

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Great-martyr and Healer Panteleimon; St Climent of Ochrid

(August 9th, 2020)



BLESSED FEAST!

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE VIII: *Make your vows * and pay them to the Lord our God.*

Verse: In Judea is God known; His name is great in Israel.

ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 3:9-17

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

MATTHEW 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE VIII:

From on high didst Thou descend, O compassionate One; * to burial of three days hast Thou submitted * that Thou mightest free us from our passions. ** O our Life and Resurrection, O Lord, glory be to Thee.

TROPARION -THE TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS - TONE IV:

The day of splendid solemnity hath arrived; * and the city of Bari doth rejoice, * and with it the whole world exulteth * with hymns and spiritual odes. * For today we celebrate the sacred feast * of the translation of the precious and much-healing relics * of the hierarch Nicholas the wonder-worker. * For like the never-setting Sun, * he shineth with brilliant beams of light, * driving away the darkness of temptations and misfortunes * from those who with faith cry aloud: * Save us, O Nicholas, ** for thou art our intercessor

TROPARION TO HOLY GREAT-MARTYR PANTELEIMON – TONE III

O holy prize-winner and healer Panteleimon, * intercede with our merciful God * that He may grant to our souls ** the forgiveness of our sins.

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE VIII:

Having risen from the tomb, Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam, * Eve now dances with joy at Thy Resurrection. * And all the ends of the earth keep festival at Thine Arising from the dead, ** O Most Merciful One.

KONTAKION TO SAINT NICHOLAS – TONE III

Thy relics have moved like a star, from the East unto the West, * O holy hierarch Nicholas; * and the sea hath been sanctified by thy passage. * The city of Bari receiveth grace through thee, * for thou hast been shown forth for us * as a wonderworker: ** illustrious, most wondrous and merciful!

Glory...KONTAKION TO HOLY GREAT-MARTYR PANTELEIMON – TONE V:

Emulating the Merciful One, * and receiving from Him the grace of healing, * O passion-bearer and martyr of Christ God, * by thy supplications heal thou our spiritual infirmities, * ever driving away the temptations of the foe ** from those who faithfully cry out: Save us, O Lord!

Now and ever... HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD - TONE SIX:

Steadfast Protectress of Christians and constant advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners; but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

The world is facing a great crisis at this time. The coronavirus has caused widespread concern and fear. Dramatic societal changes to daily life have taken place. The Church is facing great challenges..

Believers are in search of peace and reassurance. Fearful believers are not unlike Peter who became fearful when the waves of the sea became rough from the wind.

When Peter cried out to Jesus for help, Jesus stretched forth His hand to Peter and led him to safety. During these days of great turmoil that extend beyond the coronavirus, believers need to reach out to the Lord Jesus Christ in firm faith.

Today, God's Holy Church commemorates the Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon. For centuries, Orthodox faithful have turned to St. Panteliemon seeking his prayerful intercession before the Lord.

St. Panteliemon is a source of great joy to believers, particularly those working in the field of healthcare. Individuals facing health issues and healthcare workers look to St. Panteliemon with confidence and assurance.

The Church provides formal prayers for the ill and healthcare workers to utilize in seeking St. Panteliemon's intercession. St. Panteliemon increases the hopes of the ill and those employed in healthcare.

In today's society, hope in the Lord is of great importance. Peter's hope decreased when the wind increased and the waves became rough. Peter would have perished if he did not reach out to the Lord.

Today, reaching out to the Lord in faith is of maximum importance. Societal actions minimize the importance of faith in the Lord. Societal actions may even run counter to and be opposed to placing faith in the Lord.

St. Panteliemon's faith in the Lord has shined through the centuries as a beacon of hope. God's Holy Church keeps hope alive in the darkest of hours. Jesus kept Peter from perishing even as he walked upon the sea.

The Church is where believers need to be today and every day. The Church offers the way, the truth and the life for all of life. In good times and bad, the Church is the place to be.

The Church is not only for this life. The Church leads to eternal life. Believers learn in the Church how to live now and the paths required to take to life eternal.

Wise individuals look to the teachings in God's Holy Church for guidance and direction. The Church offers nourishment for the constant hunger in the soul. The Church provides peace for the mind and heart.

When concerns arise in life, the Church is where to turn. We read in Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Prov.35:6)

Today give thanks to the Lord God for His Holy Church. Give thanks to St. Panteliemon for his unyielding faithfulness to the Lord. Through the prayers of St. Panteleimon, may the Lord God save us and give us peace.

DONATIONS RECEIVED ON AUGUST 2ND

Thank you for your continuing financial support! Please, remember that without our fund raisers and fish fries that we cannot hold at this time, your contributions are more important than ever.

Offering \$960.00; Candles \$25; Parastos \$40.00

BELL TOWER FUND - \$18,999.60

\$25 in memory of Nikola Matijevich; \$25 in memory of Lillian Fleck from Danica Wess; \$100 from Sue Seitz and family
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In memory of parents Nikola Davich, Sara Davich & brother Nickola from Carol McAllister & Family

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25)

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Our Goodwill Fundraiser!

We collected 7,712 lbs. of donation resulting in a check of \$771.20.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer through the Conference call (339) 207-6529

TODAY (August 9th)

7:00 PM - “Orthodoxy Live” on FB Page Diocese of Eastern America of the SOC

FRIDAY (August 14th) – Procession of the Holy Cross – Holy Maccabean Martyrs (Beginning of the lent)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy and Small Blessing of the Water

SATURDAY (August 15th)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY (August 16th) – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (1. Cor 4, 9-16); Gospel (Matthew 17, 14-23)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Sandra Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios