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JULY & AUGUST 2018



The Quiet of Summer – An Opportunity

By: Fr. Timothy Cook

As I was making the newsletter calendars for July and August, I was struck by how little we have going on during these months, especially compared to the beehive of activity other times of the year – St. Demetrios Day, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, and the Festival, especially. During these weeks, when we're tired from the festival, leaving on summer vacations, or keeping busy with the dozens of summer activities that somehow pop up, it's tempting to give church a pass until the Fall. I hope we don't, though, because this quiet time during the summer is actually a wonderful opportunity.

The rest of the year can be exhausting as we run from one event to another, from one busy season into the next. But these summer months, when we don't have much going on, are an opportunity – not to take a break from church – but to reconnect with the Divine Liturgy, to simply be in Church and be together as a community. The Divine Liturgy should not be just another commitment that crams up our calendar. The Divine Liturgy should be the foundation on which our week rests. The Church should be our source of strength and vigor, the fuel that allows to get through the rest of our weeks. During those parts of the year when we are very busy, it can be easy to lose this aspect of the Liturgy and our Church family, but this is the time of year to reclaim it.

When we are travelling out of town, even though we can't attend the Divine Liturgy with our parish family at St. Demetrios, most places that we go will have an Orthodox Church that we can attend. This is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with a new community that is, through the Mystery of the Eucharist, also the same community – the same Body of Christ which we encounter here at St. Demetrios. To visit a different community is an opportunity to experience the Church in a new place, even in a new way, and by so doing to deepen our own relationship with the Liturgy and with the Church.

There are, of course, some places that we go where there is no Orthodox Church to go to, no place to go for the Divine Liturgy. Even then, we (as the members of the Body of Christ) can bring the Church with us. The morning and evening prayers, prayers at mealtimes, and the services of the Hours can be prayed by anyone, at anytime, in any place. I encourage all of you to take the opportunity presented by this quiet season to reacquire yourself with this prayers – to take advantage of this time when commitments and activities take a break, and settle back into a rhythm of prayer.

So often we use the summertime as an opportunity to "take a break" from Church – but that only makes it harder to start again in the Fall, because we take away all the momentum we have gained in the course of Lent and Holy Week. Let us, instead, take this summer as an opportunity to re-establish our relationship with the Church and the Liturgy, and set our feet firmly on the foundation of prayer (both communal and private) so that when we come once again to the Fall, we are fueled and refreshed. Let us, this summer, set our eyes firmly on Christ, so that when the seasons of Nativity and Great Lent come again next year, we do not simply repeat the work we did last year, but take another step deeper into the Kingdom of Heaven.



SAINT DEMETRIOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS • JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 5 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Cosmas & Damian Constantine of Cyprus I Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-8 Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1 No Liturgy, Church open (10:00 am - 11:30 am)	2 Robe of the Theotokos Juvenal, Pat. of Jerusalem Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 1:39-49, 56	3 Hyacinth & Companions Anatolius, Abp. of Constantin. I Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 13:24-30	4 Andrew the Hymnographer Martha, Mother of St. Symeon the Stylite I Corinthians 2:9-16; 3:1-8 Matthew 13:31-36	5 Athanasius of Athos Wonderworker Lampadus Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2 Matthew 11:27-30	6 Sisoës the Great Archippus, Philemon, and Onesimos I Corinthians 4:5-8 Matthew 13:44-54	7 Thomas of Malea Great Martyr Kyriake Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34
8 6 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Great Martyr Procopius Romans 12:6-14 Matthew 9:1-8 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	9 Hieromartyr Pancratius Dionysios the Orator I Corinthians 5:9-13; 6:1-11 Matthew 13:54-58	10 45 Martyrs of Nikopolis Bishop Gregory of Assa I Corinthians 6:20; 7:1-12 Matthew 14:1-13	11 Great Martyr Euphemia Olga, Equal to the Apostles II Corinthians 6:1-10 Luke 7:36-50	12 Martyrs Proclus & Hilary Michael of Malenius I Corinthians 7:24-35 Matthew 15:12-21	13 Synaxis of Archangel Gabriel Righteous Stephen Hebrews 2:2-10 Matthew 15:29-31	14 Aquila of the 70 Joseph the Confessor Romans 16:1-16 Matthew 10:37-42, 11:1
15 SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS Martyr Julitta & Cyricus Vladimir, Equal to the Apostles Titus 3:8-15 Matthew 5:14-19 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	16 Apostle Bartholomew Apostle Barnabas Acts 11:19-30 Luke 10:16-21 Parish Council Mtg. (7 pm)	17 Great Martyr Marina Martyrs Veronika & Speratos Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34	18 Emilian Paul, Thea, and Valentine the Martyrs I Corinthians 10:12-22 Matthew 16:20-24	19 Righteous Macrina Dius, Abbot of Antioch I Corinthians 10:28-33; 11:1-8 Matthew 16:24-28	20 Prophet Elias Mother Maria & the Russian Martyrs of France James 5:10-20 Luke 4:22-30	21 John & Simeon Parthenius, Bishop of Rabobysidius Romans 13:1-10 Matthew 12:30-37 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
22 8 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Mary Magdalene Virgin Martyr Markella I Corinthians 1:10-17 Matthew 14:14-22 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	23 Hieromartyr Phocas Prophet Ezekiel I Corinthians 11:31-34; 12:1-6 Matthew 18:1-11	24 Great Martyr Christina Athenagorus the Apologist I Corinthians 12:12-26 Matthew 18:18-22; 19:1-2; 13-15 Calendar Meeting (6 pm)	25 Dormition of St. Anna Olympias the Deaconess Galatians 4:22-27 Luke 8:16-21	26 Hermolaus, Hermippus, & Hermocrates Martyr Paraskeve Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-5 Mark 5:24-34	27 Great Martyr Panteleimon Nicholas of Novgorod II Timothy 2:1-10 John 15:17-27; 16:1-2 Book Club @ Blebea's (7 pm)	28 Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon & Parmenas of the 70 Irene Chrysovalantou Acts 6:1-7 Matthew 15:32-39 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
29 9 th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Martyr Callinicus Martyr Theodota & Children I Corinthians 3:9-17 Matthew 14:22-34 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	30 Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus & Andronicus of the 70 Julitta of Caesaria Acts 15:35-41 Matthew 21:18-22	31 Forefast of the Holy Cross Joseph of Arimathea I Corinthians 15:29-38 Matthew 21:23-27				

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SAINT DEMETRIOS CALENDAR OF EVENTS • AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 10 TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Forefeast of Transfiguration Martyr Eusignius I Corinthians 4:9-16 Mathew 17:14-23 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	6 HOLY TRANSGURATION II Peter 1:10-19 Mathew 17:1-9 Orthros (9:00 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	7 Afterfeast of Transfiguration Martyr Dometius II Corinthians 2:14-17;3:1-3 Mark 9:2-9 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	1 Procession of the Holy Cross 7 Maccabean Youths, Solomone and Eleazar Hebrews 11:33-40;12:1-2 Mathew 10:16-22 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	2 Translation of the relics of Stephen New Martyr Theodore of Dardanelles Acts 6:8-15;7:1-5;4:7-60 Mark 12:1-12 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	3 Righteous Isaacus, Faustus, & Dalmatius Salome the Holy Myrrhbearer II Corinthians 1:12-20 Mathew 22:23-33 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	4 Holy 7 Youths of Ephesus Romans 15:30-33 Mathew 17:24-27; 18:1-4 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
12 1 ST SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Afterfeast of Transfiguration Photius & Anicetus I Corinthians 9:2-12 Mathew 18:23-35 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	13 Apodosis of Transfiguration Maximus the Confessor II Corinthians 5:10-15 Mark 1:9-15 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	14 Forefeast of the Dormition Prophet Micah II Corinthians 5:15-21 Mark 1:16-22 Vespers @ Assumption, Grand Blanc (time TBD)	15 HOLY DORMITION Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28 Orthros (9:00 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	9 Marthias Anthony of Alexandria Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Mathew 24:13-28 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	10 Martyr and Archdeacon Laurence Chitus of Athens II Corinthians 4:13-18 Mathew 24:27-33, 42-51 Small Paraklesis (6:00 pm)	11 Martyr Euplus the Deacon Patriarch Niphonus I Corinthians 1:3-9 Mathew 19:3-12 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
19 12 TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Great Martyr Andrew Timothy, Agapius & Thecla I Corinthians 15:1-11 Mathew 19:16-26 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	20 Prophet Samuel Martyr Luke of Bouloutos II Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 3:6-12 Parish Council Mtg. (7 pm)	21 Holy Apostle Thaddaeus Martyr Vassa & Children II Corinthians 8:16-24;9:1-5 Mark 3:13-21	22 Martyr Agathonicus Martyr Anthuse II Corinthians 9:12-15;10:1-7 Mark 3:20-27	16 Holy Napkin Martyr Diomedes I Timothy 3:13-16;4:1-5 Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22	17 Martyr Myron Straton, Philip, Eutychan, & Cyprian of Nicomedia II Corinthians 7:10-16 Mark 2:18-22	18 Martyrs Floros & Lauros Hermos the Martyr I Corinthians 1:26-31;2:1-5 Mathew 20:29-34 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)
26 13 TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW Martyrs Adrian and Natalie Righteous Joseph I Corinthians 16:13-24 Mathew 21:33-42 Orthros (8:50 am) Divine Liturgy (10:00 am)	27 Pimen the Great Martyr Phanurius II Corinthians 12:10-19 Mark 4:10-23	28 Moses the Ethiopian Diomedes and Laurence II Corinthians 12:20-21;13:1-2 Mark 4:24-34	29 Behanding of St. John, the Forerunner Theodora of Thessaloniki Acts 13:25-33 Mark 6:14-30	30 Apodosis of the Behanding of the Forerunner Alexander, Paul & John, Patriarchs of Constant. Galatians 1:1-3,20-24;2:1-5 Mark 5:1-20	31 Venerable Sash of the Theotokos Cyprian of Carthage Hebrews 9:1-7 Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28	25 Apostle Bartholomew Titus of the 70 Titus 1:1-5;2:15;3:1-2,12-15 Mathew 5:14-19 Great Vespers (5:00 pm)

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Nick & Barbara Christophilopoulos
For preparing and donating the jumbo hot dogs and brats for our Memorial Day Cookout. Everything was delicious!

PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Greetings to all members. Our year was one of productivity and generosity. We look forward to our September meeting with a focus on expanding our holiday bake sale. Have a great summer and we will meet in September.
 Joni Porchia
 President

ALTAR VIGIL CANDLES



- 6/3 - 9 - Better Health for baby Dalton by Pete & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/3 - In Memory of Mary Eliades, departed one year, by Mark & Koula Legner & Family.
- 6/10 - 16 - Better Health for baby Dalton by Pete & Sandra Ahejew
- 6/10 - In Memory of beloved Mother & Grandmother Yiota Sarantis, departed 40 days by Matt and Megan Rodriguez and Alexander Sarantis.
- 6/17 - Better Health for our nephew Jason by Pete & Sandy Ahejew
- 6/17 - Happy Father's Day to Lou Economou by Soula Economou

TO ALL OUR FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS!!!



Prosforon Schedule

July 1	No Prosforo	Aug. 5	Rita Sous
July 8	Fran Rouman	Aug. 12	Anna Stoumbous
July 15	Fani Samaras	Aug. 19	Elaine Tambourides
July 22	Bev Siradakis	Aug. 26	Bo Tarachas
July 29	Lenore Tsiros		

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