

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

HOLY MYRRH BEARER MARY MAGDALENE, EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES, VIRGIN-MARTYR MARKELLA OF CHIOS

Sunday, July 22, 2018

Guest Homilist: Rev. Fr. George Dragas

Orthros

Tone: Seven

Eighth Eothinon: John 20:11-18

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 (pg.75)

Gospel: Matthew 14:14-22 (pg. 76)

Epistle Reader: Philip Rausch

Prospora: St. Katherine Philoptochos & Eleni Delis

Coffee Hour Set-up: Carolyn Crossley & Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Carolyn Crossley, Frances Edwards, Elaine Wade

Parish Council: Philip Rausch, George Mitsanas, Alex Goumas

Trisagion Service: Commemorating the Victims of the July 20, 1974 Turkish Invasion of Cyprus

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: Five

Parish Schedule for the Week July 22, 2018		
Sunday, July 22	Orthros Divine Liturgy (w/chanters)	9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Monday, July 23		
Tuesday, July 24		
Wednesday, July 25	Parish Council Meeting (Conference Room)	6:00 PM
Thursday, July 26	Virgin-Martyr Paraskevi of Rome (observed 7/29)	
Friday, July 27	Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon (observed 7/29)	
Saturday, July 28		

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Seven): Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου

O Lord, by Your sacred Cross You abolished death, and granted unto the thief blessed paradise. The Myrrh-bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at Your command, that You had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to the Peters' – ΚΑΙ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ ΠΟΛΛΑ!! MANY YEARS TO YOU!!

Congratulations to **Mary & Evan Peters**. We wish them our very best in reaching this very special milestone. The Peters Family invites you to celebrate with them and enjoy a slice of cake during the coffee hour.

Save the date – September 9 for the dedication of the new Narthex & Administration Center

A celebration luncheon is being planned in conjunction with the blessing of our Narthex & Administration Center. Metropolitan Gerasimos will officiate at the liturgy and blessing of the building. We hope to have many of our parishioners come and enjoy this celebration of the completion of this phase of our campus renovations. It is your efforts that have helped make this possible. Event invitations will be sent out soon.

Welcome Fr. George Dragas!

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. George who is here with us to celebrate the Divine Liturgy during Fr. Michael's vacation. A scholar specializing in Orthodox Theology and the Fathers of the Church (Early and Byzantine periods), Fr. Dragas is currently the acting head of our beloved Holy Cross seminary in addition to keeping up professorships at Balamand University, Lebanon, Sherbrooke Université and Laval Université in Quebec-Canada where he teaches Master and Doctoral courses in Orthodox Theology and directs Doctoral students. Fr. Dragas has also been involved in Ecumenical Dialogues for many years as representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, the Patriarchate of Antioch and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem: in the WCC (Faith and Order) and in Orthodox/Anglican, Orthodox/Reformed, Eastern/Oriental, Orthodox/Methodist, Orthodox/Lutheran and Muslim/Christian Dialogues. Fr. George, thank you for serving us today and safe travels!

A special presentation and Q&A session by Fr. Dragas during the coffee hour

Please join us at the coffee hour where Fr. George will speak about his work and experiences, and take questions.

Fr. Michael away on vacation

Fr. Michael is taking some well-deserved time away from the parish. Pastoral emergencies will be handled by Dn. Cary during Fr. Michael's absence. Our after-hours answering service will assist you in reaching the Deacon.

Jaime Zavala away on vacation

We wish Jaime a restful and enjoyable time away, especially after his Herculean efforts before, during and after the festival. Bravo Jaime! During Jaime's absence we ask you to help keep our campus and facilities neat and tidy.

Special collection tray to help replenish the St. Katherine Discretionary Fund

We are passing a second tray today in support of the Discretionary Fund. Of late there have been more and more people showing up on our doorstep seeking assistance. The Discretionary Fund is the single most effective means by which we outreach to our local community, meeting immediate and urgent needs of these dear souls.

Festival Kudos to All – and the tying-up of loose ends

Congratulations to our parish on a successful 2018 Festival. You may not have heard but our Friday was the best ever topping the record by \$10K! Strong Saturday & Sunday sales pushed our 3-day total to \$279,941, a new record! Thanks to Michael Mitsanas for connecting us with Square; these hi-tech registers were very efficient in tracking sales data. Thank you all for the dedication and effort. Our volunteers are what make this festival extra special. We ask that everyone who needs to be reimbursed, submit a reimbursement form (available from the office) including receipts to Dn. Cary so we can pay all festival bills by the end of July. Be diligent, don't be a loose end.

We're in a pickle! Lots of lovely cucumbers left over from Festival

Feel free to grab a handful or two of these refreshing, crisp cukes. There are also bundles of bread rolls. Enjoy!

Vacation Bible School – “Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus” – August 6-10

This popular summertime youth event is just around the corner. Don't delay, register soon. Registration forms were sent via email, but if you need forms please see Andrea Ballas during today's coffee hour.

St. Katherine Greek Language School is seeking instructors for the 2018/2109 academic session

Our Greek Language school is one of the most successful in southern California offering an amazing curriculum for student, newborn to adult. But we need some help if we are to stay open and not turn away students. If you are a native Greek speaker, you love working with children and want to help the next generation connect with the Greek culture and heritage then please contact Maria Polson at GreekSchool.StKatherine@gmail.com or 310-872-6402.

Save the date – Sunday, August 12 – Loved into Being: A seminar on preparing for the arrival of a baby

St. Katherine's "Prepare/Enrich" Family Ministry invites parents, grandparents, Godparents and everyone who cares about expectant mothers and children to this informative talk presented by our own Corina Gheorghiu. RSVP to Corina at 310-259-4214 or 2CorinaG@gmail.com. Freewill donations benefit the St. Katherine Discretionary Fund.

Information Station: Tidbits of news and info about local events and other items of interest.

- **A night at the Hollywood Bowl:** On July 31 our sister parish of St. Paul invites us to join them at the bowl to enjoy Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and Igor Stravinsky's "Pulcinella" Suite. Purchase your tickets for section "S" around row 7 so we can all sit together as one big Orthodox classical-music-loving family. Pre-purchase tickets at: <https://my.hollywoodbowl.com/syos/performance/2146>. Contact Dean Langis 949-733-2366.
- **A Summertime Feast:** 8/25, Daughters of Penelope (Theseus chpt) invite you to a benefit lunch on the patio of George's Greek Café (135 Pine Ave., Long Beach.) Only \$35. RSVP by 8/16 to Dolores Louros at 310-548-1610.