepa meeting on July 19 after church on Sunday. There will be election of officers at this meeting. A presentation is planned for their Scholarship recipient, Vlad Federovsky on July 19th directly after the liturgy.

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Our next Philoptochos Membership Meeting will be held on August 23 in the conference room after church services. There will be lots to discuss as we begin preparations for our upcoming events scheduled for the fall and winter.

Below is the coffee hour schedule for July through September. As a reminder, group responsibilities include making coffee, set-up, providing food/drink items and clean-up. The Designated Team Leader (*) will coordinate the coffee hour. If you cannot participate in your scheduled coffee hour, please try to change months with another member to ensure there are enough people for set-up and clean-up.

- July 12, Group D – Anne Dennos *, Catherine Mariakakis, Hope Odzak, Nikie Esquivel, Sharan Dababnah
- August 9, Group E - Maria Easton *, Cindy Paliouras, Evelyn Panos, Iman Salib, Cleopatra Papanikas
- September 13, Group F – Catherine Wilson *, Amy Glekas, Evelyn Zehia, Rebecca Theophanous, Theky Pappas

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

There will be a Parish Council meeting on July 13 at 6:30 PM. For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, there will be the hybrid option. PC members check the email from George Glekas with the invitation.

There will be a Taste of Greece/Festival Recap meeting for **ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** on July 26 at 12:15 after church. We encourage anyone with new ideas and thoughts to make our endeavor the best success ever!

CHOIR NEWS

We have procured a YAMAHA Portable Grand through the generosity of Costas Constantinou. It features a full piano keyboard with 300 voices. We want to give a special thank you to Andrew Christakos for transporting the new organ to St Barbara.

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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."

— 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: Every Tuesday Night 6:30 – 8:00 PM

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

