

NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY

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Orthros/Matins 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

July 24, 2016— 5th Sunday of Matthew

We also Celebrate

Christina the Great Martyr of Tyre

Athenagorus the Apologist

Foris and Gleb, The Passion-bearers

Kapiton, Himenaos and Hermogenes, the Martyrs

Theophilus the New Martyr of Zakynthos

CHURCH ETIQUETTE

- ◆ The Holy Eucharist is reserved for Orthodox Christians only, but you are welcome to take “Andithoron” (Holy Bread) at the end of the Service. If you want to learn more about the Orthodox Faith, please see Fr. Nick or go to the Archdiocese at: goarch.org
- ◆ During communion please allow the children and parents with newly baptized infants to go to the head of the line and the community of Orthodox Christians thereafter.
- ◆ When receiving the Holy Eucharist, come forward reverently and give your baptismal name.
- ◆ **Ladies, please remember to remove your lipstick before receiving communion.**
- ◆ Please keep in mind that when the priest is facing the congregation refrain from moving about the church and be attentive.
- ◆ Please keep in mind also that the we have a "Cry Room." Parents with young children who are fussing or crying can quickly leave at any time, especially during the Epistle, Gospel, and Sermon.
- **There are certain Feast Days and seasons when the sacraments and memorial services cannot be performed. Before planning a Sacrament or a Memorial Service please check with Fr. Nick or the church office.**

~TUESDAY GROUP~ Invitation ~

We invite you to please consider joining the “Tuesday Group” following the Bible study, for lunch, fellowship, fun, conversation, and cards?. This gathering is for and about fellowship. There is no cost to you! Stop on in for lunch only, or stay for the afternoon. We have a lot of Laughs, and this is a great opportunity to get to know each other better. We look forward to seeing you there! God Bless you! Sincerely, Fr. Nick & Presvytera Liza

Fr. Nick leads a Bible study group on **Tuesdays** at **11am - 12pm** in the church hall. **ALL** are



Memorials

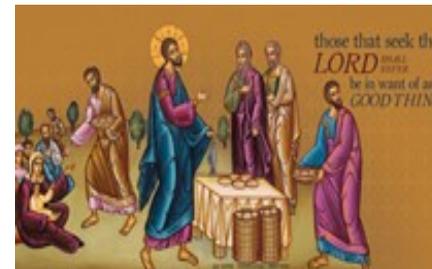
40 day for Lou Economo

May his memory be Eternal!

Today's Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour are being sponsored by the family of Lou Economo in his loving memory!

2016 STEWARDSHIP

Pledge forms are available in the church Narthex. If you have not filled out your commitment card for 2016 please do so as soon as



possible.

~ FESTIVAL NEEDS ~

We are always looking for ways to defray festival costs. If you are looking for away to help there is a Food Donation List on the bulletin board. This list covers the food needed for the festival weekend. Please sign up to donate one or more of these items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

~ Please Pray For ~

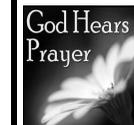
Fr. George Vaporis	Vasiliki Biselas	Bessie Shell
Michael	Gerasimos	Soula Metropoulos
Maria	Chris	Eva Kocoves Fink
Ekaterini	Chris	Nick Morakeas
Sandy Zembylas	Taylor Zembylas	Jenny
Mia Grace Zembylas	Nick Zembylas	David
Despina	Athanasia	Anastasia Kyriazakos
Pat	Lisa Zervos	Christine
Karl	David	Georgia Theophelis
George	Vali Anne	Maria
Michali Christofi	Jacob Espinosa	Katerina
Theodora Espinosa	Maria Espinosa	Teresa
Elaine Galbraith	Dorothy Hetu	Maria Kalas
Katherine Beeny	Mel Broome	Dr. James Wahl
Cleo Demetriou	Theodora Bageris	Carlo Nichoff
Alexander Nichoff	Nick Kyriacou	Anna Kyriacou
Steve Kaplantzes	Michali Malfis	Maria K.

Abducted

For the safety of Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John and for their return to their communities, let us pray to the Lord.

If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer, or visitation please notify

Fr. Nick or the office.



SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2016 5TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Tuesday, July 26 ~ 11:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Tuesday Group
6:30pm Nativity Dance Practice (check bulletin board for group times)

Wednesday, July 27 ~ **Panteleimon the Great Marytr**
9:00am Orthros
10:00am Divine Liturgy

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Ἦχος δ´.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

For the Woman Saint. Mode 4.

Your own ewe-lamb cries to You loudly, O Jesus, and she says, * "For my Bridegroom do I long, and seeking You I now contend; * and I am crucified and buried with You in Your baptism. * I suffer for Your sake, that I may reign with You. * I die for You that I may also live in You. * Accept me as an unblemished sacrifice * as I offer myself to You with love." * At her entreaties and intercessions, * save our souls, O Merciful Lord.

Ἦχος δ´.

Ἡ ἀμνάς σου Ἰησοῦ, κράζει μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ. Σὲ Νυμφίε μου ποθῶ, καὶ σὲ ζητοῦσα ἀθλῶ, καὶ συσταυροῦμαι καὶ συνθάπτομαι τῷ βαπτισμῷ σου· καὶ πάσχω διὰ σέ, ὡς βασιλεύσω σὺν σοί, καὶ θνήσκω ὑπὲρ σοῦ, ἵνα καὶ ζήσω ἐν σοί· ἀλλ' ὡς θυσίαν ἄμωμον προσδέχου τὴν μετὰ πόθου τυθεῖσάν σοι. Αὐτῆς πρεσβείαις, ὡς ἐλεήμων, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion of Our Church

Your Nativity, O Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world, for from you dawned the sun of righteousness, Christ our God. Freeing us from the curse, He gave us His blessings. Abolishing death, He granted us eternal life.

Ἡ γέννησίς σου, Θεοτόκε, χαρὰν ἐμήνυσε πάση τῇ οἰκουμένῃ· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν· καὶ λύσας τὴν κατάραν, ἔδωκε τὴν εὐλογίαν· καὶ καταργήσας τὸν θάνατον, ἔδωρήσατο ἡμῖν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον.

Kontakion. Mode 2.

O Protection of Christians unshamable, mediation with the Creator immovable, we sinners beg you, do not despise the voices of our prayers, but anticipate, since you are good, and swiftly come unto our aid as we cry out to you with faith: Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who defend now and ever those who honor you.

Ἦχος β´.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Gospel Reading

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

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, 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.

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; ἤλθες ὥδε 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 ἀπήλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὥρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασι. 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 παρεκάλεισαν ὅπως μεταβῆ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.

Nativity of the Virgin Mary
A Taste of Greece Festival
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Donation: \$100 for the first year
\$50 for each additional year
The deadline to submit forms is July 30, 2016.

Name(s) as you would like to appear on sign:

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Epistle Reading

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 10:1-10

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they 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 every one 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.

Ἀδελφοί, ἡ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ δέησις ἡ πρὸς τὸν θεὸν ὑπὲρ τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ ἔστιν εἰς σωτηρίαν. Μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοῖς ὅτι ζήλον θεοῦ ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ' οὐ κατ' ἐπίγνωσιν. Ἄγνοοῦντες γὰρ τὴν τοῦ θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην, καὶ τὴν ἰδίαν δικαιοσύνην ζητοῦντες στήσαι, τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ θεοῦ οὐχ ὑπετάγησαν. Τέλος γὰρ νόμου Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Μωϋσῆς γὰρ γράφει τὴν δικαιοσύνην τὴν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου, ὅτι ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὰ ἄνθρωπος ζήσεται ἐν αὐτοῖς. Ἡ δὲ ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοσύνη οὕτως λέγει, Μὴ εἴπῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου, Τίς ἀναβήσεται εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν; - τοῦτ' ἔστιν Χριστὸν καταγαγεῖν - ἢ, Τίς καταβήσεται εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον; - τοῦτ' ἔστιν Χριστὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναγαγεῖν. Ἀλλὰ τί λέγει; Ἐγγύς σου τὸ ῥῆμά ἐστιν, ἐν τῷ στόματί σου καὶ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· τοῦτ' ἔστιν τὸ ῥῆμα τῆς πίστεως ὃ κηρύσσομεν· ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃς ἐν τῷ στόματί σου κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ πιστεύσῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ὅτι ὁ θεὸς αὐτὸν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδία γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.

~ Babysitter Needed ~

Mother of a 6 month old is in need of a Greek speaking sitter beginning in September. Mondays and Fridays 7:30am—5:30pm in Farmington Hills. If interested please contact:

Theano Apostolakis at 305-904-3634



Kids Basketball Golf Outing
Sept. 25, 2016



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For information on Golfing
Or Sponsorship
Dennis Ford / fordnovil@gmail.com

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

The Festival is fast approaching and we will need many volunteers to help make it a great success. To volunteer please contact Georgia Koumariotis 248-767-0214 or see sign-up sheet on bulletin board.



12th Annual
Taste of Greece Festival
August 26, 27 & 28th



GOYA & PTO will be collecting bottles and cans again this year, to help raise money for the Kids Corner at our annual "Taste of Greece Festival". There will be a container in the social hall and educational center.

COKE PRODUCTS FOR FESTIVAL The Festival committee is still looking for volunteers to purchase all coke products in cans for the Taste of Greece Festival. If you are interested you can drop them off during church office hours or on Sunday's after service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY !!!

**St. Panteleimon Greek Orthodox Church
Lexington, Michigan—Festival**
After Church Services—See bulletin board for more info

Wed., Thur. & Fri.
August 10, 11 & 12

Festival Baking (Baklava)
10am - See Maria Rifat for more info

Fri., Sat., & Sun.
August 26, 27 & 28

**"TASTE OF GREECE"
CULTURAL FESTIVAL**
**Volunteers Needed - Please contact
Georgia Koumariotis at 248-767-0214
or see sign-up sheet on bulleting board.**

Nativity Book Store

The Book Store is in **NEED** of volunteers to work this summer.

The hours are:

Tuesdays 10am – 2pm,

Thursdays 10am—2pm and Saturdays 10am—2pm.

If you are interested please contact Michael Randall at
(734) 612-0846 or the church office (734) 420-0131



