NEEDLESS REPETITION OR A NEEDFUL REQUEST

Anyone who has ever attended a service in the Orthodox Church knows our most repeated prayer: LORD HAVE MERCY! It is a singular response to some petitions. At other times, it may be sung or chanted three, twelve, forty or even one hundred times. We hear these three words so much that the question is often raised: Is it really necessary to repeat this plea over and over?

To give the proper answer to this question, we must carefully examine what we are actually asking for with this humble prayer. True, we are petitioning God to overlook our faults and sinfulness and be merciful to us. Seeking forgiveness (or mercy) from our Heavenly Father must always be in our hearts and on our lips. Yet constantly praying LORD HAVE MERCY means much more than that. Some translations of Sacred Scripture do not exclusively use the word MERCY for the Hebrew term HESED. It is also translated as: compassion, gracious, generous and, yes, LOVING. In essence, then, when we pray LORD HAVE MERCY, we are asking Him to shower us with His love and His goodness. We are requesting His care and His guidance. We are praying that He will bestow upon us all of the things that are necessary for our salvation.

A constant prayer of LORD HAVE MERCY must encompass our entire being. It is not a WASTE OF BREATH. On the contrary, it is a beautiful way of reminding ourselves of how dependent we are on our Creator, and that EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE.

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James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.



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Office Hours
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
Romans
6:18-23

Gospel
Matthew
8:5-13

Attendance
6/29/25
165

Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Harry Zantopulos and Family
In Loving Memory of Katherine Zantopulos

Donated by Lisa & George Georgiades
In Loving Memory of Lester (Eleftherios) Macris

Donated by Bill & Christine Rice
In Loving Memory of Patricia St. Jean

Donated by the Memmer Family
In Loving Memory of Harry Manos III

WELCOME!

We welcome Father Thomas Drenen into the Altar this morning! Please say hello and introduce yourself!

FOOD PANTRY REQUESTS:





The Food Pantry is in desperate need of boxes of cereal and liquid dish soap. Items can be placed in the bin outside the Church Office. Our pantry continues to gain people each month and new faces. Thank you for your continued support of our continually growing Pantry!

~Denise Bellas

TRINITARIAN SPOTS AVAILABLE

There are several openings in the Trinitarian for Ad spots for businesses, memorials, or groups at Holy Trinity. These run for 12 months in our Trinitarian. Please contact Lori in the Church Office for more information.



VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Volunteers are still needed to help at the festival for carry out orders, food service, drive thru orders, trash detail, and various other areas from July 16-19, 2025. **Please contact or see Ted or Sally Rath, Anne-Charissa Halkias, Dan Speece, Dino Costi or Rick Pitinii** if you are available to assist for even a few hours on one day. There are spots available for help for all ages!

Hours are Wednesday 4pm-10pm, Thursday 11am-10pm and Friday and Saturday 11am-11pm.

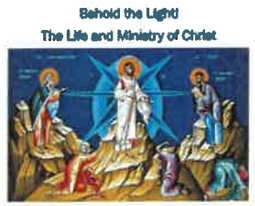
Please volunteer today!



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

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

JULY 14-18, 2025



Ages 4-12 9am-12pm

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1118 Cherry St. NE
Canton, OH 44704
330-455-8482

Register Online

FABRIC SOFTENER NEEDED!



The kitchen is asking for donations of fabric softener and Oxi cleaning products so we can wash and dry towels and aprons as they are used. Please leave donated items in the kitchen. Thank you!

The remaining schedule for festival baking is:



Tuesday, July 8 - Dolmathes (MANY Leaves are still needed)
Tuesday, July 15 - Rice Pudding

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

The 2025 Festival Baking Committee

The 48th Annual Grecian Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is on July 16, 17, 18, & 19, 2025. Come join us for lunch and/or dinner during these dates! Join us for outdoor activities of Food Booths and Vendors from 4pm - 10pm on Wednesday, Thursday from 11am–10pm, and 11am-11pm Friday and Saturday. Enjoy Gyros, Souvlaki, Beer & Wine, Greek Pastries, Loukoumathes, Saganaki & More!!! **DRIVE THRU AND CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!** Be entertained by our own Dance Troupe performances and Music each day, as well as guest opportunities to tour our Church Facility.

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

Donation cards are still available outside the Church Office to help defray the costs of our Festival. We want to keep our Grecian Festival the most popular Festival in Stark County and growing positively. **Our 2025 Donation Goal is $40,000.**

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, July 6
Summer Camp Week #4
Fr. Nick At Camp All Week
40-Day Memorial - Patricia St. Jean 11:00 AM
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Katherine Zantopulos
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Lester Macris & Family
10-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Harry Manos III
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Monday, July 7
Fr. Nick At Camp
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, July 8
Fr. Nick At Camp
Baking - Dolmathes 9:00 AM
Executive Board 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 9
Fr. Nick At Camp
No Scheduled Events

Thursday, July 10
Fr. Nick At Camp
No Scheduled Events

Friday, July 11
Fr. Nick At Camp
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, July 12
Fr. Nick At Camp
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 13
Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

NOTICE:
Father Nick will be at Camp July 6-12, 2025.

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

SCAN ME

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.
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 6:18-23

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 St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 6:18-23

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:5-13

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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.
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 ῾Ρωμαίους 6:18-23

Προκείμενον. Ήχος γ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1
Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.
Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πρὸς ῾Ρωμαίους 6:18-23 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ἐλευθερωθέντες δὲ ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐδουλώθητε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Ἀνθρώπινον λέγω διὰ τὴν ἀσθένειαν τῆς σαρκὸς ὑμῶν· ὥσπερ γὰρ παρεστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ ἀκαθαρσίᾳ καὶ τῇ ἀνομίᾳ εἰς τὴν ἀνομίαν, οὕτως νῦν παραστήσατε τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν δοῦλα τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ εἰς ἁγιασμόν. Ὅτε γὰρ δοῦλοι ἦτε τῆς ἁμαρτίας, ἐλεύθεροι ἦτε τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ. Τίνα οὖν καρπὸν εἴχετε τότε ἐφ' οἷς νῦν ἐπαισχύνεσθε; Τὸ γὰρ τέλος ἐκείνων θάνατος. Νυνὶ δὲ ἐλευθερωθέντες ἀπὸ τῆς ἁμαρτίας, δουλωθέντες δὲ τῷ θεῷ, ἔχετε τὸν καρπὸν ὑμῶν εἰς ἁγιασμόν, τὸ δὲ τέλος ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τὰ γὰρ ὀψώνια τῆς ἁμαρτίας θάνατος, τὸ δὲ χάρισμα τοῦ θεοῦ ζωὴ αἰώνιος ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 8:5-13 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἰσελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ εἰς Καπερναοὺμ προσῆλθεν αὐτῷ ἑκατόνταρχος παρακαλῶν αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Κύριε, ὁ παῖς μου βέβληται ἐν τῇ οἰκίᾳ παραλυτικός, δεινῶς βασανιζόμενος. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἐγὼ ἐλθὼν θεραπεύσω αὐτόν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἑκατόνταρχος ἔφη· Κύριε, οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς ἵνα μου ὑπὸ τὴν στέγην εἰσέλθῃς· ἀλλὰ μόνον εἰπὲ λόγῳ, καὶ ἰαθήσεται ὁ παῖς μου. καὶ γὰρ ἐγὼ ἄνθρωπός εἰμι ὑπὸ ἐξουσίαν, ἔχων ὑπ' ἐμαυτὸν στρατιώτας, καὶ λέγω τούτῳ, πορεύθητι, καὶ πορεύεται, καὶ ἄλλῳ, ἔρχου, καὶ ἔρχεται, καὶ τῷ δούλῳ μου, ποίησον τοῦτο, καὶ ποιεῖ. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐθαύμασε καὶ εἶπε τοῖς ἀκολουθοῦσιν· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, οὐδὲ ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ τοσαύτην πίστιν εὗρον. λέγω δὲ ὑμῖν ὅτι πολλοὶ ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν καὶ δυσμῶν ἥξουσι καὶ ἀνακλιθήσονται μετὰ Ἀβραὰμ καὶ Ἰσαὰκ καὶ Ἰακὼβ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τῶν οὐρανῶν, οἱ δὲ υἱοὶ τῆς βασιλείας ἐκβληθήσονται εἰς τὸ σκότος τὸ ἐξώτερον· ἐκεῖ ἔσται ὁ κλαυθμὸς καὶ ὁ βρυγμὸς τῶν ὀδόντων. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τῷ ἑκατοντάρχῳ· ὕπαγε, καὶ ὡς ἐπίστευσας γενηθήτω σοι. καὶ ἰάθη ὁ παῖς αὐτοῦ ἐν τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐκείνῃ.