## "BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART . . . "

The life and death of the MARTYR MARKELLA OF CHIOS is a story that, even in our modern era where very little surprises us, would be considered most shocking. Markella was born in the 16th century on this small Greek island. It was said that her physical appearance was stunning beyond description. Still, Markella's true beauty was found in the depth of her soul, for she exhibited purity and gentleness at all times. Her family was prominent and wealthy - her father was the local mayor - but Markella was much more interested in developing a spiritual relationship with the Lord than in material gain.

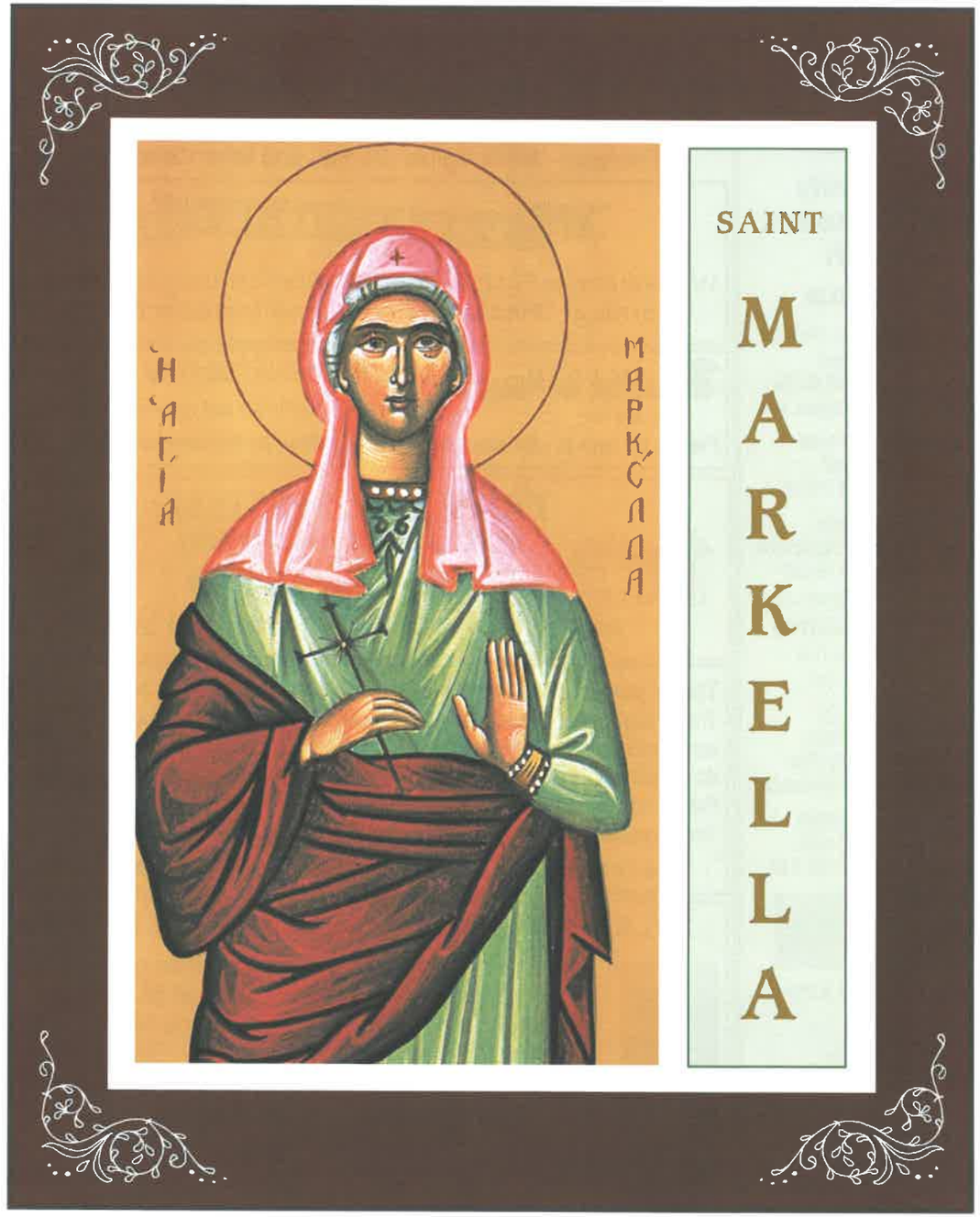
When her mother died, Markella totally immersed herself in service to Christ. Her father, however, was not a believer, and soon Markella found herself abused by him both verbally and physically. Finally, after thwarting his perverted, amorous advances towards her, Markella attempted to run away. As her infuriated father chased her, she attempted to hide in a thorny bush. Discovering her place of concealment, the crazed man set fire to the bush, forcing her out from her hiding place. She continued to run, but was soon felled by an arrow. Trapped now between two rocks, Markella was brutally murdered by her father - her lifeless body cut into pieces.

After her death, the villagers found a spring of water flowing from the rocks at the location where Markella had died. The waters from it were found to have miraculous powers of healing. A small chapel was erected on the site in memory of this lovely young martyr named Markella.

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# Matthew 5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.



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

Orthros Liturgy

**Epistle**
**II Timothy 2:1-10**

**Gospel**
**Matthew 9:27-35**

**Attendance**
**7/20/25**
**100**

## *Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine*

Donated by the Vellios Family
In Loving Memory of George Vellios

## *Upcoming Memorials*

August 10

Trisagion - Maria Callas (31 Yrs) and Mike Callas (29 Yrs)

## WELCOME!

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

**Habitat for Humanity** East Central Ohio — Join us in the hall **TODAY for a Coffee Hour** to help raise funds for our new Habitat Build!
Please be sure to add your name onto the Stud for the new home too!

## FROM OUR FESTIVAL:

AVAILABLE NOW

Pork or Chicken Souvlaki



**8 sticks for $10.00**

Available after the service to take home!

**Thank you to all who helped make this another successful festival!**

Thank you to all who came and baked, helped set up, prepare food, serve, run the drive thru, cashier, handle finances, dance, clean up, and do a multitude of other things. Thank you to all who donated money and Patron Ads and Sponsors for our festival. These things all help Holy Trinity continue our Annual Grecian Festival for the community.

**The Festival Chairs: Kostas Kalantzis, Dino Costi, & Rick Pitinii**

## ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY SERVICE



All are invited to attend the summer pilgrimage, **Wednesday, August 6, 2025**, at St. Gregory Palamas Monastery. His Eminence Metropolitan Savas will be serving at this liturgy. The Hierarchal Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Grapes begins at 10:00 AM followed by a Lenten Meal in the large trapeza. **Please let Deacon Michael or the Church Office know if you plan to attend so the Monastery can have a count by August 1st.**




**NOTICE: Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, July 30, 2025.**

## Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Sign up sheets are at the pangari for anyone interested in taking our classes on Orthodoxy 101 or 201. **Classes begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00 PM, following our evening service.** Classes are open to all and for anyone interested in learning more about our Orthodox Faith. See Father Nick for further information or any questions.




## *Calendar for the Week*

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

**Sunday, July 27** — Habitat for Humanity East Central Ohio
**Father Nick - Vacation**
Father Thomas Drenen (Guest Priest)
***Habitat for Humanity Coffee Hour Fundraiser & Stud Signing***

**Monday, July 28**
**Father Nick - Vacation**
No Scheduled Events

**Tuesday, July 29**
No Scheduled Events

**Wednesday, July 30**
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

**Thursday, July 31**
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

**Friday, August 1**
*Dormition Fast Begins*
Paraklesis 6:00 PM

**Saturday, August 2**
No Scheduled Events

**Sunday, August 3**
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

## TRINITARIAN SPOTS AVAILABLE



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

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

**Resurrectional Apolytikion.**
**Mode pl. 2.**

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

**For the Saint.**
**Mode 3.**

Holy medaled Martyr and healer St. Panteleimon, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls remission of offenses.

**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.**
**Grave Mode.**

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

# St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode**
**Psalm 63.11,1**
The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything.

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

# The Gospel According to Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.**
**Ἦχος πλ. β΄.**

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνῆμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἵστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ᾅδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ᾽ αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωήν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**Τοῦ Ἁγίου.**
**Ἦχος γ΄.**

Ἀθλοφόρε ἅγιε, καὶ ἰαματικὲ Παντελεῆμον, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς 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 βαρύς.**

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρουν οἱ Μαθηταί σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἑκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

# Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 2:1-10

**Προκείμενον. Ήχος βαρύς**
**ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 63.11,1**
Εὐφρανθήσεται δίκαιος ἐν Κυρίῳ.
Στίχ. Εἰσάκουσον, ὁ Θεός, τῆς φωνῆς μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 2:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, ἐνδυναμοῦ ἐν τῇ χάριτι τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἃ ἤκουσας παρ᾽ ἐμοῦ διὰ πολλῶν μαρτύρων, ταῦτα παράθου πιστοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἵτινες ἱκανοὶ ἔσονται καὶ ἑτέρους διδάξαι. Σὺ οὖν κακοπάθησον ὡς καλὸς στρατιώτης Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Οὐδεὶς στρατευόμενος ἐμπλέκεται ταῖς τοῦ βίου πραγματείαις, ἵνα τῷ στρατολογήσαντι ἀρέσῃ. Ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἀθλῇ τις, οὐ στεφανοῦται ἐὰν μὴ νομίμως ἀθλήσῃ. Τὸν κοπιῶντα γεωργὸν δεῖ πρῶτον τῶν καρπῶν μεταλαμβάνειν. Νόει ἃ λέγω· δῴη γάρ σοι ὁ κύριος σύνεσιν ἐν πᾶσιν. Μνημόνευε Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐγηγερμένον ἐκ νεκρῶν, ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυίδ, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου· ἐν ᾧ κακοπαθῶ μέχρι δεσμῶν, ὡς κακοῦργος· ἀλλ᾽ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ οὐ δέδεται. Διὰ τοῦτο πάντα ὑπομένω διὰ τοὺς ἐκλεκτούς, ἵνα καὶ αὐτοὶ σωτηρίας τύχωσιν τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, μετὰ δόξης αἰωνίου.

## Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 9:27-35 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, παράγοντι ἐκεῖθεν τῷ Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες· ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ. ἐλθόντι δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ τυφλοί, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί, Κύριε. τότε ἥψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεῴχθησαν αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ γῇ ἐκείνῃ.

Αὐτῶν δὲ ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός, καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει τὰ δαιμόνια.

Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.