

This Week at Holy Apostles...

Sunday, 7/6 – Wednesday, 7/9 – Fr. Paul will be out of town for the Clergy-Laity Congress

Wednesday, 7/9 – NO Paraklesis this week

Thursday, 7/10 – 5:30pm (?) Parish Council Meeting

Friday, 7/11 – 8:45 Orthros, 9:30 Liturgy – St. Euphemia the Great Martyr & St. Olga, the Equal-to-the-Apostles

Thank you...

Tina and Kelly for your offerings of Prosfora, Jim & Estelle for hosting today's fellowship, Driko for greeting, and all of the chanters who helped today and throughout the week!

Announcement

Please note in the July Witness that, beginning next Sunday, we will have the first part of our inaugural "St. John Chrysostom Catechetical Lecture Series." Next week's talk will be the first in a 3-part series on the meaning of worship in the Orthodox Church. Fr. Paul will speak down in the fellowship hall for about 20-30 minutes while people enjoy their food and drinks.

A Word from the Saints...



Just as a basic concern is to be careful of anything that might be harmful to our physical health, so our spiritual concern should watch out for anything that might harm our spiritual life and the work of faith and salvation. Therefore, carefully and attentively assess your inner impulses: are they from God or from the spirit of evil?

- St. John Maximovitch of Shanghai & San Francisco

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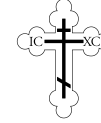
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The Sunday Witness

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July 6, 2014 – 4th Sunday of Matthew



Saints of the Day

Sisoies the Great

Holy Apostles Archippus, Philemon, and Onesimus

Loukia the Virgin-martyr, Rixios, and the 24 Companion Martyrs

Today's Hymns

Apolytikion for the Resurrection: Let all things above in heav'n rejoice, and let all things below on earth to be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and firstborn of the day has he become. From the womb of Hades has he delivered us, and to all the world has granted his great redeeming mercy.

Hymn of the Church: O holy Apostles, intercede with the merciful God, that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

Kontakion: A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are sin; instead, come to us for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos for those who honor you.

Today's Epistle Reading

Cantor: *Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Clap your hands, all you nations.*

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (6:18-23)

BRETHREN, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading

The reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be

it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

For Visitors...

Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our guests and visitors who are with us today. Thank you for worshiping with us, and please stay for Coffee Hour at the conclusion of the Liturgy! If you have any questions about this parish, this service, or the Orthodox Church in general, please feel free to ask a parishioner, look at the pamphlets in the Narthex (the entrance to the church), or ask Fr. Paul after the service. Finally, if this is your first visit to our parish, in order that we may treat you as our honored guest, we ask that you **not** participate in the offering after the service. Again, thank you for joining us, and let us know if we can do anything for you today or in the future!

A Note on Holy Communion

The Orthodox Church invites all to come and participate in the Divine Services. As Holy Communion is not only the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ but a physical sign of the union of Orthodox Christians in one Body, wholly united in faith and worship, this Mystery is reserved for Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared through prayer, fasting, and Holy Confession; further, it is proper that one receive Communion only if they have arrived prior to the Gospel for the day. If you have not properly prepared or are not an Orthodox Christian, we do invite those who would like to do so to approach Holy Communion with the other parishioners and recite the words, "The blessing of the Chalice," for a blessing from the priest.

For those receiving Holy Communion, please give the priest your Baptismal name when approaching the Chalice and hold the red Communion cloth with both hands against the bottom of your chin. We also ask that women please remove any lipstick before approaching the Chalice. Finally, to avoid any possibility of spilling the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord, we ask that you not venerate the Chalice after receiving.