

4TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

DEPOSITION OF THE PRECIOUS ROBE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO HER TEMPLE AT VLACHERNA; MARTYR KOINTOS
SYNAXIS OF ALL THE SAINTS SHONE BRIGHTLY FORTH FROM CRETE; JUVENALIUS, PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Sermon: The Worship of God

Orthros

Divine Liturgy

Tone: Three

Fourth Eothinon: Luke 24:1-12

Epistle: Hebrews 9:1-7 (of the Theotokos)

Gospel: Matthew 8:5-13 (pg. 70)

Epistle Reader: Gus Alex

Prophora: Christina Karabatos

Coffee Hour Set-up: Ronnie & Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Joelle Bardos, Mary La Riccia, Helen Servetas

Parish Council: Philip Rausch, George Mitsanas, Andy Mitrosilis

Organ: Collection: Saturday-Night Waltz from Rodeo (A.Copland) Dismissal: Themes from Concerto in F (G.Gershwin)

Altar Boys Team: One

Next Week's Team: Two

| Parish Schedule for the Week July 2, 2017 | | |
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| Sunday, July 2 | Orthros (also commemorating Saints Peter & Paul and All the Holy Apostles) Divine Liturgy (June 29) (June 30) Philoptochos Oath of Office | 8:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM |
| Monday, July 3 | | |
| Tuesday, July 4 | Independence Day (Office closed) | |
| Wednesday, July 5 | | |
| Thursday, July 6 | | |
| Friday, July 7 | | |
| Saturday, July 8 | | |

Resurrection Hymn (Tone Three): Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death. And first born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Vacation Bible School has been CANCELED!

We regret that our annual VBS has been canceled due to concerns for the children's safety during construction.

Schedule Notice for Festival Sunday (July 16) – Divine Liturgy in the Fotion Fellowship Hall at 8:30AM:

As the Community Center will be in use as the Festival dining room, the Divine Liturgy (w/o Orthros) will be celebrated in the Fotion Hall starting at 8:30AM sharp. It's the early bird that catches the antidoron.

Festival coupons & posters – Give'em out and put'em up!

Festival coupons and posters are available during coffee hour. Be sure to pick some up. We need everyone's help in distributing to family, friends and neighbors in our local communities. Be a good neighbor, ask first and then remember to take down what you put up.

Construction Update:

If you see Alec Guinness or William Holden walking the grounds do not worry... they have travelled a long way and are here to check our "Bridge over the... courtyards." On Friday, the long awaited second floor connection, via elevator, from the Education Center to the Administrative Offices was hoisted into place by a very impressive looking crane. The bridge will be a major feature of the courtyard, visually (and literally) tying the campus together.

Philoptochos Oath of Office – Today!

We ask for your prayerful support as our board is administered the oath of office immediately after today's liturgy. Your continued support is vital to the success of our Philoptochos ministry and is truly appreciated.

ONLY ONE DAY LEFT!... to be a festival booster. Deadline to sponsor a food ingredient is July 3!

Are you looking for an additional way to help make our festival a financial success? Does your frenetic work or family schedule make volunteering simply impossible? Did you accidentally book your summer vacation during festival? Worry not! You can still make an impact. Consider sponsoring one of the many ingredients that go into making our homemade festival foods and sweets so delicious! See the enclosed list of sponsored ingredients. We are happy to accept partial ingredient sponsorships (\$250 minimum). All sponsors will be acknowledged on a special poster on display in the dining room during the festival! Please contact the Church Office to set up your sponsorship.

FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!! Fill out a Festival Volunteer Reg form and let us know how you can help:

Volunteering is fun and you meet so many people. Submit a volunteer registration form as soon as possible so our beloved Andrea can organize our army of volunteers, or contact Andrea at avballas@gmail.com or 310-325-5002.

Legacy of Love – Donor Wall:

Join your fellow parishioners and save a spot on our Legacy of Love wall. Let's finish our building project strong and reach the goal line together. Whether your pledge is in honor of family members or in memory of loved ones who have passed, choose your place on the wall and leave a lasting family sentiment. For further information contact Ellen Papadakis at 310-832-9688. Remember donations are tax deductible.

Give the BEST gift to friends, clients, & family – FESTIVAL GIFT CERTIFICATES (aka SCRIP):

Festival gift certificates (scrip) will be available for purchase in \$10 increments starting TODAY and each Sunday up to the festival! Pair with our complimentary admissions coupon and you have a great gift! Checks can be made out to: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church (Memo: Gift Certificates). Look for our table today during coffee hour. Certificates are good for food and beverage only, no cash value, no change given, and valid only July 14-16, 2017. For additional information please contact Frank/Maria Scolinos at MScolinos@icloud.com.

St. Katherine Organizations – Let us organize:

All groups using our facilities for meetings or other events, need to fill out a Room Request form so our calendar for Church events (July 2017 thru June 2018) can be completed. As a reminder, services of the Church take precedence over all other functions. Great Lent 2018 begins February 19 and Pascha falls on April 8. We request that *no meetings be scheduled during Lent* or in the *two weeks before or after Festival*. Blank room request forms were emailed to group/ministry leaders some time ago, additional copies are also available from the office.

Calling for pictures from previous "Blessing of the Animals" events:

There will be a special table set up at this year's festival (July 15 only) to promote the upcoming Blessing of the Animals event, which has been tentatively scheduled for October 7. If you have any pictures you would be willing to share for a poster at the festival table, please email them to Mary Riblett at mary@kachourbos.com.

OCMC Mission Team opportunities still available for 2017:

Consider joining an OCMC short-term Orthodox Mission Team. Be a living witness of your faith at a youth camp in Ghana; serve orphans or mentor young adults in Kenya; or take part in the holistic mission on health-care teams to Guatemala. If you desire to serve in God's vineyard, contact OCMC to experience and discover your faith in new and meaningful ways. Team applications and info are available at www.ocmc.org or call 877-463-6787, ext 142.

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

- **Saint Sophia Summer Camp 2017:** Offering two exciting sessions (July 23-29 & July 29- Aug 5) at the picturesque Camp Seeley. Campers and camp counselors are needed! Apply at: www.SaintSophiaCamp.org.
- **Metropolis Summer Camp 2017:** Three fun-filled sessions being offered (July 9-15, July 16-22 & July 23-29) at St. Nicholas Ranch. Apply online at: www.GOSFYouth.org.