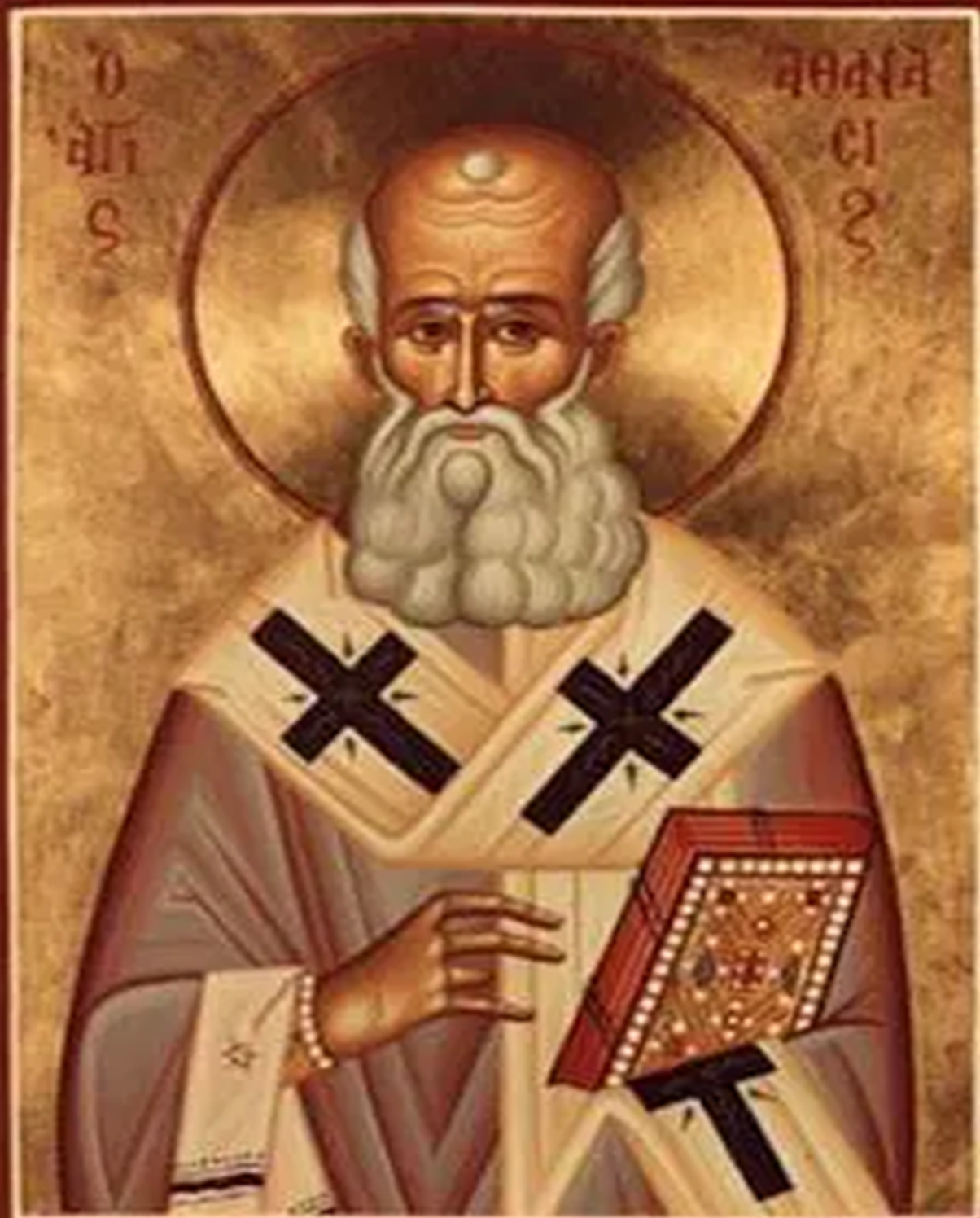


St. Athanasius of Mount Athos



July 5, 2026



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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 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 worshipping 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, JULY 05, 2026

TONE 4 / EOTHINON 5; VENERABLE ATHANASIOS OF ATHOS & FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Venerable Lampados of Irenoupolis; Hieromartyr Cyprian of Mount Athos

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying: Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. ATHANASIOS THE ATHONITE IN TONE THREE

*(**Awed by the beauty**)*

The Angels' ranks were awed by thy life in the flesh, * how, though corporeal, and clad with earthly clay, * thou didst set forth with courage to invisible wars and wrestlings * and didst boldly smite the hordes * of the demons with mortal wounds. * Wherefore, Christ rewarded thee * with abundant gifts in return. * Entreat Him that our souls find salvation, * O most renowned Father Athanasius.

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.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Athanasius)

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds. Sing unto the Lord a new song; His praise is in the church of the saints.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (5:22-6:2)

Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provocation of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Fifth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (8:28-9:1)

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met Him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one could pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have we to do to Thee, O Son of God? Art Thou come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged Him, "If Thou castest us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat He crossed over and came to His own city.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 5 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our Venerable and God-bearing **Father Athanasius of Athos**, and his six disciples who died with him.

Verses

*Anthony the Great was the inception of the Fathers,
And divine Athanasius, their godly culmination.*

*On the fifth, Angels took Athanasius and his disciples to the City of
God.*

Born in Trebizond of God-fearing parents, he was early left destitute, but, by the providence of God, a high-ranking army officer took him to Constantinople and educated him there. Finishing his schooling, Athanasius eventually moved to the Holy Mountain to live in silence and strict asceticism. Many, desirous of the ascetic life, began to gather round him and he was constrained to build the famous Lavra. The Byzantine Emperors gave him generous help in this. Manifold temptations came upon Athanasius, from demons and from men, but he, as a valiant soldier of Christ, resisted and overcame them all by his immense humility and unceasing prayer to the living God. Filled with the grace of God, he was found worthy to behold the most holy Mother of God, who miraculously brought forth water from a rock. Death came to him suddenly in 1003. He, together with six of his monks, had climbed up onto a newly-constructed part of the church to inspect a wall that was in building when the wall fell in and buried them all. Athanasius appeared a number of times to his brethren after his death, to console or rebuke them.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Lampados of Irenoupolis; and Venerable hieromartyr Cyprian of Mount Athos.

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

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

**JULY 5TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
TRISAGION FOR FR. SERAPHIM**

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

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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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AUGUST 1ST SATURDAY—DORMITION FAST BEGINS

AUGUST 2ND SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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**AUGUST 6TH THURSDAY — TRANSFIGURATION
SERVICE AT MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION**

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Holy Fathers have written much about noetic prayer and on how to control one's mind and heart. They have said that we must endeavor to perform every task, every kind of work, from the heart, because feelings come from the heart, not from the head. We think with the head, but when everything proceeds from the heart, this is a concentration of all the powers of the mind in the heart.

(Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica)

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.

ST. ANTHANASIUS OF MOUNT ATHOS

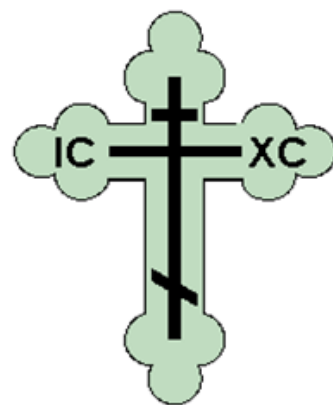
Athanasius of Mount Athos (c. 920-1003), originally named Abraham, was a Byzantine monk who founded the Great Lavra and established communal (coenobitic) monasticism on Mount Athos in Greece. Widely considered the patriarch of the Holy Mountain, he laid the foundation for its evolution into the world's greatest center of Eastern Orthodox monasticism

Born in Trebizond, Athanasius was orphaned at an early age and studied in Constantinople before becoming a hermit on Mount Athos. With the financial backing of his close friend, the Byzantine Emperor Nikephoros II Phocas, he established the Great Lavra in 963, unifying the scattered hermits of the region into an organized cenobitic community

Despite facing pushback from traditional ascetics and briefly fleeing to Cyprus, he returned to codify the monastic rule, or *Typicon*, blending the ascetic practice of Basil of Caesarea with rules from Theodore Studies. He remained a highly sought-after spiritual leader until his death, when he and several disciples were tragically killed in the collapse of a newly built church dome.

Today, his legacy lives on through the continued spiritual life of Mount Athos Orthodox Church commemorates his feast day on July 5th. To learn more about spiritual writings, and enduring impact on Christian asceticism, you can read [ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA](#) biography.

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