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SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

Κυριακή τῶν Ἁγίων Πάντων



**METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT**

HYMNS OF THE DAY

After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

You came down from above, o Compassionate, you accepted burial for three days, that you might free us from the passions. Our life and resurrection, Lord, glory to you!

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for the Saints in the Fourth Mode

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy.”

Τῶν ἐν ὄλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· Τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Mode

Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith, the God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion in the Plagal Fourth Mode

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῶ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου (11:33 – 40; 12:1–2)

Προκείμενον. . Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. Ψαλμὸς 67.

Θαυμαστός ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.

Στίχ. Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

Ἀδελφοί, οἱ ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτριῶν· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πεῖραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

Paul's Letter to the Hebrews (11:33 – 40; 12:1–2)

Prokeimenon. Plagal Fourth Mode. Psalm 67.

God is wonderful in His saints. Verse: Bless God in the churches.

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated — of whom the world was not worthy — wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin that easily distracts, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον Εὐαγγελίου

(10:32 – 33, 37 – 38, 19:27 – 30)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσῃται με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν καὶ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὃς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὃς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίαν ἢ ἀδελφούς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

The Gospel According to Matthew

(10:32 – 33, 37 – 38, 19:27 – 30)

The Lord said to his disciples, “Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first.”



TODAY'S FEASTS AND SAINTS

June 7

Sunday of All Saints

+The Holy Martyr Theodotus of Ancyra

+Righteous Father Panagis Basias of Kefallonia

+Bartholomew the Holy Apostle (June 11)

+Barnabas the Holy Apostle (June 11)

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today. It is the harvest of the coming of the Holy Spirit into the world; it is the "much fruit" brought forth by that "Grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died" (John 12:24); it is the glorification of the Saints as "the foundation of the Church, the perfection of the Gospel, they who fulfilled in deed the sayings of the Saviour" (Sunday of All Saints, Doxasticon of Vespers).

In this celebration, then, we reverently honor and call blessed all the Righteous, the Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, Confessors, Shepherds, Teachers, and Holy Monastics, both men and women alike, known and unknown, who have been added to the choirs of the Saints and shall be added, from the time of Adam until the end of the world, who have been perfected in piety and have glorified God by their holy lives. All these, as well as the orders of the Angels, and especially our most holy Lady and Queen, the Ever-virgin Theotokos Mary, do we honor today, setting their life before us as an example of virtue, and entreating them to intercede in our behalf with God, Whose grace and boundless mercy be with us all. Amen.

"To the saints honor must be paid as friends of Christ, as sons and heirs of God: in the words of John the Theologian and Evangelist, 'As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become sons of God' (John 1:12). 'So that they are no longer servants, but sons: and if sons, also heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ' (Gal 4:7, Rom. 8:17). "

St. John of Damascus, 8th Century

At the End of the Divine Liturgy

Memorial

Stavros Tamoutselis (40 Days)



May his Memory be Eternal

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

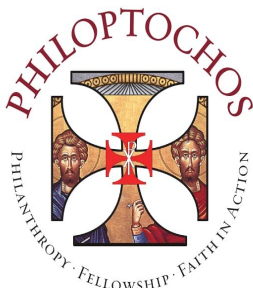
In Memory of Stavros Tamoutselis

Given by Athena Theodorou and Family

A special thank you to the following members of our community who have volunteered to donate their time today to serve coffee:

Stefania "Stevie" Tonas

(Stavros & Polixeni Tamoutselis' Goddaughter)



Katina Baikos

Anthoula Malelis

Vasiliki Mihou



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THE DETAILS

When: August 9th - 15th, 2026

Where: Camp Oswegatchie -
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Who: 8 years old - High Schoolers

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youth@detroit.goarch.org

In dance news...

June 7th mandatory
dress rehearsal follow-
ing Divine Liturgy

Group photos will take place and a full performance under the tent.

Volunteers Needed!

Any help is appreciated to weed and clean up the Parish House grounds in preparation for Fr. Niko and Presvytera Ivey's arrival.

Please contact Presvytera Donna or the parish office for details

GOYA Officer Elections - This Sunday!

Hey everyone! Just a friendly reminder that GOYA officer elections are this Sunday directly after the high school dance group's dress rehearsal and group photos. If you're in 10th-12th grade and are interested in running for President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary, please send a short proposal explaining:

- Which position you'd like to run for
- Why you think you'd be a good fit for that role
- Any ideas you have for GOYA this year

Please email your proposal to StSophasGOYAsyracuse@gmail.com by Saturday at 11:59 PM so we can include you in the election.

Don't be afraid to put your name forward! GOYA is only as strong as the people who step up and get involved, and we'd love to hear your ideas. Email us if you have any questions. See you all on Sunday!

In Christ,

Your GOYA Advisors: Chloe Boucounis, Zoe Kiritsis, Maria Sophia Vigilotti



JUNE 11-14

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THURS. JUNE 11th	5 PM to 9 PM
FRI. JUNE 12th	5 PM to 10 PM
SAT. JUNE 13th	Noon to 10 PM
SUN. JUNE 14th	Noon to 4 PM

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Monday, June 8th: 11am-4pm
Electric & Gas Setup

Tuesday, June 9
 9am-3pm Pitas
 11am-4pm Electric & Gas Setup
 3pm-9pm Rice Pudding
 5pm Outside Tent Setup

Wednesday, June 10:
 9am-3pm: Pitas
 3pm-9pm: Rice Pudding

Sunday, June 14: 4pm-6pm
Breakdown

Help us find a rug for the chant stand!

We're looking for ideally a red oriental rug (like the ones on the solea). Sizes could include 5'x7', 7'x7', or similar. One side must be 7' or under. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and go to beautify our church and make the chanters more comfortable. Contact Nigel at the church office for more details.



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