"I SHALL NOT DENY MY GOD AND MY KING"

The HOLY MARTYR MAMAS was a saint of the Early Church. Born in Cappadocia, Mamas is known to us today largely through the writings of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory, who chronicled his remarkable life.

St. Mamas came into the world at a time when the Church suffered great persecution from the Roman authorities. His parents, Theodotus and Rufina, were devout Christians. They were both cast into prison at a time when Rufina was pregnant, and Mamas was eventually born in a jail cell. Both were to die while in custody, and Mamas was placed in the care of a pious woman named Ammias.

For the first 5 years of his life, Mamas did not utter a word. One day, the lad spoke! Since the first word he said was "Mama," the name "Mamas" was given to him from that day forth. He grew to become a shepherd.

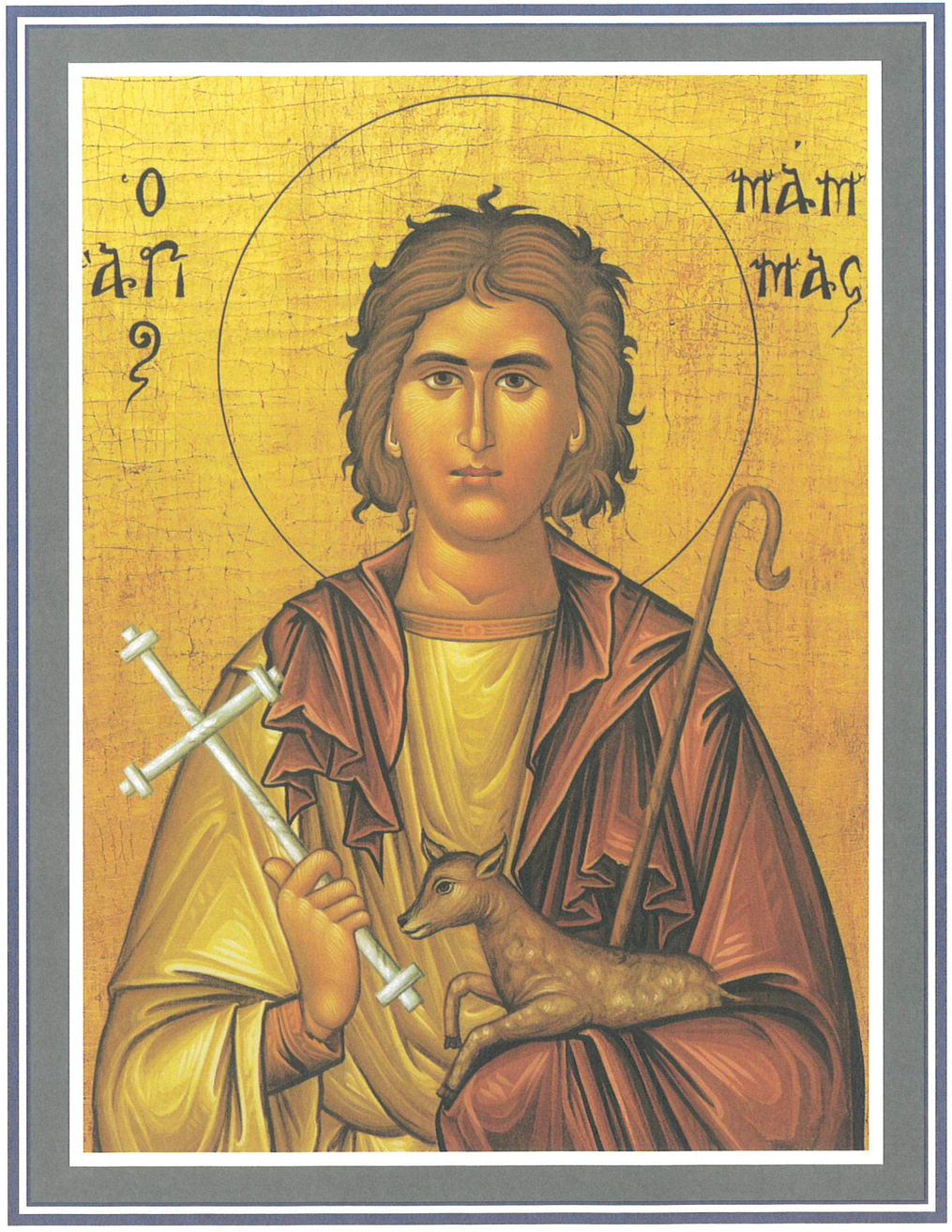
Like his parents had done before him, Mamas refused to conceal his Christian faith. He was brought before the Emperor Aurelian, who ordered him to deny Christ. The brave boy responded: *"I SHALL NOT DENY MY GOD AND MY KING -- NOT IN MY HEART OR WITH MY LIPS."* The enraged Emperor ordered his execution, but an Angel of the Lord rescued him and took him to a high mountain near Caesarea. Here Mamas lived alone in prayer and solitude. It is said that his kindness and gentleness even won over the wild animals who lived on the mountain.

Eventually, the persecutors of Mamas found his hiding place. He was taken back for trial and was beheaded.

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1 Peter 4:19

Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel
Luke 4:16-22

Attendance
8/25/24
130

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by the Cazantzes Family
In Loving Memory of Pete Cazantzes -
Husband, Father and Papou

Upcoming Memorials

September 22

Memorial & Coffee Hour - Kosta, Helen & Andrew Christopher and Steve & Kathryn Lazarides

Condolences

Claire "Popie" Kargadouris, age 73, fell asleep in the Lord on August 22, 2024.

May her memory be eternal!

JOIN NOW HOPE group
Ages K-2

Save The Dates

SUN. SEPT. 15 –
KICK- OFF MEETING

SUN. OCT. 12 –
KINGSWAY PUMPKIN FARM

SUN. NOV. 17 –
GIVING THANKS PROJECT

SUN. DEC. 24 –
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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GOYA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Following Liturgy

ELECTIONS FOR THE YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE!

Hope to see all GOYAns there!

Mark your calendar!

Sunday school starts September 15th!

We hope you are having a great break from class. But can't wait to see all the kids in September.

If you have any questions about Sunday school, please contact Kelly Antoniades at kellyantoniades@gmail.com or 330-704-4473.

See you all in class soon!

Annual House Blessings



The Annual House Blessings begin this Tuesday, September 3. The list is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office showing the dates and routes. **Please contact the Church Office if the day you are scheduled has a conflict** or if you are interested in riding along on a day to get your name on the ride along list!

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Classes begin this **Wednesday, September 4** at 7:00 PM and will run for 8 weeks. A list for light refreshments to be offered each week is at the Pangari. Please sign up for a week to share with others!

Koraes Ladies Society
Dinner Theatre

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Thursday, October 17, 2024
Legends II with Melanie, Michael & the MJB Orchestra and Special Guests!

Tickets:
$65 per person
Doors open at 5:30 PM
Holy Trinity Hall

Save the date

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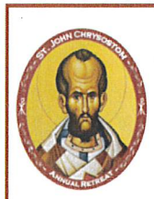
To all Holy Trinity families:
Mark your calendars for
November 2, 2024

Fall Harvest

Food - Fun - Fellowship

More Details to Follow!

Event sponsored by Koraes Ladies Society



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ANNUAL RETREAT



Saturday, November 9, 2024

Retreat Theme: Addictions & The Passions - How Unhealthy Connections Affect Us Spiritually
Speaker: Fr. Dimitrios Moraitis

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, September 1
Ecclesiastical New Year
Dance Troupe Coffee Hour
Doxology/Blessing of the Waters 3:00 PM

Monday, September 2
HAPPY LABOR DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #1
Senior Board Meeting 11:00 AM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 4
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #2
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
Orthodoxy 101 & 201 Classes 7:00 PM

Thursday, September 5
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #3
Koraes Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, September 6
HOUSE BLESSINGS DAY #4

Saturday, September 7
Pilgrimage Day to Nativity of the Theotokos - Saxonburg, PA 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 8
Nativity of the Theotokos
Seniors Coffee Hour

STEWARDSHIP CALLING

1st Half of 2024 Stewardship Statements have been mailed out

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Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 1. *Automelon.*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * “Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!”

For the Indiction.
Mode 2.

O Fashioner of all creation, who made seasons and years by Your own authority, bless the crown of the year with Your goodness, O Lord, and preserve our rulers and Your city in peace, at the intercession of the Theotokos, and save us.

For the Theotokos.
Grave Mode.

Rejoice, Maiden full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos; a haven and protection are you for all of mankind. From you did the Redeemer of the world become incarnate, only you are both a Mother and a Virgin. O Lady ever blessed and ever filled with glory, intercede with Christ God, beseeching Him to grant peace to the universe.

For the Devout Man.
Mode 1.

You became a pillar of patience, O devout one, emulating the forefathers, Job in his sufferings and Joseph in his temptations, and the manner of the bodiless, though you were still in body. O devout father Symeon, intercede with Christ God, to save our souls.

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion.
Mode 4. *You who were lifted*

You, the Creator and the Lord of the ages, O God of all, truly transcending all essence, we earnestly entreat, that You will bless the year, and, O tender-loving Lord, in Your infinite mercy, only Master, save us all who worship and serve You, O our Redeemer, and who cry with fear, “For all Your servants, make fruitful the coming year.”

St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7

Prokeimenon. Mode 4
Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.
Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy 2:1-7

Timothy, my son, first of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel According to Luke 4:16-22

At that time, Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος α΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τῆς Ἰνδίκτου.
Ἦχος β΄.

Ὁ πάσης δημιουργὸς τῆς κτίσεως, ὁ καιροὺς καὶ χρόνους ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ θέμενος, εὐλόγησον τὸν στέφανον τοῦ ἐνιαυτοῦ τῆς χρηστότητός σου Κύριε, φυλάττων ἐν εἰρήνῃ τοὺς Βασιλεῖς καὶ τὴν πόλιν σου, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Τῆς Θεοτόκου.
Ἦχος βαρύς.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, λιμὴν καὶ προστασία τοῦ γένους τῶν ἀνθρώπων· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἐσαρκώθη ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου· μόνη γὰρ ὑπάρχεις Μήτηρ καὶ Παρθένος· ἀεὶ εὐλογημένη, καὶ δεδοξασμένη, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, εἰρήνην δωρήσασθαι, πάσῃ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου.
Ἦχος α΄.

Ὑπομονῆς στῦλος γέγονας, ζηλώσας τοὺς προπάτορας Ὅσιε, τὸν Ἰὼβ ἐν τοῖς πάθεσι, τὸν Ἰωσὴφ ἐν τοῖς πειρασμοῖς, καὶ τὴν τῶν Ἀσωμάτων πολιτείαν, ὑπάρχων ἐν σώματι, Συμεὼν Πατὴρ ἡμῶν Ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ.*

Ὁ τῶν αἰώνων Ποιητὴς καὶ Δεσπότης, Θεὲ τῶν ὅλων ὑπερούσιε ὄντως, τὴν ἐνιαύσιον εὐλόγησον περίοδον, σῴζων τῷ ἐλέει σου, τῷ ἀπείρῳ οἰκτίρμων, πάντας τοὺς λατρεύοντας, σοὶ τῷ μόνῳ Δεσπότῃ, καὶ ἐκβοῶντας φόβῳ· Λυτρωτά, εὔφορον πᾶσι τὸ ἔτος χορήγησον.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 2:1-7

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 146.5;134.3

Μέγας ὁ Κύριος ἡμῶν, καὶ μεγάλη ἡ ἰσχὺς αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Αἰνεῖτε τὸν Κύριον, ὅτι ἀγαθός.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α' 2:1-7 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρακαλῶ οὖν πρῶτον πάντων ποιεῖσθαι δεήσεις, προσευχάς, ἐντεύξεις, εὐχαριστίας, ὑπὲρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, ὑπὲρ βασιλέων καὶ πάντων τῶν ἐν ὑπεροχῇ ὄντων, ἵνα ἥρεμον καὶ ἡσύχιον βίον διάγωμεν ἐν πάσῃ εὐσεβείᾳ καὶ σεμνότητι. Τοῦτο γὰρ καλὸν καὶ ἀπόδεκτον ἐνώπιον τοῦ σωτῆρος ἡμῶν Θεοῦ, ὃς πάντας ἀνθρώπους θέλει σωθῆναι καὶ εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας ἐλθεῖν. Εἷς γὰρ Θεός, εἷς καὶ μεσίτης Θεοῦ καὶ ἀνθρώπων, ἄνθρωπος Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς, ὁ δοὺς ἑαυτὸν ἀντίλυτρον ὑπὲρ πάντων, τὸ μαρτύριον καιροῖς ἰδίοις, εἰς ὃ ἐτέθην ἐγὼ κήρυξ καὶ ἀπόστολος,- ἀλήθειαν λέγω ἐν Χριστῷ, οὐ ψεύδομαι,- διδάσκαλος ἐθνῶν ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀληθεία.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 4:16-22 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ναζαρά, οὗ ἦν τεθραμμένος, καὶ εἰσῆλθε κατὰ τὸ εἰωθὸς αὐτῷ ἐν τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τῶν σαββάτων εἰς τὴν συναγωγήν, καὶ ἀνέστη ἀναγνῶναι. καὶ ἐπεδόθη αὐτῷ βιβλίον Ἡσαΐου τοῦ προφήτου, καὶ ἀναπτύξας τὸ βιβλίον εὗρε τὸν τόπον οὗ ἦν γεγραμμένον· Πνεῦμα Κυρίου ἐπ᾽ ἐμέ, οὗ εἵνεκεν ἔχρισέ με, εὐαγγελίσασθαι πτωχοῖς ἀπέσταλκέ με, ἰάσασθαι τοὺς συντετριμμένους τὴν καρδίαν, κηρῦξαι αἰχμαλώτοις ἄφεσιν καὶ τυφλοῖς ἀνάβλεψιν, ἀποστεῖλαι τεθραυσμένους ἐν ἀφέσει, κηρῦξαι ἐνιαυτὸν Κυρίου δεκτόν. καὶ πτύξας τὸ βιβλίον ἀποδοὺς τῷ ὑπηρέτῃ ἐκάθισε· καὶ πάντων ἐν τῇ συναγωγῇ οἱ ὀφθαλμοὶ ἦσαν ἀτενίζοντες αὐτῷ. ἤρξατο δὲ λέγειν πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὅτι σήμερον πεπλήρωται ἡ γραφὴ αὕτη ἐν τοῖς ὠσὶν ὑμῶν. καὶ πάντες ἐμαρτύρουν αὐτῷ καὶ ἐθαύμαζον ἐπὶ τοῖς λόγοις τῆς χάριτος τοῖς ἐκπορευομένοις ἐκ τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ.