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SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024 - ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 7 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ, 2024 ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΎΡΟΣ — KYRIAKI THE GREAT MARTYR



Η Αγία Κυριακή ήταν κόρη του Δωροθέου και της Ευσεβίας. Αυτοί ήταν άτεκνοι και παρακαλούσαν το Θεό να τους δώσει παιδί. Πράγματι, ο Θεός ευδόκησε, και το χριστιανικό αυτό ζευγάρι, απέκτησε παιδί. Γεννήθηκε ημέρα Κυριακή, γι' αυτό και της έδωσαν το όνομα Κυριακή. Κατά το διωγμό του Διοκλητιανού, το έτος 282 μ.Χ., οι γονείς της συνελήφθησαν και μετά από ανάκριση βασανίστηκαν και αποκεφαλίστηκαν από το δούκα Ιούστο. Η δε Κυριακή παραπέμφθηκε στον Καίσαρα Μαξιμιανό, και από εκεί στον άρχοντα Βιθυνίας Ιλαριανό, ο οποίος της υπενθύμισε ότι η ομορφιά της είναι για απολαύσεις και όχι για βασανιστήρια. Τότε η παρθένος κόρη του απάντησε: «Ούτε στη νεότητα μου, ούτε στην ομορφιά μου δίνω την παραμικρή προσοχή. Και τα λαμπρότερα από τα επίγεια πράγματα είναι προσωρινά, όπως τα άνθη και κούφια, όπως οι σκιές. Σήμερα, έπαρχε, είμαι όμορφη, αύριο μια άσχημη γριά. Να κάνω, λοιπόν, κέντρο της ζωής μου την ομορφιά μου; Την αξία της, όμως, τη γνώρισα στις ρυτίδες, που την περιμένουν και στον τάφο που την καλεί. Νόμισες, λοιπόν, ότι θα κάνω την τερατώδη ανοησία, να χάσω

την αιώνια λαμπρότητα για να μείνω λίγο περισσότερο στη γη; Γι' αυτό στο ξαναλέω, έπαρχε: είμαι και θα είμαι στη ζωή και στο θάνατο χριστιανή». Εξοργισμένος ο Ιλαριανός, σκληρά τη βασάνισε και διέταξε να την αποκεφαλίσουν. Αλλά πριν πέσει η σπάθη, προσευχόμενη παρέδωσε το πνεύμα της στον Κύριο.

St. Kyriaki the Great Martyr

During the persecution of Diocletian, her parents martyred for their firm belief in Jesus Christ. Saint Kyriaki was sent to Caesar Maximian and from there to the ruler of Bithynia Ilarion (Hilarius), who told her that she is too beautiful to be tortured and promised her wealth and marriage to one of Diocletian's relatives if she worshiped the pagan gods. Saint Kyriaki responded appropriately and with courage. He, after having ravaged her, ordered his soldiers to decapitate her.

With courage and dignity, as well as with constant prayer, Great Martyr Kyriaki rendered her soul to God before the sword was lowered on her head and delivered her spirit to Jesus Christ, whom she loved with devotion all her life. With her vigor and stability, she has led others to endure martyrdom, confessing to the true God.

Even today, heroic women plead Saint Kyriaki to pray to Trinity God, so that they can remain firm and courageous in the struggle of everyday life and stay in the path of love of the Risen Christ in spite of any obstacles.

STEWARDSHIP-MEMBERSHIP 2024

We wanted to take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to you for your support to our community by renewing your stewardship pledge for the current year. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and assists us in the maintenance of the community's programs and services. May the blessings of our Lord be with you and your family. We wish you healthy and renewed strength for the approaching Lenten Season!

ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ "ΕΚΟΥΣΙΑΣ ΕΙΣΦΟΡΑΣ" 2024

Θέλαμε να ευχαριστήσουμε τα μέλη της κοινότητας μας που έχουν ανανεώσει την οικονομική προσφορά για το 2024. Για να γίνεται μέλη για το 2024, μπορείτε να συμπληρώσετε την κάρτα της ετήσιας προσφοράς σας που βρίσκετε στο παγκάρι του Ναού η στο γραφείο της κοινόητητος, και επιστρέφοντάς την στο γραφείο μας μαζί με το δώρο της αγάπης σας. Η δωρεά σας είναι μια έκφραση της πίστης και της ευγνωμοσύνης σας για τις πολλές ευλογίες στη ζωή σας. Καλό και ευλογημένο Τριώδιο σε όλους!



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The Children's Word: "Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

Picking Teams

Have you ever chosen teams for a game? Usually you have two captains, and they take turns picking the best ones to be on their teams. How do they choose the players? Well, first they choose the strongest and the fastest and the most athletic ones, right? Today, in the Gospel reading, we hear about how Jesus started picking His disciples. And how did He choose them? Did He choose the smartest or the fastest or the richest or the most athletic? No, not really! He started with the apostles Andrew and Peter. They were poor fishermen, casting a net out into the sea! But Jesus knew that they would be good followers. He knew that they would learn from Him, and one day they would teach other people about God's truth! Before we heard the Gospel reading, we heard the epistle reading. Today, Saint Paul tells us in his letter. "Glory and honor and peace for every one who does good...For God shows no partiality." That means that God gives His rewards in a fair way! He gives glory and honor and peace to anybody who does good...not to the richest or the strongest or the most athletic or the funniest or the smartest. Who is on God's team? Everyone who does good! Can you try to be on His team too?

Θαυμαστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς Άγίοις αὐτοῦ. Στίχ. Έν Ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεὸν.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 3:23-29, 4:1-5 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα Άδελφοί, πρὸ τοῦ δὲ ἐλθεῖν τὴν πίστιν, ὑπὸ had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a νόμον ἐφρουρούμεθα, συγκεκλεισμένοι είς τὴν woman, born under the law, to redeem those who μέλλουσαν πίστιν ἀποκαλυφθῆναι. Ώστε ὁ νόμος were under the law, so that we might receive παιδαγωγὸς ἡμῶν γέγονεν εἰς Χριστόν, ἵνα ἐκ adoption as sons. πίστεως δικαιωθώμεν. Έλθούσης δὲ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκέτι ὑπὸ παιδαγωγόν ἐσμεν. Πάντες γὰρ υἱοὶ θεοῦ ἐστε διὰ τῆς πίστεως ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Όσοι γὰρ εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ένεδύσασθε. Οὐκ ἔνι Ἰουδαῖος οὐδὲ ελλην, οὐκ ἔνι δοῦλος οὐδὲ ἐλεύθερος, οὐκ ἔνι ἄρσεν καὶ θῆλυ πάντες γὰρ ὑμεῖς εἶς ἐστε ἐν Χριστῷ Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν Ίησοῦ. Εἰ δὲ ὑμεῖς Χριστοῦ, ἄρα τοῦ Αβραὰμ θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, σπέρμα ἐστέ, καὶ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν κληρονόμοι. Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ 'Ανδρέαν τὸν Λέγω δέ, ἐφ' ὅσον χρόνον ὁ κληρονόμος νήπιός ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς έστιν, οὐδὲν διαφέρει δούλου, κύριος πάντων ὤν τὴν θάλασσαν ἦσαν γὰρ ἁλιεῖς καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς άλλὰ ὑπὸ ἐπιτρόπους ἐστὶν καὶ οἰκονόμους, ἄχρι δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς άλιεῖς τῆς προθεσμίας τοῦ πατρός. Οὕτως καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὅτε ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ήμεν νήπιοι, ὑπὸ τὰ στοιχεῖα τοῦ κόσμου ήμεν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβὰς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν δεδουλωμένοι ότε δὲ ἦλθεν τὸ πλήρωμα τοῦ ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ χρόνου, έξαπέστειλεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν υίὸν αὐτοῦ, Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν γενόμενον ἐκ γυναικός, γενόμενον ὑπὸ νόμον, τῷ πλοίῷ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν ΐνα τοὺς ὑπὸ νόμον ἐξαγοράση, ἵνα τὴν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν υίοθεσίαν ἀπολάβωμεν.

God is wonderful among his saints. Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees

until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time

Έκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 4:18-23 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν όλην την Γαλιλαίαν ο Ίησοῦς διδάσκων έν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

The Gospel According to Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Η ΚΟΙΜΗΣΗ ΤΗΣ ΥΠΕΡΑΓΙΑΣ ΘΕΟΤΟΚΟΥ The Dormition of the Feast of the Theotokos



Παρακαλούμε θερμά όσοι επιθυμείτε να προσφέρετε την δωρεά σας για τα άνθη του επιταφίου της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, επικοινωνήσετε με το γραφείο της

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JULY 2024 - DIVINE SERVICES

SUNDAY, JULY 7

2nd SUNDAY OF MATTHEW KYRIAKI THE GREAT MARTYR

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 14

THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 20

ELIAS THE PROPHET

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 21

4th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

SAINT PARASKEVE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 8:00-10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

5th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW ST. IRENE CHRYSOVALANTOU

Orthros-Divine Liturgy 7:30-10:30 a.m.

ΙΟΥΛΙΟΣ 2024 – ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

KYPIAKH, 7 IOYAIOY

2η ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗΣ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 14 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ

4ης Οικουμενικής Συνόδου

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ, 20 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΗΛΙΟΥ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΦΗΤΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 a.m.

KYPIAKH, 21 IOYAIOY

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 4η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 26 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΑΓΙΑΣ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗΣ ΟΣΙΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 8:00-10:00 a.m.

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ, 28 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ 5^η ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΕΙΡΗΝΗΣ ΧΡΥΣΟΒΑΛΑΝΤΟΥ

Όρθρος – Θεία Λειτουργία 7:30 -10:30 π.μ.

Greek Afternoon School Registration is Now Open



The Greek Afternoon School is pleased to announce that registration for the 2024-2025 academic year is now open on our new online platform.

Our new online community tool will allow you to register for all future youth and community events starting September 2024.

Visit us at

www.holycrossgreekchurch.com/gasr

for instructions on how to register!



Sunday, July 7, 2024 MEMORIALS—MNHMOΣΥΝΑ



Αγαθή Κατέχη / Agathi Katechis, 40 days

Please inform the church office at least one week in advance for memorial services and koliva.

Σας παρακαλούμε να κάνετε έγκαιρα τις παραγγελίες σας για τα κόλλυβα τουλάχιστον μία εβδομάδα νωρίτερα για να μπορούμε να σας εξυπηρετούμε με τον καλύτερο δυνατό τρόπο.



ΑΡΤΟΚΛΑΣΙΑ

Μποφείτε να παφαγγείλετε έγκαιφα την αφτοκλασία σας από το Γφαφείο της Κοινότητας Donation: \$80.00 συμπεφιλαμβάνει το NAMA και το ελαιόλαδο

HOLY CROSS WHITESTONE

"HOPE" MINISTRY COMING THIS SEPTEMBER

THE HELLENIC ORTHODOX PRIMARY ENRICHMENT ("HOPE") FOR AGES 4-6 YEARS

HOPE will give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.



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MINISTRIES OFFERED BY OUR COMMUNITY

Our mission as a community is to become faithful followers of Christ and thus active Orthodox Christians by accepting and submitting to the Will of our Lord so that we may realize salvation and enter into the Kingdom of God.

With the Grace of God, we strive to provide a loving and caring community where all belong to Christ through worship, sacramental life, everyday spiritual discipline, sanctification, education, witness, and fellowship.

For our community to continue to thrive and grow, we need our parishioners to get involved!

Below, you will find descriptions and contact information for all our ministries, for all ages, talents, and time commitments.

Please contact Fr. Nicholas for any ministry that speaks to you to get involved.

If a ministry contact is not listed, please call the Church office.

Is there a ministry not found in this guide that you would like to help organize? We want to hear from you.

Contact our Church office at any time and speak with Fr. Nicholas.

HOLY CROSS STARS ACADEMY: Holy Cross Stars Academy, located at 12-03 150th Street in Whitestone, NY, offers private education for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds, a research-based curriculum, and introduction to the Greek language, faith and culture. For more information please visit our website https://www.hcgos.org/

<u>GREEK AFTERNOON SCHOOL:</u> The Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School provides Greek language, religious and cultural instruction from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade. Classes are once or twice a week depending on grade from 4PM – 6PM during the school year. Please contact our Greek Afternoon School principal Christian Makridou <u>cmakridou@holycrossgreekchurch.com</u> for more information

<u>PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION:</u> The Greek Afternoon School PTA supports the Efstathios & Stamatiki Valiotis Greek Afternoon School . Parents and teachers work together to support our students and school community as they learn the Greek Language and culture. All parents are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings and we encourage you to participate and volunteer in the various fundraisers and events which support our Greek Afternoon School students. For more information or to volunteer send an email to afternoonPTA@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL:</u> The Holy Cross Sunday School Program provides a well-rounded curriculum based in the principles of the Orthodox faith. Our program builds a solid foundation for the children of our community through spiritually-enriching weekly lessons and activities, utilizing the curriculum developed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese Department of Religious Education, as well as supplemental materials and activities from other Orthodox Christian sources, and prayers and hymns chanted during the Divine Liturgy. We encourage all students from Pre-K through 8th grade to participate in our Sunday School program. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer as a teacher or assistant, please contact Mrs. Joanne Kyriacou, at the following email sundayschool@holycrossgreekchurch.com

BIBLE STUDY: This group studies the bible in English every Tuesday at 7:00pm in our church hall.

<u>SENIORS:</u> This group will take place every Thursday at 11am. Will begin with Paraklesis to the Theotokos followed by fellowship in the church hall.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS OF HOLY CROSS WHITESTONE: The Philoptochos of our Community is an organization whose primary purpose is aimed toward philanthropic endeavors and programs. All men and women in our parish may become members of this organization, which provides for the disadvantaged and assists the church in many ways.

President of Philoptochos Society: Maria Skiadas— philoptochos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>ALTAR BOYS</u>: Boys can serve as Altar Boys. Along with their liturgical duties, meetings will be held throughout the year. Anyone who would like to participate in Altar duties should contact Fr. Nicholas. frnicolaos@holycrossgreekchurch.com

H.O.P.E.: Boys and girls between the ages 4-6 are invited to join H.O.P.E (Hellenic Orthodox Primary Enrichment). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Anastasia Manessis & Effie Milatios—Hope@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>J.O.Y.</u>: Boys and girls between the ages 7- 12 are invited to join J.O.Y. (Junior Orthodox Youth). These programs give the children the opportunity to learn about their faith, their church and take part in various religious and social activities throughout the year.

Advisors: Olga Fokas & Christina Pappas - joy@holycrossgreekchurch.com

<u>G.O.Y.A.</u>: Boys and girls between the ages of 13-17 are welcome to join the G.O.Y.A. (Greek Orthodox Youth Association), Various athletic, social and religious activities are held as well as other programs. The G.O.Y.A. usually meets 2 Fridays a month. Our GOYA advisors also organizes various activities and trips for our youth throughout the year.

Advisors: Eleni Livaditis & Efrosini Zonas - goya@holycrossgreekchurch.com

ATHLETICS MINISTRY: Our athletics ministry is part of our JOY and GOYA ministries. Our youth can join the various athletics ministries offered by our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese through our parish. Beginning in the fall, our youth will be able to sign up for basketball and/or volleyball for the 2024-2025 season.

Advisor: George Mihalios - gmihalios@holycrossgreekchurch.com

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESAN DISTRICT OLYMPICS: The GOADO is an athletic event opened to all parishes within the Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan District. The event takes place Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26, 2024 at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, New York. The GOADO program emphasizes the values of our faith, Hellenism, and follows the Olympic ideals of peace, sportsmanship, and fellowship amongst Greek Orthodox parishes.

Advisor: George Pappas – <u>olympics@holycrossgreekchurch.com</u>

<u>EPISKEPSIS (Visitations)</u>: The purpose and goal is to visit and comfort our Orthodox Christians that are in hospitals or confined to nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and homes. If you have a loved one that would like to receive Holy Communion and is homebound, in a nursing home or hospital, please call the church office to arrange with Fr. Nicholas.

STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH: The purpose is to welcome new members to the Church / Parish, and promote the Greek Orthodox Faith within and outside the Parish.



Preschool Registration for our 2024-2025 school year is now open!

All children born in 2020, 2021 and 2022 are eligible to register.

For additional information, please check our updated website:

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And contact us at info@hcgos.org 718-747-3803

