

SAINTS, PROPHETS & FEASTS COMMEMORATED

PARASKEVE THE RIGHTEOUS MARTYR OF ROME

Saint Paraskeve, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskeve), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness" (compare Matt. 27:62, Mark 15:42, Luke 23:54, and John 19:31, where 'Friday' is called "the day of the preparation"). From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ. During the reign of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, she was apprehended because she was a Christian and was urged to worship the idols, but she answered with the words of Jeremias: "Let the gods that have not made heaven and the earth perish from off the earth" (Jer. 10:11). Because of this she endured exceedingly painful torments, and was beheaded in the year 140. The faithful pray to her for the healing of eye ailments.



UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

Monday, 7/27/26

6:00 PM — Orthodoxy 101

Wednesday, 7/29/26

6:00 PM — Vespers

6:30 PM — Orthodoxy 201

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

Friday, 7/31/26

6:00 PM — Paraklesis & Confession

Sunday, 8/2/26

9:00 AM — Matins

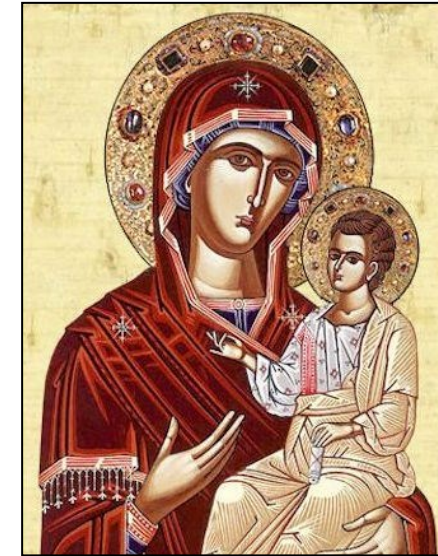
10:00 AM — Divine Liturgy

12:00 PM — Agape Fellowship

PHILOPTOCHOS FEATURED SPEAKER

On Sunday August 16th, Philoptochos is sponsoring a talk, given by Dr. Kshitij Thakur, UK Gastroenterology & Hepatology. The PowerPoint presentation and discussion will focus on colon cancer and the current increase in the incidence of colon cancer. The talk will take place after coffee hour in the social hall, and will be open to all. This will run about 45 minutes.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

8TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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EPISTLE READING

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 67.35,26.

God is wonderful among his saints.

Verse: Bless God in the congregations.

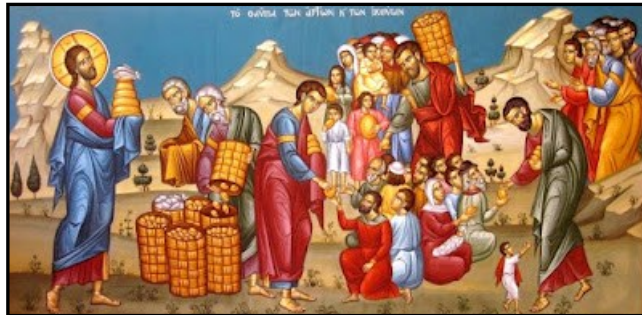
The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:14-22

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.



HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Grave Mode

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 to Good News at Your command, that you had risen from the dead O Christ our God, bestowing Your mercy upon the world evermore.

Apolytikion for Martyr Paraskeve in the First Mode

Showing a diligence befitting thy calling, O namesake of preparedness, thou hast gained, as thy dwelling, a faith worthy of thy name, O prizewinning Paraskeve. Hence, thou pourest forth healings and intercedest for our souls.

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

And another thing too we learn, the self-restraint of the disciples which they practised in necessary things, and how little they accounted of food.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 49 on Matthew 14, 4th Century

For being twelve, they had five loaves only and two fishes; so secondary to them were the things of the body: so did they cling to the things spiritual only. And not even that little did they hold fast, but gave up even it when asked.

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