TRUST THE LORD

Back in the early days of television - when game shows were the rage - a program called "Who Do You Trust?" was popular. Teams of contestants - usually a man and woman - would compete for prizes in various categories. Before a question was asked, one of the team members would have to decide to either trust his partner or to trust himself to give the correct answer.

In life, exactly who do we trust? Without hesitation, an Orthodox Christian should know the answer to that question: we place our trust solely in God. Psalm 146 tells us plainly: "Put NOT your trust in princes or in sons of men, for in them there is no salvation." Sadly, however, what we describe as "trusting in God" is often nothing more than EXPECTING and DEMANDING that He fulfill our every wish like some celestial genie! Although our Lord did say "Ask and it shall be given to you," (Matthew 7:7) it's not quite as simple as putting in a call for room service at a hotel!

God knows our needs and hears all of our prayers. As our Heavenly Father, His answer to our supplications may be "no," or it may be "not now" at various times. Do parents always give their children what they want exactly when they want it? It is precisely at these times when we prove that we really do understand what it means to place our TOTAL trust and confidence in Him. It is not necessary for us to understand the workings of the Lord - only to accept them.

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Psalm 37:5

Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Exercise patience & openness to God's Wisdom



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Romans
2:10-16

Gospel
Matthew
4:18-23

Attendance
6/15/25
147

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by the Koinoglou Family
In Loving Memory of Nick Koinoglou

Upcoming Memorials

June 29
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Dimitra Kefalas

July 6
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Katherine Zantopulos
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Lester Macris & Family

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!!



Congratulations to Zack and Angela Bertok on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Sophie, born on June 8, 2025.

Proud grandparents, Steve and Kathy Dimos

NOTICE: KORAES GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY FOLLOWING LITURGY!

25 members required to conduct business

Agenda

Meeting Today

A. Call meeting to order
B. Opening Prayer
C. Minutes & Correspondence
D. Reports: Treasurer, President, Committees
E. Auditing Reports
F. Any Unfinished old business
G. Good of the Order
H. Adjournment and closing prayer



NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on July 30, 2025.



We are looking for volunteers to assist with the decorating of the indoor taverna and outdoor patio for our festival. This is your chance to get involved in the decorating of the tables for our festival and hopefully join this very important committee. Please contact Ellen Romeo at 330-495-3164. Please consider helping with this important aspect of our festival. Thank you!

GRAPE LEAVES PICKING TIME



Dolmathes Grape leaves are needed! Please help in the collection of leaves for this year's festival. Leaves should be the size of your outstretched palm. Pick, wash and blanche them. Place in freezer bags and put in freezer at home or bring them to the church until the date we will make them. **We need at least 7000 leaves for Tuesday, July 8** and need lots and lots of leaves to make this successful! Thank you!

The 2025 Festival Committee

Bakers and packers are needed for each of these dates and young and older are encouraged to come! Please mark your calendars and join us to make a successful festival again this year!

Please note the remaining schedule for baking:



Tuesday, June 24 - Pastitsio
Saturday, June 28 – Tsoureki
Tuesday, July 8 - Dolmathes

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

The 2025 Festival Baking Committee

48th Annual Grecian Festival
July 16, 17, 18, & 19th, 2025

YARD SIGNS are available for pick up following Liturgy again TODAY! Please take one to help spread the word!

Sign up for help with the Indoor Taverna **is now posted on the bulletin board** outside the Church Office. Lunch and Dinner workers and in between are needed each day! Call Sally Rath with any questions at 330-705-2663.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, work in the kitchen booths, food lines, and with trash detail. Please consider volunteering your time, talents or treasures!

Patron Ads and Sponsorships are still available to help defray our costs. For questions, please contact Steve Lazarides at 330-806-6823 or slazarides0671@gmail.com.

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, June 22
Summer Camp Week #2
Koraes General Assembly 11:30 AM
1-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Athena Pergins 11:30 AM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, June 23
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, June 24
Baking - Pastitsio 9:00 AM
Eternal Light 6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 25
No Scheduled Events

Thursday, June 26
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, June 27
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, June 28
Baking - Tsoureki 9:00 AM

Sunday, June 29
Saints Peter & Paul
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Dimitra Kefalas 11:30 AM
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

NOTICE:

The Church Office will be CLOSED on Friday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Please make a note of this.



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

SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 1. *Automelon.*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your allimmaculate 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!”

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 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: hasten to intercede, and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Prokeimenon. Mode 1
Psalm 32.22,1
Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

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.

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.

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 β΄.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16

Προκείμενον. Ήχος α'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 32.22,1
Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς.
Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους 2:10-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἕλληνι· οὐ γάρ ἐστιν προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἥμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἥμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται· οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι, νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες, ἑαυτοῖς εἰσιν νόμος· οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυρούσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως, καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου, διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

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

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἁλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἁλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβὰς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.