



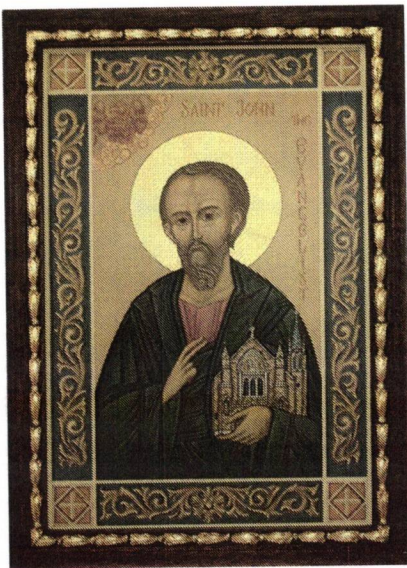
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OF OAKLAND , AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

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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 27, 2025
TONE 6 / EOTHINON 7; GREAT-MARTYR AND HEALER
PANTELEIMON

& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
The martyred blind man healed by Panteleimon

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. PANTELEIMON IN TONE THREE

O holy prizewinner and healer Panteleimon, intercede with the merciful God that He grant unto our souls forgiveness of offences.

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.

KONTAKION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou wast transfigured on the mount, and Thy Disciples, in so far as they were able, beheld Thy glory, O Christ our God; so that, when they should see Thee crucified, they would remember that all Thy suffering was voluntary, and could declare to all the world that Thou art truly the effulgent Splendor of the Father.

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**THIS SPECIAL DONATION IS STILL BEING ACCEPTED
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JULY**

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 of those who were killed at Prophet Elias Church near Damascus, Syria on 6-22-25.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Panteleimon)

***The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.***

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to St. Timothy. (2:1-10)

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, two blind men followed him, crying aloud: "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When He entered the house, the blind men came to Him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread His fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to Him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy and glorious Great-Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, and the martyred blind man whom Panteleimon healed.

Verses

***The blood of thy head was mingled with milk, O Martyr,
For whose sake Christ once shed His Blood mingled with water.
The blade was Panteleimon's lot on the twenty-seventh.***

Panteleimon means "all merciful" in Greek. He was born in third-century Nicomedia of a Christian mother, Eubula, and a pagan father, Eustorgius. As a young man he studied medicine. The priest, Hermolaus, invited Panteleimon to be with him and taught him the Faith of Christ and baptized him. Panteleimon miraculously cured a blind man by the power of Christ whom the other doctors treated in vain. The blind man was later martyred and we also commemorate him today. Out of envy the doctors accused Panteleimon of being a Christian and he went before the Emperor Maximian to stand trial. Before the emperor, he freely declared that he was a Christian and he also healed a long-time paralytic. This miracle drew many pagans to the Faith of Christ. Sentenced to death, Panteleimon knelt for prayer. At that moment the executioner struck him on the neck with a sword, and it broke. The executioner was unable to execute him until the saint completed his prayer and until Panteleimon told him to behead him, which he then did. His relics possessed the ability to heal. Panteleimon is invoked in prayers at the time of the "Blessing of Waters" and in the blessing of the holy oils used in the "The Sacrament of Holy Unction," together with Hermolaus and the other unmercenary saints and wonderworkers.

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THOUGHT OF THE DAY

"The sign of the Lord's mercy or that of His most pure Mother to us, after or during prayer, is peace of heart, especially after the action of some passio, whose property is the absence of spiritual peace. By this peace of heart and a kind of tenderness of heart we can also easily recognize that our prayer has been heard, and that grace asked in it has been granted to us. The success of the prayer is also recognized by the spiritual power, which we inwardly obtain for the fulfillment of the duties of our calling, and by the inward light manifestly entering into our soul."

(St. John of Kronstadt.)

JULY/ AUGUST SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENT: FROM MAY 1ST THROUGH AUGUST 30TH
WE WILL NOT BE HAVING SATURDAY GREAT VESPER.

(FR. SERAPHIM has too many Saturday's away.)

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JULY 27TH SUNDAY — ST. PANTELEIMON GREAT MARTYR & HEALER

MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 1ST FRIDAY — DORMITION FAST BEGINS

AUGUST 1ST THRU TO AUGUST 14TH

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

AUGUST 6TH WEDNESDAY— TRANSFIGURATION SERVICE WILL
BE CELEBRATED AT THE MONASTARY OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION IN ELLWOOD CITY.

REFER TO ***PATRONAL FEAST*** ON PAGE 7 FOR SERVICE TIMES

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

COUNCIL MEETING AT 12 NOON

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

AUGUST 24TH SUNDAY — MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

AUGUST 31ST 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, Elias, Margaret, Carrie, Lori, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, John, and Bonnie.

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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PATRONAL FEAST (PAGE 7)

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Presiding Hierarch

His Grace the **Right Reverend Benedict**

Bishop of Hartford and New England

The Orthodox Church in America

Tuesday, August 5

Eve of Transfiguration

6:00 Feast of Vigil Service

Wednesday, August 6

Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 Akathist

9:30 Procession and Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:30 Holy Unction with Paraklesis

"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART . . . "

The life and death of the MARTYR MARKELLA OF CHIOS is a story that, even in our modern era where very little surprises us, would be considered most shocking. Markella was born in the 16th century on this small Greek island. It was said that her physical appearance was stunning beyond description. Still, Markella's true beauty was found in the depth of her soul, for she exhibited purity and gentleness at all times. Her family was prominent and wealthy - her father was the local mayor - but Markella was much more interested in developing a spiritual relationship with the Lord than in material gain.

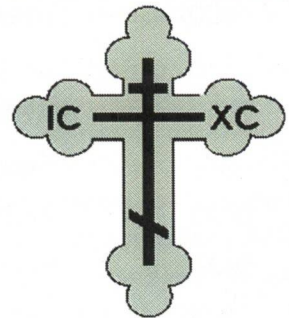
When her mother died, Markella totally immersed herself in service to Christ. Her father, however, was not a believer, and soon Markella found herself abused by him both verbally and physically. Finally, after thwarting his perverted, amorous advances towards her, Markella attempted to run away. As her infuriated father chased her, she attempted to hide in a thorny bush. Discovering her place of concealment, the crazed man set fire to the bush, forcing her out from her hiding place. She continued to run, but was soon felled by an arrow. Trapped now between two rocks, Markella was brutally murdered by her father - her lifeless body cut into pieces.

After her death, the villagers found a spring of water flowing from the rocks at the location where Markella had died. The waters from it were found to have miraculous powers of healing. A small chapel was erected on the site in memory of this lovely young martyr named Markella.

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