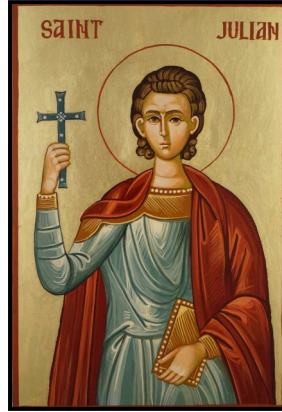


SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

JULIAN THE MARTYR OF TARSUS

The holy martyr Julian was of noble and senatorial origin. He lived in Tarsus in Cilicia and suffered during the reign of Diocletian. Even though he was only eighteen years old when he was subjected to torture for the Faith, St. Julian was sufficiently educated and strengthened in Christian piety. The imperial deputy led him from town to town for an entire year, torturing him and all the while trying to persuade him to deny Christ. Julian's mother followed her son at a distance. When the deputy seized Julian's mother and sent her to counsel her son to deny Christ, she spoke to him for three days in prison, giving him the opposite advice, teaching him and encouraging him not to lose heart but to go to his death with thanksgiving and courage. The torturers then sewed Julian in a sack with sand, scorpions, and serpents and cast the sack into the sea. Julian's mother also died under torture. St. Julian's relics were thrown onto the shore by the waves, and the faithful transferred them to Alexandria and buried them honorably in the year 290.



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, 6/22/26

6:00 PM — Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 6/24/26

6:00 PM — Vespers

6:30 PM — Orthodoxy 201

7:30 PM — Young Adult's Late Night Discussion Group

Friday, 6/26/26

6:00 PM — Paraklesis & Confession

Sunday, 6/28/26

9:00 AM — Matins

10:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

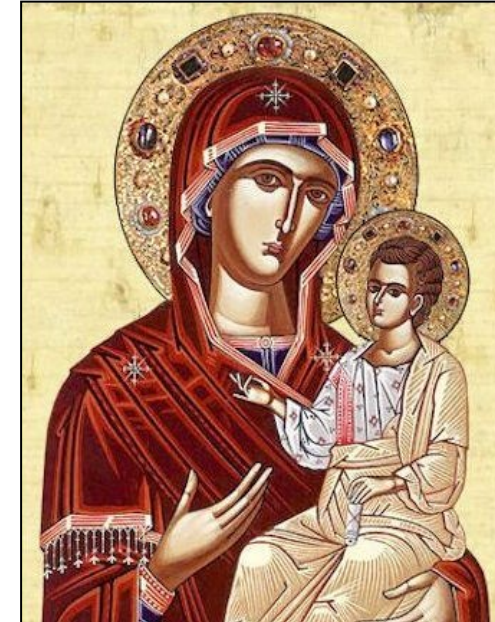
12:00 PM — Agape Fellowship

ASSURANCE FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

We have a fundraiser for Assurance for Life (a specialty medical clinic) that offers free medical, emotional, practical and spiritual support for individuals facing unplanned pregnancies. In the last 40 years they have saved over 5,300 lives. As a non-profit, this organization is dependent on donations. Grab a bottle and fill it with coins, bills or a check and return by Father's Day, June 21st. They are located in the social hall.



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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Second Mode. Psalm 117.14,18.

The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 5:1-10

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:22-33

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Second Mode

When You descended unto death, O Life Immortal, You rendered to Hades a mortal blow by the lightning of Your divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Fourth Mode

Your Birth o Theotokos, brought joy to the whole world. For from you rose the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God. He cancelled the curse and poured forth His grace: He vanquished death and granted us eternal life.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

The protection of Christians unshameable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, do not turn from 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 intercession and speed now to supplication as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

WISDOM OF THE FATHERS

Unless the grace of God comes to the help of our frailty, to protect and defend it, no man can withstand the insidious onslaughts of the enemy nor can he damp down or hold in check the fevers which burn in our flesh with nature's fire.

St. John Cassian

Conferences, Conference Two: On Discernment, Paulist Press pg. 74, 5th century

We advance toward humility by means of trials. He who rests on his virtue without suffering tribulation has the door of pride open before him.

St. Isaac of Syria

Homily 57, in Ascetical Homilies, p. 283, 7th century

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Fathers Day is a meaningful and significant holiday that can be celebrated in an Orthodox Christian context to honor and appreciate the role of fathers in the family and in the Church. Fathers play a vital and irreplaceable role in the upbringing and nurturing of their children, providing love, guidance, and protection in the image of God the Father. Fathers are called to reflect the fatherly qualities of God, such as love, mercy, and compassion in their relationships with their families. Therefore, Fathers Day is a time to express gratitude and appreciation for the fathers in our lives, to honor their sacrifices and virtues, and to seek God's blessings on their roles as fathers. By celebrating, we can reaffirm the importance of fatherhood and the sanctity of the family as a fundamental institution of society and the Church.