

New Martyr Julian of Tarsus



June 21, 2026



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OF CHARLESTON, OAKLAND, AND MID-ATLANTIC**

REVEREND FR. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS

***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 Dan Volitich, Joann Rossman or leave message on 724-847-1111.

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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

**TONE 2 / EOTHINON 3; THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
& THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS; MARTYR APHRODISIUS OF CILICIA;
NEW-MARTYR NIKITA OF NISYROS NEAR RHODES

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF 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 all of 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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**Peter and Paul Fast starts on Monday June 8th thru June 28th.
Feast Day for The Holy Apostles Peter & Paul is June 29th.**

THE EPISTLE

(For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

***The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me severely.***

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

THE GOSPEL

(For Third Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)

The Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

THE SYNAXARION

On June 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus.

Verses

Bearing Julian as goods worthy of Heaven,
The sack into the midst of the sea doth plummet.
On the twenty-first, Julian in a sack was sacrificed.

Of a noble senatorial family, Julian was only 18 years old when he was taken to trial for the Faith. But Julian was already educated and resolute in Christian faith and devotion. The imperial governor took him from city to city for a whole year, torturing him all the while and attempting to persuade him to renounce Christ. The governor seized Julian's mother and sent her to urge her son to renounce Christ. She spent three days in prison with him, giving him precisely the opposite advice, teaching him to go to his death with courage and gratitude to God. His torturers then sewed Julian into a sack of sand with scorpions and snakes and threw him into the sea, and his mother also died under torture. The waves carried Julian's body onto the shore, and the faithful took it to Alexandria, where they buried it in 290. His relics were later taken to Antioch.

On this day, we also commemorate the Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia; and New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros near Rhodes.

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WHAT IS FATHER'S DAY ?

It's celebrating fatherhood and all it means to be, the one who gives the family strength and brings security.

It's celebrating all the love unspoken through the year and finding just the perfect way to really make it clear.

It's celebrating someone and that loving way of his— and knowing in your heart that he's the very best there is.

This day that honors FATHERS and the loving things they do will always be a special time for special thoughts of our FATHERS.

“WISHING ALL A VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!”

JUNE/JULY SERVICES

***(NO VESPER SERVICES FROM
MAY 1ST. THROUGH AUGUST 31ST.)***

**JUNE 21ST SUNDAY — SUNDAY OF THE NEW MARTYRS
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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**JUNE 28TH SUNDAY — FINDING OF THE RELICS OF CYRUS & JOHN
THE UNMERCENARIES
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM TYPICA SERVICE**

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JULY 5TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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**JULY 12TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
COUNCIL MEETING 12 NOON**

JULY 18TH SATURDAY — COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 8:30-10:30 AM

**JULY 19TH SUNDAY— SUNDAY OF THE 4TH COUNCIL
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM**

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JULY 26TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

**THEREFORE, HOW EASY IT IS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SAINTS!
IT IS ONLY NECESSARY TO PURIFY THE EYE OF THE HEART, TO FIX IT
FIRMLY UPON A SAINT KNOWN TO YOU, TO PRAY TO HIM FOR WHAT
YOU WANT, AND YOU WILL OBTAIN IT.**

(RIGHTEOUS JOHN, WONDERWORKER OF KRONSTADT)

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

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Joni, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew, Yvonne Rosemary and Patty.

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

Prayers are offered in memory of..... Fr. Seraphim Moslener

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MEMORY ETERNAL FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

Father Seraphim Moslener was born August 23, 1947. He reposed on Monday, May 25th 2026. He was ordained to the Holy Diaconate at the hand of Bishop John on September 9, 2012 and to the Holy Priesthood on November 15, 2017 at the hand of Bishop Thomas in the Antiochian Christian Orthodox Archdiocese. Father Seraphim also served as Deacon and Priest at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Beaver Falls PA from 2012 until 2019 with Fr. Christopher Davis. Following the service in his home parish he was blessed to assist his God-father, Father Peter Jon Gillquist for two years at All Saints Parish in Bloomington, Indiana. He especially loved to see people grow which is why he enjoyed being a pastor, therapist, and teacher. His greatest love was for God who gives the growth. His great love beyond that was for each of his children and grandchildren but especially for his wife who was his spiritual guide, moral compass and best friend since they married on May 5, 1973. As a pastor he was always grateful for support of lay persons. As a priest he was enriched by his peers, especially in the Clergy Peer Learning Support Group which he facilitated in 2016. He worked beside wonderful volunteers in FOCUS, the Beaver County Orthodox Christian Ministry, and in the Hill District of Pittsburgh at St. Moses the Black Orthodox Church. He was always blessed to serve at the Monastery of the Transfiguration.

JULIAN THE MARTYR OF TARSUS

In the Eastern Orthodox Liturgical calendar, Saint Julian of Tarsus is commemorated on June 21st. This specific feast falls on the Third Sunday after Pentecost, which is occasionally designated to honor the New Martyrs of the Church alongside localized saints.

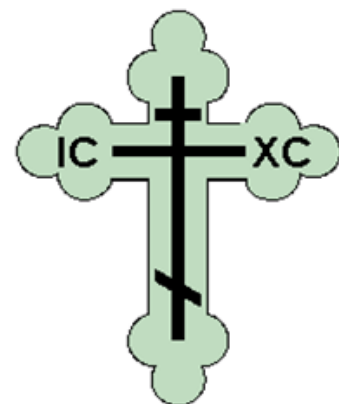
Saint Julian was a devout 18 year old Christian who suffered martyrdom around the year 305 AD during the persecutions of Emperor Diocletian. Because he refused to offer sacrifices to pagan idols, he was subjected to terrible tortures and paraded daily for a whole year through various cities of Cilicia. He was then sewn into a sack filled with sand, scorpions and poisonous snakes and cast into the sea.

His remains later washed ashore in Alexandria, where he was honorably buried before his relics were translated to Antioch.

The commemorations of Julian and the New Martyrs on this Sunday honor those who remained steadfast in their faith, resisting modern dictators, religious persecutions, and ancient oppressors alike.

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