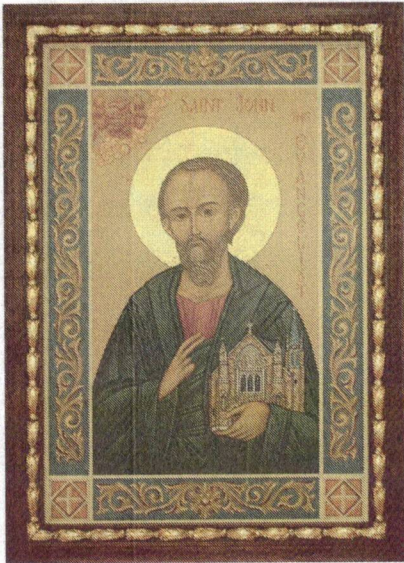




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Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshiping with us.
Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer, please contact Fr. Seraphim

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshiping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

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DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JULY 06, 2025

TONE 3 / EOTHINON 4

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

& FOURTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt; Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Onesimos of the Seventy

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE THREE

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord hath done a mighty act with His own arm. He hath trampled down death by death, and become the first-born from the dead. He hath delivered us from the depths of Hades, granting the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

O beloved Apostle of Christ God, Come quick and save a people with no recourse. He who let you rest your head on his breast. Will not reject your pleas on our behalf. Beseech Him then, O wise and holy Theologian, Dispel from us the dark and ominous clouds of disbelief. Grant us his peace and great mercy.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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TRISAGION TODAY

Trisagion prayers of Mercy are for those who lost their lives to the cowardly act of violence directed at people who were simply trying to pray and participate in the Divine Liturgy at our church of the Prophet Elias in the suburb of Dweilaa in Damascus, Syria.

A special charitable account has been set up at the Archdiocese Headquarters. The proceeds will be forwarded to His Beatitude Patriarch John X for distribution to the survivors and families.

COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN TODAY AND THROUGH JULY.

THE EPISTLE

(For Fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands all ye peoples.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (6:18-23)

Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fourth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:5-13)

At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching Him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered Him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, He marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the Kingdom of Heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 6 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Righteous Father Sisoës the Great of Egypt.

Verses

When he died, this was written upon the tablet: Sisoës, the tablet of the Divine Spirit.

On the sixth, Sisoës went blameless from earth to Heaven.

Sisoës was a disciple of St. Anthony the Great. Imposing difficult ascetic labors on himself in the wilderness for 60 years, Sisoës humbled himself so much that he became meek and guileless as a lamb. God endowed Sisoës with abundant grace so that he was able to heal the sick, drive out unclean spirits and resurrect the dead. Sisoës taught those who visited him: "Regardless in what way temptation comes to man, a man should give himself to the will of God and to recognize that temptation occurred because of his sins. If something good happens, it should be said that it happened according to God's Providence." Sisoës died peacefully in extreme old age in 429.

On this day, we also commemorate the Apostles Archippos, Philemon and Onesimos of the Seventy.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

As many of us as have been baptized into Christ, have been baptized into his death. Therefore, we have been buried with him through Baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

ROMANS 6:1-2

JULY SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH

WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPERS

(Fr. Seraphim has too many Saturday's away)

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JULY 6TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**JULY 13TH SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE 4TH COUNCIL
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

JULY 19TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM

**JULY 20TH SUNDAY — THE PROPHET ST. ELIAS
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

**JULY 27TH SUNDAY — ST. PANTELEIMON GREAT MARTYR & HEALER
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

**AUGUST 1ST FRIDAY — DORMITION FAST BEGINS
AUGUST 1ST THRU TO AUGUST 15TH**

AUGUST 3RD SUNDAY —MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**AUGUST 6TH WEDNESDAY— TRANSFIGURATION SERVICE —AT
MONASTARY — TIMES OF SERVICES WILL BE ADDED SOON.**

AUGUST 10TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

**AUGUST 14TH THURSDAY — DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS
SERVICE WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 6PM.**

AUGUST 16 SATURDAY—COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30AM

AUGUST 17TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Harriet, Perry Sassic & family, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Carrie, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bpnnie.

Welcome to our newest members: Connor, Mira, Asher, Benjamin

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of

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PROPER PROTOCOL WITH GOD

It is unlikely that many of us will ever be privileged to have an audience with the President of the United States, or anyone else of similar stature. If, however, we did, we would be given a **“crash course”** on what proper protocol would be for our encounter. Undoubtedly, we would be briefed on how we should dress, what we should say and how we should say it when meeting with the leader of our nation. Certainly we would not act as if we were in the company of a work colleague or a school classmate — our behavior would be expected to be dignified and respectful.

Every Sunday we have a wonderful opportunity to have an **“audience”** with Someone Who carries much more “clout” than the President when we attend Divine Liturgy. We often overlook what a special experience this should be, and that certain things are required of us when we “meet” Him. When God spoke to Moses from the Burning Bush, He instructed him to **“... take off your shoes, for you are on holy ground.”** While we need not follow these words too literally, we must nonetheless, remember sacredness and sanctity of being in the presence of the Lord. Our prayers must always be sincere, our approach to the Lord in this special way should always be with great humility and love. We must never demand that our prayers be answered by Him — nor should we **expect** a positive response every time we call upon Him to assist us.

May we **“know our place”** in our relationship with God. He is our Father; we are His children. He is the giver of all good things, and when we come to Him with unwavering faith, we can rest assured that the Lord will certainly listen to our supplications.

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NEEDLESS REPETITION OR A NEEDFUL REQUEST

Anyone who has ever attended a service in the Orthodox Church knows our most repeated prayer: LORD HAVE MERCY! It is a singular response to some petitions. At other times, it may be sung or chanted three, twelve, forty or even one hundred times. We hear these three words so much that the question is often raised: Is it really necessary to repeat this plea over and over?

To give the proper answer to this question, we must carefully examine what we are actually asking for with this humble prayer. True, we are petitioning God to overlook our faults and sinfulness and be merciful to us. Seeking forgiveness (or mercy) from our Heavenly Father must always be in our hearts and on our lips. Yet constantly praying LORD HAVE MERCY

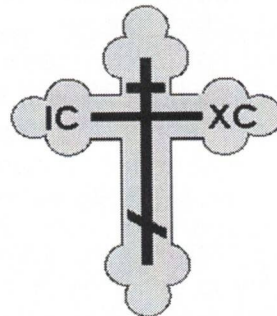
means much more than that. Some translations of Sacred Scripture do not exclusively use the word MERCY for the Hebrew term HESED. It is also translated as: compassion, gracious, generous and, yes, LOVING. In essence, then, when we pray LORD HAVE MERCY, we are asking Him to shower us with His love and His goodness. We are requesting His care and His guidance. We are praying that He will bestow upon us all of the things that are necessary for our salvation.

A constant prayer of LORD HAVE MERCY must encompass our entire being. It is not a WASTE OF BREATH. On the contrary, it is a beautiful way of reminding ourselves of how dependent we are on our Creator, and that EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE.

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