

Feasts and Commemorations for this Week

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 6th Sunday of Matthew » Luke 24:36-53 » Romans 12:6-14 » Matthew 9:1-8 »	9 7th Monday after Pentecost I Corinthians 5:9-13, 6:1-11 » Matthew 13:54-58 »	10 7th Tuesday after Pentecost I Corinthians 6:20, 7:1-12 » Matthew 14:1-13 »	11 Euphemia the Great Martyr Mark 5:24-34 » II Corinthians 6:1-10 » Luke 7:36-50 »	12 7th Thursday after Pentecost I Corinthians 7:24-35 » Matthew 15:12-21 »	13 7th Friday after Pentecost Hebrews 2:2-10 » Matthew 15:29-31 »	14 7th Saturday after Pentecost Romans 16:1-16 » Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1 »
 Wine / Oil Allowed  Fish Allowed  Strict Fast  Cheese / Dairy Allowed						

Prayer List:

Please keep the following intentions in your prayers this week:

- For our catechumens and inquirers, that the Holy Spirit illuminate their minds and hearts as they draw closer to God through Orthodoxy
- For Bonnie Kessler, for continued healing

Save the Dates!

- 7/1 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/7 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/8 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/14 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/15 Sunday of the Holy Fathers
 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/19 Parish Council Meeting 630p at church
 7/21 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/22 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.
 7/28 Orthodoxy 101 Class 5:00p-6:15p @ church, Confessions ~6:15p
 7/29 Orthros 9:00a, Divine Liturgy 10:00a with Fr. Earl.

Refer to e-mailed Parish Updates for additional events and details.

Please remember, your Church, Parish Council and Priest all need your support throughout the year, particularly during the summer months!

Have a great summer!



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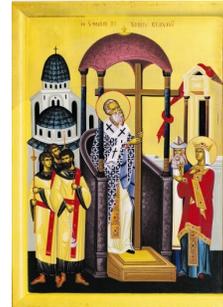
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Services Schedule:

Orthros 9:00 AM

Divine Liturgy 10 AM



Bulletin for Sunday, July 8, 2018
 6th Sunday of Matthew

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal First Mode

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, Who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we both praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for Great Martyr Procopius in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyr, O Lord, in his courageous contest for Thee received the prize of the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since he possessed Thy strength, he cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by his prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Holy Cross Church Apolytikion in the First Mode

Save, O Lord Your people, and bless Your inheritance; grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the Faith, and protect Your people by the power of Your Cross.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Epistle Reading

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:6-14

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

Gospel Reading

6th Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from Matthew 9:1-8

At that time, getting into a boat Jesus crossed over and came to his own city. And behold, they brought to him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say 'Rise and walk?' But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins" he then said to the paralytic -- "Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

Saints and Feasts Commemorated

6th Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Great Martyr Procopius



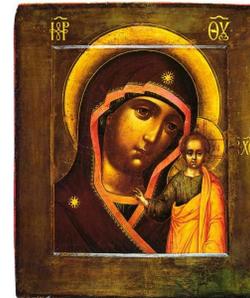
The holy Martyr Procopius was born of a pious father named Christopher, but his mother Theodosia was an idolater. After Christopher's death, she presented Neanias - for this was the Saint's name before - to Diocletian, who was at Antioch in Syria. Diocletian made him Duke of Alexandria, and sent him there to punish the Christians. On the way to Alexandria, our Lord spoke to Neanias as once He had to Saul, and

turned this new persecutor to faith in Him. Neanias turned back to Scythopolis, and preached Christ. He was betrayed by his own mother, and was arrested and tormented in Caesarea of Palestine. While he was in prison, the Lord appeared to him again and gave him the new name of Procopius (which is derived from the Greek word meaning "progress, advancement"). He was brought out of prison and taken to worship the idols, but at his prayer, the idols fell; many then believed in Christ and suffered martyrdom, among them certain soldiers, twelve women of senatorial rank, and the Saint's own mother, Theodosia. Saint Procopius, after further torments and imprisonment, was beheaded about the year 290.



Theophilus the Myrrhbearer of Pantokrator Monastery

Appearance of the Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos of Kazan



In Kazan, in 1579, the nine-year old Matrona, whose parents' home had burned down in a fire, had a dream in which she beheld an icon of the Theotokos and heard a voice commanding her to recover this icon from the ashes of the ruined house. The icon was found wrapped in an old piece of cloth under the stove, where it may have been hidden during the Tartar invasions. The icon was finally brought to the Cathedral of the Annunciation of the Theotokos, where it became renowned for the healings that the Mother of God wrought through it for the blind; hence the custom of praying before this holy icon for help in blindness and eye diseases. Tsar Ivan the Terrible had a convent built at the place of the icon's discovery; this, however, was destroyed by the Bolsheviks after the Revolution, and a factory was built in its stead. The feast was established in 1595. The icon of Kazan is one of the most beloved icons of the Mother of God in Russia.

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