1 Peter 5:6-7

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Humility is the Mark of a Sinner

In the case of that Pharisee who was praying, the things he said were true. Since he was saying them out of pride and the tax collector was telling his sins with humility, the confession of sins of the last was more pleasing to God than the acknowledgment of the almsgiving of the first. It is more difficult to confess one's sins than one's righteousness. God looks on the one who carries a heavy burden. The tax collector therefore appeared to Him to have had more to bear than the Pharisee had. He went down more justified than the Pharisee did, only because of the fact he was humble. If this Pharisee had been sinful, his prayer would have added iniquity to iniquity, but the Lord purified the tax collector of his iniquity. If just by praying, the Pharisee's prayer provoked God's wrath, then as a result of that provocation, the prayer of the tax collector proved all the more potent. *St. Ephrem the Syrian*

The stern Pharisee, who in his self pride not only boasted of himself but also discredited the tax collector in the presence of God, made his justice void by being guilty of pride. Instead of the Pharisee, the tax collector went down justified, because he had given glory to God, the Holy One. He did not dare lift his eyes but sought only to plead for mercy. He accused himself by his posture, by striking his breast, and by entertaining no other motive except propitiation. Be on your guard, therefore, and bear in mind this example of severe loss sustained through arrogance. The one guilty of insolent behavior suffered the loss of his justice and forfeited his reward by his bold self-reliance. He was judged inferior to a humble man and a sinner because in his self-exaltation he did not await the judgment of God but pronounced it himself. Never place yourself above anyone, not even great sinners. Humility often saves a sinner who has committed many terrible transgressions.

St. Basil the Great

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Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee



Icon of the Publican and Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14)

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

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
Romans 8:28-39

Gospel
Luke 18:10-14

Attendance
1/25/26
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Upcoming Memorials

February 8
Trisagion - Tony G. Antoniades
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Maroula Mottas

GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOTICE

This is a notice of a General Assembly for all members in good standing. We have a number of important issues to discuss as well as to fill vacancies in a number of Church committees. We greatly appreciate your attendance and participation.

A General Assembly will be conducted Sunday, February 8, 2026 immediately following Divine Liturgy. We will endeavor to move smartly through the tentative agenda:

1. Opening prayer
2. Election of the Secretary of the Day
3. Election of the Chairman of the Day
4. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Priest's Report
6. President's Report
7. Election of 2026 General Assembly Committee Vacancies (handouts will be provided for convenience)
8. Financial Update
9. Brief Committee Reports
10. Other New Business from the Floor
11. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

See you following Liturgy on Sunday, February 8, 2026.

REMINDER:



Holy Trinity will join in service on Sunday, February 15th at St. Haralambos for their Name Day Celebration. Orthros begins at 9:00 AM followed by Liturgy and the banquet will follow after services. **No services at Holy Trinity on February 15.**

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS



End of the Year Giving Statements have been mailed out. Please notify the Church Office if you have any questions or do not receive a statement.



February 18th trip to Kardiotissa in Taylor, PA is on! Sign up on the sheet at the pangari for the pilgrimage to see the miracle working icon. We will be staying overnight there due to the distance traveled. Please sign up on the sheet and indicate if you are able to drive!

My sincere apologies as I failed to place the following families on our patron ad page of the GOYAN tournament book:

Melanie McCauley

Kay Smith & Family

The Kuty Family



Thank you so much for your support of the GOYANs to make the first tournament of the year one of the best!

Deanne Semertsidis



Get your tickets today! Sponsored by our Koraes Ladies Society!



Congratulations to the newly elected 2026 Parish Council Board!

Nick Aslanides	Frances Pantelides
Denise Bellas (VP)	Peter Pergins
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Kathy Koufos	Evangeline Riegler
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Debbie Memmer (Sec)	John Yatras

Calendar for the Week

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

Sunday, February 1
GOYA Basketball Tournament #2
40-Day Churching - Slates

Monday, February 2
Presentation of Our Lord
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Tuesday, February 3
Senior Board Meeting 11:00 AM
Gala Meeting 6:00 PM
Ladies Exercise 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 4
Bible Study 11:00 AM
Paraklesis 6:00 PM
GOYA Basketball 7:00 PM

Thursday, February 5
GOYA Girls Basketball 5:45 PM
Koraes Meeting 7:00 PM
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, February 6
St. Photios
Orthros 8:30 AM
Liturgy 9:30 AM

Saturday, February 7
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, February 8
Church of the Lakes
Confirmation Class Visit
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Maroula Mottas
Trisagion - Tony G. Antoniades
Sunday School Bake Sale
General Assembly 11:30 AM
GOYA Basketball 6:00 PM

Godparent Sunday
February 22, 2026
Please join us for Godparent Sunday!
Bring your Godchild/Godchildren to church to receive Holy Communion together!

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 Forefeast.
Mode 1. *In heaven be amazed.*

The choir of heaven’s hosts, from the vaults of the heavens, * bends forward to the earth and beholds as an infant * the first-born of all creation being carried in the embrace * of His holy virgin Mother unto the Temple. * And with us they sign today a fore-festal anthem, * in awe and astonishment.

For the Martyr.
Mode 4. *Come quickly.*

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons’ powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, 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 revealed yourself today.*

With our hearts instead of arms * today, believers, * with most pure and righteous thoughts * let us receive in our embrace * the Lord and Master who comes to us, * and let us offer our fore-festal hymns of praise.

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:28-39

Prokeimenon. Mode 4

Psalm 15.3,8

Among the saints who are in his land, the Lord has been wondrous.

Verse: I see the Lord before me continually.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 8:28-39

Brethren, we know that everything works for good with those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For thy sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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.

Προεόρτιον.
Ἦχος α΄. *Χορὸς ἀγγελικός.*

Οὐράνιος χορός, οὐρανίων ἀψίδων, προκύψας ἐπὶ γῆς, καὶ φερόμενον βλέπων, ὡς βρέφος ὑπομάζιον, πρὸς ναὸν τὸν πρωτότοκον, πάσης κτίσεως, ὑπὸ Μητρὸς ἀπειράνδρου, προεόρτιον, νῦν σὺν ἡμῖν μελῳδοῦσι, φρικτῶς ἑξιστάμενοι.

Τοῦ Μάρτυρος.
Ἦχος δ΄. *Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.*

Ὁ Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτοῦ, τὸ στέφος ἐκομίσατο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· ἔχων γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλεν· ἔθραυσε καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτοῦ ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον 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΄. *Ἐπεφάνης σήμερον.*

Ὡς ἀγκάλας σήμερον, πιστοὶ καρδίας, ἐφαπλοῦντες δέξασθε, καθαρωτάτῳ λογισμῷ, ἐπιδημοῦντα τὸν Κύριον, προεορτίους αἰνέσεις προσᾴδοντες.

Πρὸς ῾Ρωμαίους 8:28-39

Προκείμενον. Ήχος δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 15.3,8
Τοῖς ἁγίοις τοῖς ἐν τῇ γῇ αὐτοῦ ἐθαυμάστωσεν ὁ Κύριος.
Στίχ. Προωρώμην τὸν Κύριον ἐνώπιόν μου διαπαντός.

Πρὸς ῾Ρωμαίους 8:28-39 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, οἴδαμεν δὲ ὅτι τοῖς ἀγαπῶσιν τὸν θεὸν πάντα συνεργεῖ εἰς ἀγαθόν, τοῖς κατὰ πρόθεσιν κλητοῖς οὖσιν. Ὅτι οὓς προέγνω, καὶ προώρισεν συμμόρφους τῆς εἰκόνος τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ, εἰς τὸ εἶναι αὐτὸν πρωτότοκον ἐν πολλοῖς ἀδελφοῖς· οὓς δὲ προώρισεν, τούτους καὶ ἐκάλεσεν· καὶ οὓς ἐκάλεσεν, τούτους καὶ ἐδικαίωσεν· οὓς δὲ ἐδικαίωσεν, τούτους καὶ ἐδόξασεν. Τί οὖν ἐροῦμεν πρὸς ταῦτα; Εἰ ὁ θεὸς ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν, τίς καθ' ἡμῶν; Ὃς γε τοῦ ἰδίου υἱοῦ οὐκ ἐφείσατο, ἀλλ' ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πάντων παρέδωκεν αὐτόν, πῶς οὐχὶ καὶ σὺν αὐτῷ τὰ πάντα ἡμῖν χαρίσεται; Τίς ἐγκαλέσει κατὰ ἐκλεκτῶν θεοῦ; Θεὸς ὁ δικαιῶν· τίς ὁ κατακρίνων; Χριστὸς ὁ ἀποθανών, μᾶλλον δὲ καί ἐγερθείς, ὃς καὶ ἔστιν ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ θεοῦ, ὃς καὶ ἐντυγχάνει ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν. Τίς ἡμᾶς χωρίσει ἀπὸ τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Χριστοῦ; Θλῖψις, ἢ στενοχωρία, ἢ διωγμός, ἢ λιμός, ἢ γυμνότης, ἢ κίνδυνος, ἢ μάχαιρα; Καθὼς γέγραπται ὅτι Ἕνεκέν σου θανατούμεθα ὅλην τὴν ἡμέραν· ἐλογίσθημεν ὡς πρόβατα σφαγῆς. Ἀλλ' ἐν τούτοις πᾶσιν ὑπερνικῶμεν διὰ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντος ἡμᾶς. Πέπεισμαι γὰρ ὅτι οὔτε θάνατος οὔτε ζωὴ οὔτε ἄγγελοι οὔτε ἀρχαὶ οὔτε δυνάμεις οὔτε ἐνεστῶτα οὔτε μέλλοντα οὔτε ὕψωμα οὔτε βάθος οὔτε τις κτίσις ἑτέρα δυνήσεται ἡμᾶς χωρίσαι ἀπὸ τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ θεοῦ τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ τῷ κυρίῳ ἡμῶν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 18:10-14 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τήν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν προσεύξασθαι, ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος καὶ ὁ ἕτερος τελώνης. ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσηύχετο· ὁ Θεός, εὐχαριστῶ σοι ὅτι οὐκ εἰμὶ ὥσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἅρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ τελώνης· νηστεύω δὶς τοῦ σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. καὶ ὁ τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστὼς οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπᾶραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπτεν εἰς τὸ στῆθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· ὁ Θεός, ἱλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ ἢ γὰρ ἐκεῖνος· ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται, ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν ὑψωθήσεται.