THE GREATEST MOTHER OF ALL

On this special day, may we take a moment to honor all the Mothers in our lives. Throughout history, there have been many great mothers. Let's take a look back at the great mothers of the saints of the Church.

Think of how the mothers of all the apostles and disciples shaped their lives. Eunice the mother, and Lois the grandmother of the Apostle Timothy taught the young boy God's Word. Let us honor Nonna, the mother of St. Gregory the Theologian; Emmelia, the mother of St. Basil the Great, and Anthusa, mother of St. John Chrysostom. Remarkable women fill the pages of Church history.

But there is one that ranks above them all. There is one of whom an angel of the Lord called "Blessed amongst women." There is but one called by God's Word "full of grace." She is none other than the Mother of our Saviour, who was the Holy Virgin Mary.

We see her in all humility giving birth to her Son in the most meager of circumstances. She had to flee into Egypt to save His life. Then she fulfills a mother's role in full as she raises her Child in Nazareth.

We see her in all anguish as she stands under the cross as her Son dies the cruel death of crucifixion. What pen can describe the agony of this mother's heart? What words can be adequate to depict that event? There are none.

It has been thousands of years since God said: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Let us do so today, across all of America. And as we pay due respect and acknowledge the debt we owe to our mothers, let us not forget the one who is greatest of all: the Mother of God, the Theotokos, who gave birth to our Savior.

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Matthew 19:19

"'Honor your father and your mother,' and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

MOTHER'S DAY



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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
Acts
9:32-42

Gospel
John
5:1-15

Attendance
5/4/25
165

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by John & Maria Hatzarides
In Loving Memory of parents: Efstathios & Elisavet Hatzarides and Euripides & Thespina Stephanides

Upcoming Memorials

May 18
40-Day Memorial - Perikles "Barry" Giamourides

May 25
AHEPA Recognition & Coffee Hour

June 1
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Betty Yaghooti

June 15
Memorials & Coffee Hour - Mickey Kalaitsides (3 Yrs) and Spyro Kalaitsides (13 Yrs)

Condolences

Dimitra Kefalas, age 81, fell asleep in the Lord on May 5, 2025.



May her memory be eternal!

MUFFINS WITH MOMS

Following Liturgy for Coffee Hour today,
Mother's Day, May 11th!



Get your photo with Mom, Yiayia, Nouna at no cost to you!

Happy Mother's Day to all!







Please join Sunday School as they host a Picnic Lunch!

May 18th following liturgy

Please come to church to see our Sunday School children be recognized for a great year and stay for lunch and celebrate with our wonderful children. This is our last day of Sunday School for the year and we want to treat you!



Youth Dance Troupe Practices Ages 5-11

If your child is interested in participating in the youth dance troupe this year, please contact Rachel Israel at (330) 904-2135.

Practices will be held every Sunday after Liturgy in the big classroom downstairs. The first practice date will be announced at a later date.



Look forward to dancing with you all soon!

FESTIVAL BAKING SCHEDULE

DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Wednesday, May 14 - Kourambiethes

Saturday, May 17 – Fengarakia

Wednesday, May 21 – Melomakarona

Saturday, May 31 – Koulourakia

Saturday, June 14 - Baklava

Saturday, June 28 – Tsoureki

******Dates Yet To Be Determined******
Dolmathes, Paximathia

We will begin at 9:00 am on each of the baking dates.

GRECIAN FESTIVAL DATES: JULY 16-19, 2025

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, May 11
Mother's Day
Muffins with Mom 11:30 AM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, May 12
Funeral - Dimitra Kefalas
Calling Hours 10:00 AM
Funeral 11:00 AM
Makaria to Follow

Tuesday, May 13
Executive Board 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, May 14
Baking - Kourambiethes 9:00 AM
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 15
Scholarship Meeting 6:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, May 16
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, May 17
Baking - Fengarakia 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 18
Last Day of Sunday School
40-Day Memorial -
Perikles "Barry" Giamourides
Sunday School Awards
Sunday School Picnic Lunch
Coffee Hour 11:30 AM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE!
Name Day & Ecclesiastical Awards Banquet
June 8, 2025
(Following Divine Liturgy)

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM! SCAN ME
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 3.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

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 of Pascha.
Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ God; and You called out to the Myrrh-bearing women “Rejoice”, and gave peace to Your Apostles, the One Who to the fallen grants resurrection.

Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

Prokeimenon. Mode 3

Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42

In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

The Gospel According to John 5:1-15

At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος γ΄.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 τοῦ Πάσχα.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾅδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 9:32-42

Προκείμενον. Ήχος γ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.
Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων 9:32-42 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον διερχόμενον διὰ πάντων κατελθεῖν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἁγίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Λύδδαν. Εὗρεν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἄνθρωπόν τινα Αἰνέαν ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἐτῶν ὀκτὼ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κραββάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰᾶταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στρῶσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ἀσσάρωνα, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δέ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἣ διερμηνευομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυνῶν ὧν ἐποίει. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις ἀσθενήσασαν αὐτὴν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ αὐτὴν ἔθηκαν ἐν ὑπερῴῳ. Ἐγγὺς δὲ οὔσης Λύδδης τῇ Ἰόππῃ, οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτῇ, ἀπέστειλαν πρὸς αὐτόν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνῆσαι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνήγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πᾶσαι αἱ χῆραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χιτῶνας καὶ ἱμάτια ὅσα ἐποίει μετ' αὐτῶν οὖσα ἡ Δορκάς. Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἔξω πάντας ὁ Πέτρος θεὶς τὰ γόνατα προσηύξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἡ δὲ ἤνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοὺς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα, ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τὰς χήρας, παρέστησεν αὐτὴν ζῶσαν. Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ' ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 5:1-15 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνέβη ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἔστι δὲ ἐν τοῖς Ἱεροσολύμοις ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρα, ἡ ἐπιλεγομένη Ἑβραϊστὶ Βηθεσδά, πέντε στοὰς ἔχουσα. ἐν ταύταις κατέκειτο πλῆθος πολὺ τῶν ἀσθενούντων, τυφλῶν, χωλῶν, ξηρῶν, ἐκδεχομένων τὴν τοῦ ὕδατος κίνησιν. ἄγγελος γὰρ κατὰ καιρὸν κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ κολυμβήθρᾳ, καὶ ἐταράσσετο τὸ ὕδωρ· ὁ οὖν πρῶτος ἐμβὰς μετὰ τὴν ταραχὴν τοῦ ὕδατος ὑγιὴς ἐγίνετο ᾧ δήποτε κατείχετο νοσήματι. ἦν δέ τις ἄνθρωπος ἐκεῖ τριάκοντα καὶ ὀκτὼ ἔτη ἔχων ἐν τῇ ἀσθενείᾳ αὐτοῦ. τοῦτον ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς κατακείμενον, καὶ γνοὺς ὅτι πολὺν ἤδη χρόνον ἔχει, λέγει αὐτῷ· θέλεις ὑγιὴς γενέσθαι; ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ ὁ ἀσθενῶν· Κύριε, ἄνθρωπον οὐκ ἔχω, ἵνα ὅταν ταραχθῇ τὸ ὕδωρ, βάλῃ με εἰς τὴν κολυμβήθραν· ἐν ᾧ δὲ ἔρχομαι ἐγώ, ἄλλος πρὸ ἐμοῦ καταβαίνει. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἔγειρε, ἆρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. καὶ εὐθέως ἐγένετο ὑγιὴς ὁ ἄνθρωπος, καὶ ἦρε τὸν κράβαττον αὐτοῦ καὶ περιεπάτει. ἦν δὲ σάββατον ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ. ἔλεγον οὖν οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι τῷ τεθεραπευμένῳ· σάββατόν ἐστιν· οὐκ ἔξεστί σοι ἆραι τὸν κράβαττον. ἀπεκρίθη αὐτοῖς· ὁ ποιήσας με ὑγιῆ, ἐκεῖνός μοι εἶπεν· ἆρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει. ἠρώτησαν οὖν αὐτόν· τίς ἐστιν ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ εἰπών σοι, ἆρον τὸν κράβαττόν σου καὶ περιπάτει; ὁ δὲ ἰαθεὶς οὐκ ᾔδει τίς ἐστιν· ὁ γὰρ Ἰησοῦς ἐξένευσεν ὄχλου ὄντος ἐν τῷ τόπῳ. μετὰ ταῦτα εὑρίσκει αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἴδε ὑγιὴς γέγονας· μηκέτι ἁμάρτανε, ἵνα μὴ χεῖρόν σοί τι γένηται. ἀπῆλθεν ὁ ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἀνήγγειλε τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστιν ὁ ποιήσας αὐτὸν ὑγιῆ.