Luke 8:35-37

Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. They also who had seen it told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned.

Asking Jesus to Leave

Of all the miracle stories of Jesus, the one recorded in today's Gospel reading stands out as unique. In most other occasions when Jesus healed or cured, the result was that more people came and asked to be cured. However, in the case of Jesus expelling demons from the man in the Gadarene territory, the result was that the whole village came out and asked Jesus to leave that area! (Matthew 8:34)

Ingratitude is certainly not the reaction we would expect the townsfolk to have since a member of their community restored to his right mind by the command of Jesus. Previously, he was prone to fits of madness and the source of his madness was understood to be demonic possession. Jesus commanded the demons to leave the man and restored the man to his right mind. Had this been the end of the story, perhaps the people would have been filled with gratitude. However, Jesus sent the demons into a herd of swine, which then jumped over a cliff and drowned.

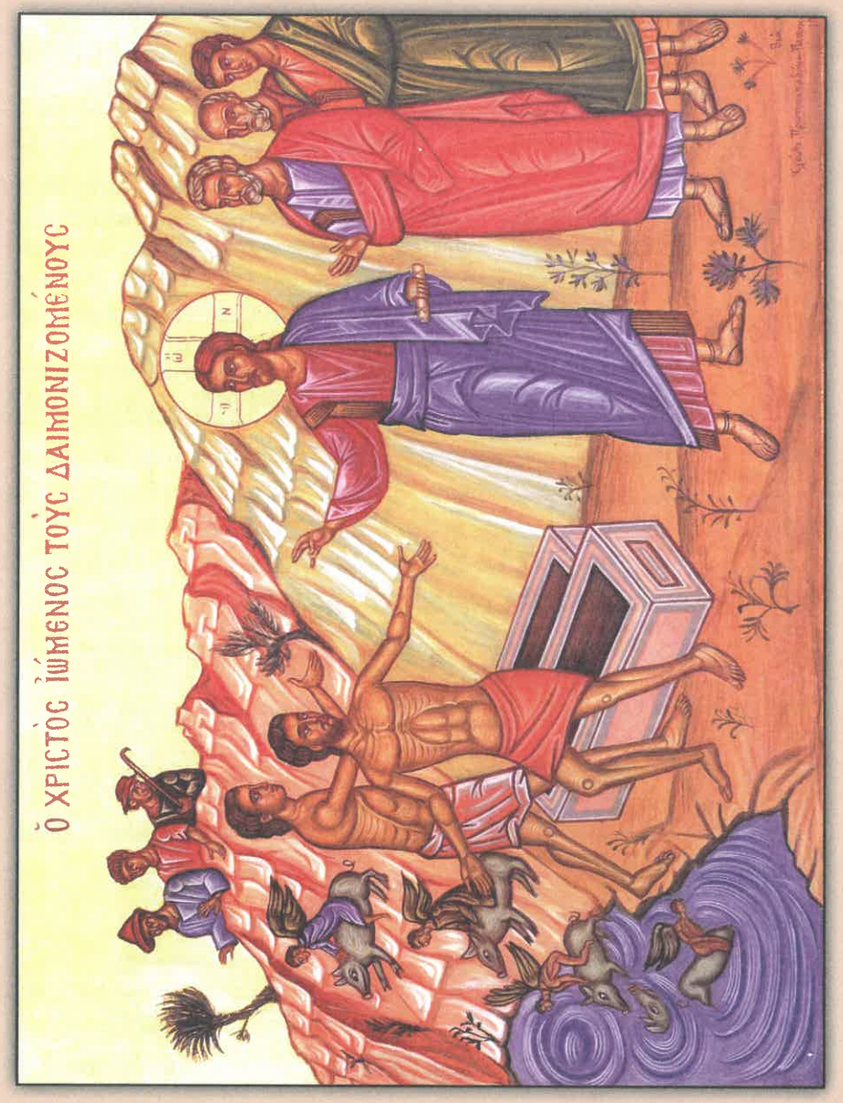
Why did Jesus send the demons into the swine? According to Jewish law, pork is considered to be an unclean product. Jews were to have no contact with pork. Because of this, the Jews of that town were breaking their own religious law.

By expelling the demons into the swine, Jesus not only healed a man, but also reestablished a forgotten value system in a town. Unfortunately, the inhabitants were not ready to receive this lesson. It is no surprise, then, why they met Jesus with such ingratitude and asked Him to leave their district.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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Icon of the Healing Gadarene Demoniacs

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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

Today's Orthros & Liturgy

Epistle
Galatians
5:22-26; 6:1-2

Gospel
Matthew
8:28-34; 9:1

Attendance
6/28/26
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Today's Prosfora & Communion Wine

Donated by Eleni Kalorides-Demirtzoglou
In Loving Memory of Xenophon Kalorides

Upcoming Memorials

July 19
40-Day Memorial - Kiriaki Georgiades
5-Yr. Memorial - Thamy Greenbaum

COFFEE HOURS AT HOLY TRINITY



Coffee Hours are a great start at making our visitors and friends feel welcome. Pastries, coffee and juice are plenty; no need for a light meal. Tables will be set up. **Most of August** is still open, as are many dates in the fall. Please call the Church Office to sign up!

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. If you have not yet submitted your renewal for 2026, please do so today!



PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

JULY 6-10, 2026

Ages 4-12 9am-12pm



North Star:
The Life of St. Herman of Alaska

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

Register Online

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS





The Food Pantry is in need of boxes of cereal, liquid dish soap and body wash. 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



NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on August 5, 2026.

NOTICE:



Father Nick will be at Camp

July 13-18, 2026.

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 22-25, 2026.

Please contact or see Kostas Kalantzis, 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!

49th Annual Grecian Festival
July 22, 23, 24 & 25th, 2026

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, July 5
Summer Camp Week #3
Parish Council Coffee Hour
1-Yr Trisagion - Calypso Toumanios
20-Yr. Trisagion - Xenophon Kalorides
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:00 PM

Monday, July 6
Dance Troupe Practice 6:00 PM

Tuesday, July 7
Hall of Men 6:00 PM

Wednesday, July 8
Fr. Nick - Camp All Day

Thursday, July 9
Young Adult Basketball 7:30 PM

Friday, July 10
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, July 11
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 12
Summer Camp Week #4
Fr. Nick At Camp All Week
Hall of Men Coffee Hour
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:00 PM

REMINDER:
ALL TRINITARIAN ITEMS FOR *AUGUST* ARE DUE INTO THE OFFICE BY JULY 10.

Fr. Nick's Schedule

Fr. Nick will be on Vacation from July 27-30.



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SCAN ME

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode 4.

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

For the Devout Man.
Mode 3. *You were so beautiful.*

Angelic hosts on high were filled with wonderment, seeing your life in the flesh: how with your body you courageously went out to wrestle with invisible foes; and to the demonic hordes you inflicted serious wounds. Therefore, Athanasios, you received from the Master Christ, a wealth of gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our behalf with Christ our God, to save our souls.

Apolytikion of the Parish 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 Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode
Psalm 149.5,1
The saints shall rejoice in glory.
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

The Gospel According to Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος δ΄.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορῥίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ὁσίου.
Ἦχος γ΄. *Τὴν ὡραιότητα.*

Τὴν ἐν σαρκὶ ζωήν, σοῦ κατεπλάγησαν, Ἀγγέλων τάγματα, πῶς μετὰ σώματος, πρὸς ἀοράτους συμπλοκάς, ἐχώρησας πανεύφημε, καὶ κατετραυμάτισας, τῶν δαιμόνων, τὰς φάλαγγας· ὅθεν Ἀθανάσιε, ὁ Χριστός σε ἠμείψατο, πλουσίαις δωρεαῖς· Διὸ Πάτερ, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι 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 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 Γαλάτας 5:22-26, 6:1-2

Προκείμενον. Ήχος βαρύς
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 149.5,1
Καυχήσονται ὅσιοι ἐν δόξῃ
Στίχ. Ἄσατε τῷ Κυρίῳ ᾆσμα καινόν.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 5:22-26, 6:1-2 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματός ἐστιν ἀγάπη, χαρά, εἰρήνη, μακροθυμία, χρηστότης, ἀγαθωσύνη, πίστις, πραότης, ἐγκράτεια· κατὰ τῶν τοιούτων οὐκ ἔστιν νόμος. Οἱ δὲ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, τὴν σάρκα ἐσταύρωσαν σὺν τοῖς παθήμασιν καὶ ταῖς ἐπιθυμίαις. Εἰ ζῶμεν πνεύματι, πνεύματι καὶ στοιχῶμεν. Μὴ γινώμεθα κενόδοξοι, ἀλλήλους προκαλούμενοι, ἀλλήλοις φθονοῦντες. Ἀδελφοί, ἐὰν καὶ προληφθῇ ἄνθρωπος ἔν τινι παραπτώματι, ὑμεῖς οἱ πνευματικοὶ καταρτίζετε τὸν τοιοῦτον ἐν πνεύματι πραότητος, σκοπῶν σεαυτόν μὴ καὶ σὺ πειρασθῇς. Ἀλλήλων τὰ βάρη βαστάζετε, καὶ οὕτως ἀναπληρώσατε τὸν νόμον τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 8:28-34, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐλθόντος τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὸ πέραν εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσηνῶν ὑπήντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαιμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλεποὶ λίαν, ὥστε μὴ ἰσχύειν τινὰ παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἰδοὺ ἔκραξαν λέγοντες· τί ἡμῖν καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ; ἦλθες ὧδε πρὸ καιροῦ βασανίσαι ἡμᾶς; ἦν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ᾽ αὐτῶν ἀγέλη χοίρων πολλῶν βοσκομένη. οἱ δὲ δαίμονες παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ὑπάγετε. οἱ δὲ ἐξελθόντες ἀπῆλθον εἰς τὴν ἀγέλην τῶν χοίρων· καὶ ἰδοὺ ὥρμησε πᾶσα ἡ ἀγέλη τῶν χοίρων κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ ἀπέθανον ἐν τοῖς ὕδασιν. οἱ δὲ βόσκοντες ἔφυγον, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαιμονιζομένων. καὶ ἰδοὺ πᾶσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῷ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεσαν ὅπως μεταβῇ ἀπὸ τῶν ὁρίων αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐμβὰς εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἦλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.