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B' Ματθαίου - 2nd Sunday of Matthew

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀνασιόσιμον

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Τοῦ Προφήτου

Ὁ ἔνσαρκος Ἄγγελος, τῶν Προφητῶν ἡ κρηπίς, ὁ δευτέρος Πρόδρομος, τῆς παρουσίας Χριστοῦ, Ἡλίας ὁ ἔνδοξος, ἄνωθεν καταπέμψας, Ἐλισσαίῳ τὴν χάριν, νόσους ἀποδιώκει, καὶ λεπροὺς καθαρίζει· διὸ καὶ τοῖς τιμῶσιν αὐτὸν βρῦει ἰάματα.

Κονιάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

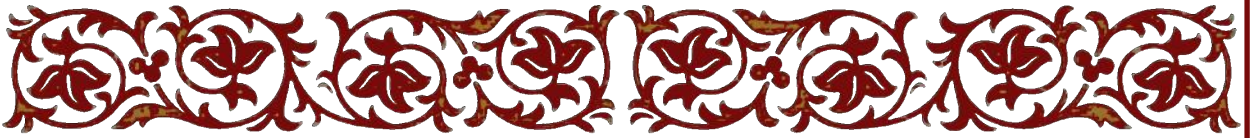
The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!"

For the Prophet

The angel incarnate and the Prophets' pedestal, the second Forerunner of the coming of Christ, Elias the glorious, sent down to Elisha the divine grace from heaven. He drives away diseases and he cleanses lepers. Therefore he pours out healings to those who honor him.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.



ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Ρωμ. 2:10 16)

Ἀδελφοί, δόξα δὲ καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἔστι προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιῆμαρτονται τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἑαυτοῖς εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτά τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

EPISTLE READING (Rom. 2:10 16)

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.



ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΜΑΤΘ. 4:18 23)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδε δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμωνα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς· καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

GOSPEL READING (MT. 4:18 23)

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



ΕΟΡΤΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ

JUNE 2026

June 1
MON
Monday of the Holy Spirit
Του Αγίου Πνεύματος
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

June 7
SUN
Sunday of All Saints
Κυριακή των Αγ. Πάντων
7:30 a.m. / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
General Assembly

June 8
MON / ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ

+The fast of the Holy Apostles begins +
+Αρχεται η νηστεία των Αποστόλων+

June 11
THU
St. Bartholomew the Apostle
Αγ. Βαρθολομέου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

June 14
SUN
Second Sunday of Matthew
2η Κυριακή Ματθαίου
7:30 a.m. / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
Sunday School Graduation

June 21
SUN
3rd Sunday of Matthew
3η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy

June 24
WED
Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Γενέσιον του Αγ. Ιωάννου Βαπτ.
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

June 28
SUN
4th Sunday of Matthew
4η Κυριακή του Ματθαίου
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy

June 29
MON
SS. Peter and Paul
Των Αγ. Πέτρου και Παύλου
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

June 30
TUE
Synaxis of the Holy Apostles
Σύναξις των Αποστόλων
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Great Vespers of the Holy Anargyroi
Μ. Εσπερινός των Αγ. Αναργύρων
7:00 p.m.





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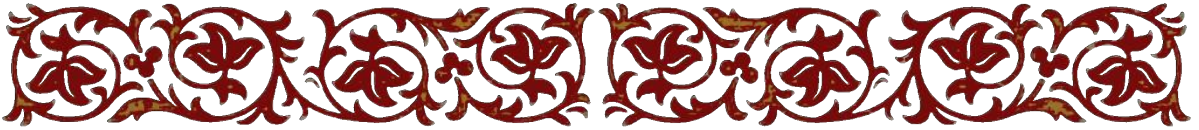
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Dear Parish Family,

As we approach the summer months, we ask you to prayerfully remember your stewardship commitment to our parish. While many families travel and schedules change during the summer season, the ministry and daily expenses of the church continue without pause. Our parish remains active in worship, outreach, maintenance, and service to our community throughout the year.

If you have not yet made your 2026 stewardship commitment, or if you are able to offer an additional gift, we humbly ask that you do so before summertime. Every offering, no matter the size, helps sustain the life and mission of our church.

As Holy Scripture reminds us:

“Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the first fruits of all your increase.”
— Proverbs 3:9

And:

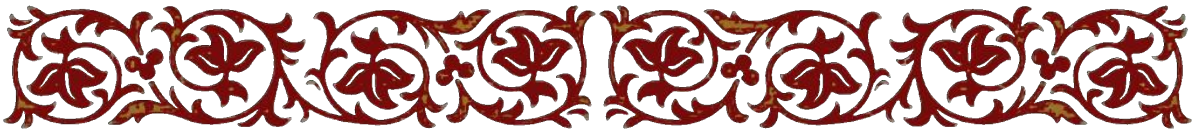
“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” — 2 Corinthians 9:7

We are deeply grateful for your continued love, generosity, and faithful support of our parish family. May God bless you abundantly for all that you give and do in His name.

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Rev. Economos Aristidis Garinis

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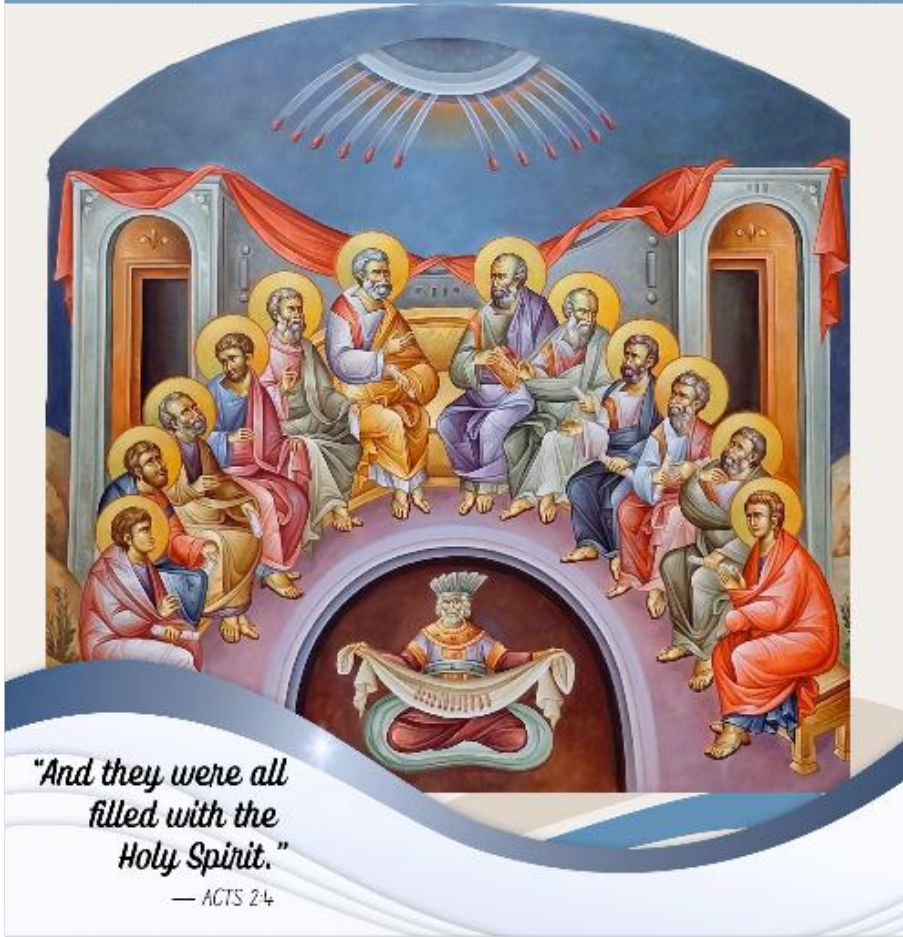
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Program Director Margarita Eleftheriadis

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FOLLOW ME! JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23



Color Jesus, Peter, and Andrew!

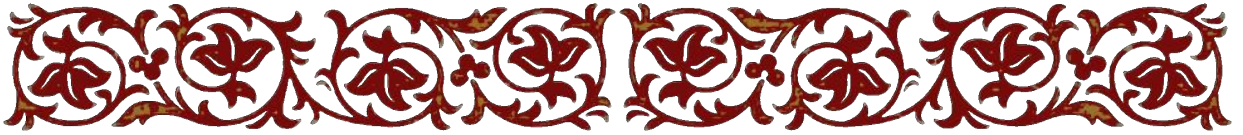
What did Jesus say they would "fish" for?

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Fisher's of Men

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| BOAT | JESUS |
| CALL | JOHN |
| DISCIPLE | MEN |
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Mauricio Torres

Sunday, June 14th 2:00 P.M.

Congratulations to our Graduates and Sunday School Community!

We extend our warmest congratulations to the graduating class of the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church Sunday School! We are incredibly proud of your dedication, your growth in faith, and the wonderful examples you have set for our younger students. As you embark on this next chapter, may the Holy Spirit guide your steps and keep you close to the Church.

We also want to celebrate all of our wonderful students and dedicated teachers for an amazing and successful year. Thank you to our teachers for your love, patience, and commitment to nurturing the spiritual lives of our youth, and thank you to our students for your enthusiasm and hard work.

Wishing everyone a blessed, safe, and happy summer!



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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *Matthew 4:18-23*

“Be Fishers of Men...”

Fr. George Parsenios

When Jesus calls his disciples in today's Gospel reading, he teaches us something very important about our own life as disciples. At first, his comment about the disciples becoming “fishers of men” seems like a clever play on words. They are fishermen, devoted to gathering fish, but they will now become “fishers of men,” devoted to gathering people into the Church. This play on words is more than casual. It teaches us that our service to Jesus does not mean that we must acquire some new skill or personality. Jesus calls us as we are and then uses the abilities we already have to serve him. A fisherman who knows how to collect fish will now use those skills to gather people. If you are a carpenter, you can use those skills to repair the stairs at your church. If you know how to cook, you can use that skill to provide hospitality in the Church. If you understand finance, you can provide valuable service to the Church in its investment, fundraising or financial planning. But something important should be noted. While we use the skills we already have, we now use them in a new way. A person schooled in business doesn't turn the Church into a business, but rather “baptizes” his business acumen to serve the mission of spreading the Gospel. The person with a lovely singing voice doesn't perform in the choir or at the chanter's stand like an entertainer in a concert, but she baptizes her skills, adapting them to serve the mission of humbly leading the church in prayer. Let us each baptize whatever personal ability or talent we have so that, like the first disciples, we are transformed from fishermen into fishers of men.



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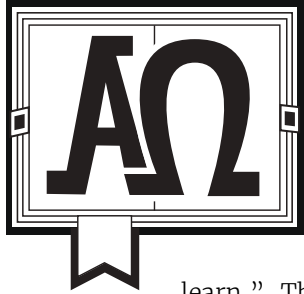
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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: *Mathētēs* (Μαθητής) What is a “disciple” ?

Fr. George Parsenios



The closest followers of Jesus are called “disciples,” where the Greek word for disciple is *μαθητής/ mathētēs*. *Mathētēs* derives from the ancient Greek verb *manthano* (*mathaino* in Modern Greek), which means “to study” or “to learn.” The most literal sense, therefore, of *mathētēs* is “student,” and the disciples are Jesus’ students. In modern English, because of the unique history of the language, words derived from the Greek root “*math*” are mostly

confined to the study of numbers, as in “mathematics.” In antiquity, however, the word covered all forms of study (as in “polymath”), and it was especially important for describing the intimate relationship between a philosopher and his followers. A *mathētēs* of a philosopher did not simply learn lessons from a teacher like we do in school. The *mathētēs* was supposed to imitate his teacher ethically, as well as transmitting the doctrines of his teacher. It is in this sense that Jesus’ followers are his disciples. They imitate Jesus when they carry their cross as he did (Matt 16:24), and they are required to pass on what they have learned (Luke 9:2). We are also disciples ourselves, so we must go and do likewise.



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THIS WEEK’S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY The Restoration of Icons

Ben Malian, MTS

Today the Orthodox Church commemorates Patriarch Methodios of Constantinople (+846), a confessor of the faith and defender of holy icons. Born near the turn of the ninth century, Methodios came of age during the second period of iconoclasm under the reign of Emperor Leo V. Twice, Methodios was arrested and imprisoned by imperial authorities as an “iconodule,” or someone who supported the pious veneration of holy images.

When Emperor Leo’s grandson, Michael III, assumed the throne as an infant in 842, his mother and regent, the Empress Theodora, began to arrange for the restoration of icons. As a highly educated and influential iconodule, Methodios was chosen by her to serve as the new Patriarch of Constantinople.

On March 11th, 843, a newly enthroned Patriarch Methodios led a procession of clergy from the church of Blachernae on the walls of Constantinople to Hagia Sophia, where they were greeted by Empress Theodora and the young Emperor Michael. This momentous occasion, with St. Methodios at its center, is commemorated annually during the first week of Lent as the Triumph of Orthodoxy.



OUR CHURCH: **Our Spiritual Home**

Fr. Jim Kordaris

Home is safe and familiar. It is where we belong. Our Orthodox Christian Church is our spiritual home. It is a place of prayer, comfort, spiritual healing, and celebration. We are at home in the fragrance of incense, the sound of hymns and prayers, the physical touch of kneeling, bowing and making the sign of the cross, and the taste of Holy Communion and antidoron (the blessed bread). You may have been brought to the Orthodox Church on your 40th day, or the Orthodox Church may have been the destination of your spiritual journey. For all, it is our spiritual home.

One Orthodox Christian author writes about the *Ekklesia* (the Church), “This *Ekklesia* exists when the dispersed, divided, self-preoccupied people unite and become a family, where people see one another as brothers and sisters with God as their common father, and try to share whatever they have and whatever they are, and be united in heart and soul” (P. Faros in *Functional and Dysfunctional Christianity*).

Church is not so much a place as it is what we are together. Our Church is where we turn for comfort, support, and healing. It is where we make true Christian friends that last a lifetime. As Saint Paul writes to the Ephesians, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God” (Ephesians 2:19).

We enter our spiritual home not to be entertained, but to be a part of a community of believers. We receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. As we pray, worship and serve together, we become His Body. To be a member of the Body of Christ requires our presence and our engagement with one another. We grow spiritually as a family. From our spiritual home we are sent out as “*phosphoroi*”—bearers of His light in the world, setting an example by our mutual understanding and love.

“...in the Church we live eternal life starting from now. We do not simply await the life to come, but we experience and enjoy it from the present. The Kingdom of God, according to the Fathers, is not life beyond the grave but communion with God...”

—Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos



TAKE THE NEXT STEP TODAY

Reconnect. Participate. Serve. Let your life in Christ be renewed—and become a bearer of His light in the world.



Just For Kids!

(...and the young at heart)

**Second Sunday of Matthew
The Fishers of Men Maze**

Can you guide the fisherman through the maze? Watch out for wrong turns and follow the right path as he journeys from his boat to Christ. Along the way, remember Jesus' words from today's Gospel reading: "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Let this maze remind us that following Jesus leads to true life!

