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Our mission is to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our words and actions according to the Holy Traditions and sacred teachings of our Orthodox Christian faith.

WELCOME
TO THOSE WHO ARE VISITING

It is a joy for us to share our Worship with you today! Holy Communion is a Sacrament of our Faith and thus only Baptized and/or Chrismated Orthodox Christians who are in Good Standing and have spiritually prepared to receive are invited to come forward from the middle aisle of the Nave with reverence and humility, row by row, in a QUIET and ORDERLY fashion, and depart as directed. Please remain seated in your pews until invited forward by a Council Member. If you are standing in the back of the Nave, please wait until all who are seated have gone forward and a Council Member invites you forward. In receiving Holy Communion, you should place the Cloth under your chin, recite your CHRISTIAN NAME, then wipe your mouth after receiving. Women: please remove any lipstick prior to Communing. Non Orthodox Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Bread offered at the end of the Liturgy.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017 - 10th Sunday of Matthew. Today we commemorate the Apodosis of the Transfiguration, Maximus the Confessor, and Our Righteous Fathers Sergius, Stepanus, Castor and Palomonus. Tone One, Tenth Orthros Gospel.

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE: (page 93 in the new Liturgy Book) Today's Memorial Prayer Service is for the departed servants of God, **Archie Selevos (40 days)**, on behalf of the Selevos Family; **Steve Loutsion (2 yrs.)**, on behalf of the Steve Loutsion Family; and **Paul and Carrie Conis, Antoni and Marietta Kazos, and Christos (brother of Dimitri)**, on behalf of Dimitri and Dierdra Kazos and Family. May their memory be eternal.

TRISAGION PRAYER SERVICE: Today's Trisagion Prayer Service is offered by the Drizos Family in loving memory of the departed servants of God, **Nick Drizos (6 yrs.) and Helen (Eleni) Drizos (1 yr.)** May their memory be eternal.

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR TODAY IN THE LITURGY

At the Small/First Entrance

CLERGY: ENTRANCE HYMN TONE 2

For with You is the fountain of life; O Lord, in Your light we shall see light. Save us, O Son of God, who were transfigured in glory on Mt. Tabor.....

CHANTERS:

We Sing to You, Alleluia

CLERGY: RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN THE FIRST TONE

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

CHANTERS: APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST IN THE GRAVE TONE

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

ALL: APOLYTIKION FOR THE CHURCH IN THE 4TH TONE

Your Church having adorned herself, * with the blood of all your Martyrs in the world, * as with the finest linen and purple robe, * through them cries out to you O Christ our God. * Send down your compassion upon your people, * grant peace to your Commonwealth, * and to our souls Your great mercy.

CLERGY: SEASONAL KONTAKION IN THE GRAVE TONE

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Today's Epistle Reading

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

BRETHREN, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong.

You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Today's Gospel Reading

10th Sunday of Matthew

The Gospel According to Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

SERVICES & EVENTS

- TODAY**
- **Philoptochos Board Oath of Office - after Divine Liturgy**
 - **Jr. Philoptochos shopping and delivering back to school supplies for Safehaven (following Coffee Hour)**
- MONDAY**
- **Orthros & Liturgy: Prophet Micah - 8:30 a.m.**
 - **Great Vespers: Dormition of the Theotokos (Aliquippa & Oakmont) - 7:00 p.m.**
- TUESDAY**
- **Dormition of the Theotokos Feast**
 - **Orthros & Liturgy: Dormition of the Theotokos - 8:30 a.m.**
- NEXT SUNDAY:**
- **Pan Rhodian Meeting - 4:30 p.m.**

PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for God's protection, and the renewed health and healing of His Eminence Metropolitan Maximos, His Beatitude Met, Theodosius (O.C.A.), Tammy Mantalis Achille, Eleanor Elizabeth Gray, Norma Jones, George Kontos, Valanti Mahramas, Victor Mikush & Family, Mary Selevos, our Parish Shut-ins, the Armed Forces, those in Prison, who have lost a loved one, who are ill, suffering or in need, the leaders of our Church and country, and for mission ministries.

COFFEE HOUR: Today's coffee hour of bagels and fruit is lovingly offered by the Selevos and Steve Loustion Families, with thanksgiving for the departed servants of God, **Archie Selevos** and **Steve Loustion**. May their memory be eternal.

VETERANS DAY DINNER: Our Parish and AHEPA 156 will co-host a Veterans Day Banquet this year on Saturday, November 4 to honor all our past and present Veterans who belong to both/either group. Widows (ers) of our Veterans will also be honored as well. Spouses, guest of honorees, and the general public are welcomed to attend this affair. A simple yet meaningful program will be offered in addition to a very delicious dinner. A nominal cost will be set for those other than our Veterans and Widows (ers) of our Veterans. More details will follow soon! Please contact Alex Soulakis (724-941-9459) or Nick Scouloukas (724-873-5752) for details.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Please see the collection schedule for the All Saints Missions and Outreach Ministry for Operation Christmas Child. The Collection Box is located in the Parish Hall near the office.

ICONOGRAPHY: We would like to thank all of you who generously donated to the All Saints Iconography Project and to remind you that the second year of the three-year payment period is due at this time. Please make checks payable to the All Saints Iconography Fund.

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

We are requesting that all Stewards of the Church fill out a physical pledge card, even if you have pledged online. If you have not done so, please fill out a pledge card and return it to the Church Office as soon as possible. This will enable us to have your card as a back-up in the Church Office and will help serve your needs more efficiently in the future. We appreciate your cooperation with this process. Thank you!

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS: We are resuming collecting non-perishable food items in the Church Hall for the Food Bank. Please help this cause by placing the items in the box designated in the hall. Thank you for your support!

ANNIVERSARIES: Our clergy would like to honor parishioners who are celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries. Please notify the Church Office in advance of these anniversaries, so that they may offer a prayer blessing for those who are celebrating the anniversaries.

SAVE THE DATE: The Food Festival Committee has scheduled our Mini Food Festival for October 12th and 13th. Please notify the church office or the Festival Committee if you are available to help in any areas. As always, everyone's help is needed in all areas of the Festival. Thank you!

Sunday, August 6, Donations

Stewardship: \$1,340.00

Cash in Tray: \$57.00

Candle Tray: \$502.00

Second Tray: \$199.00

St. Phanourios:

\$45.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRY!

Elder Paisios: Say This Prayer Every Day and God Will Always Be at Your Side

The love of the Elder Paisios for the whole world is well known. The Elder has helped a whole host of people before and after his physical death. But the question is from where did he receive his ability to help people and to perform miracles? He received this heavenly power through his fervent prayers to God.

The following prayer of his was given to a convent which had asked the Elder for a prayer rule that could be used by the nuns in their evening vigils. This directive was given to the nuns during the final years of his life. The main emphasis of this prayer is his profound love for all of humanity.

This prayer can be used by every Christian believer since it takes in all the issues of life that need our prayers. Even the children can understand it easily since it is expressed in simple words. It can be used by families during their evening prayers.

Our Lord Jesus Christ:

Do not abandon Your servants who live far away from the Church. May Your love convict them and bring them back to You.

Lord have mercy on Your servants who are suffering from cancer.

On Your servants who suffer either from small or serious ailments.

On Your servants who suffer from physical infirmities.

On Your servants who suffer from spiritual infirmities.

Lord have mercy on our leaders and inspire them to govern with Christian love.

Lord have mercy on children who come from troubled homes.

On troubled families and those who have been divorced.

Lord have mercy on all the orphans of the world, on all those who are suffering pain and injustices since losing their spouses.

Lord have mercy on all those in jail, on all anarchists, on all drug abusers, on all murderers, on all abusers of people, and on all thieves. Enlighten these people and help them to straighten out their lives.

Lord have mercy on all those who have been forced to emigrate.

On all those who travel on the seas, on land, in the air, and protect them.

Lord have mercy on our Church, the bishops, the priests and the faithful of the Church.

Lord have mercy on all the monastic communities, male and female, the elders and eldresses and all the brotherhoods of Mt. Athos.

Lord have mercy on Your servants who find themselves in the midst of war.

On Your servants who are being pursued in the mountains and on the plains.

On Your servants who are being hunted like birds of prey.

Lord have mercy on Your servants who were forced to abandon their homes and their jobs and feel afflicted.

Lord have mercy on the poor, the homeless and the exiled.

Lord have mercy on the nations of the world. Keep them in Your embrace and envelope them with Your holy protection. Keep them safe from every evil and war. Keep our beloved Greece (or the country you live in) in Your protective embrace day and night. Embrace her with Your holy protection defending her from all evil and war.

Lord have mercy on those who have been abandoned and have suffered injustice. Have mercy on families that are going through trying times. Pour Your abundant love upon them. Lord have mercy on Your servants who suffer from spiritual and bodily problems of all kinds.

Lord have mercy on those who are despairing. Help them and grant them peace.

Lord have mercy on those that have requested that we pray for them.

Lord grant eternal rest to all those who have passed on to eternal life throughout the ages.

Amen.



Source - Evangelos Tzoganakis

2017 New Ecclesiastical Year House Blessings

“WHAT IS A HOUSE BLESSING?” In celebration of Theophany, Orthodox Christians invite Christ not only into their hearts, but also their homes, and we call upon Him to bring the blessings and spiritual cleansing of the Jordan into our daily lives. We do this by having the priest bless our homes with the Holy Water from the service of Theophany, offering prayers for our health, our family and the Lord's abundant blessings in the coming year.

“WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?” Simply call the church office or submit the form on the back page of this issue to schedule a visit with Fr. George or Fr. Dragan on one of the days they will be in your area (see the list below). You will receive a phone call to confirm the appointment. The service takes only a few minutes, but the blessings are there all year! When he visits, please have a list of the names of your family members and an icon ready. He will begin the service in the dining room or in the area of your home where you keep your icons, then he will ask you to guide him around the house so that he may sprinkle the Holy Water throughout it.

“WHAT ABOUT BUSINESSES?” You may also request a blessing for your office or business.

**PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED FORM OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE,
BY AUGUST 31, TO SCHEDULE A PASTORAL VISIT.
(IF YOUR AREA IS NOT ON LIST, PLEASE CALL TO DETERMINE DATE)**

CUT ALONG THIS LINE

DATE	TIME	AREA
9/1 (Fri)	Noon - 5 pm	Southpointe, East End, Gladden Road, First Street; Rt. 980
9/6 (Weds)	Noon - 6 pm	Central Cbg; Town Park; West End Cbg, Woodland Hts.; Cecil
9/7 (Thurs)	2 pm - 5 pm	McClelland Rd area, Glen Canon, Highland Estates area
9/12 (Tues)	Noon - 7 pm	McMurray, Venetia, Bethel Park, Upper St. Clair
9/26 (Tues)	Noon - 6 pm	Strabane, Houston, Meadowlands, Eighty Four, Washington
9/27 (Weds)	Noon - 7 pm	Bridgeville, Lawrence, Hendersonville

DATE	TIME	AREA
9/28 (Thurs)	10 am - 2 pm	Library, Finleyville, Pittsburgh (Dormont, Brookline, Greentree)
10/4 (Weds)	Noon - 6 pm	Pittsburgh (North Hills)
10/5 (Thurs)	Noon - 7 pm	Coraopolis; Imperial; McDonald, Burgettstown, Langeloth
10/6 (Fri)	Noon - 6 pm	Claysville, Bentlyville, Daisytown, Waynesburg; Scenery Hill
After 10/9 Please Contact Office for Make Up Day		
11/5 (Sun)	4 pm - 7 pm	Fr. George: Wheeling, WV & OH

2017 ALL SAINTS HOUSE BLESSING REQUEST FORM



Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Best Phone #

What Area/Date: