

SAINT PARASKEVA



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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.

TYPIKA ON SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8

**THE HOLY RIGHTEOUS MARTYR PARASKEVA OF ROME
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus, and Hermocrates of Nicomedia

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SEVEN

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy. **(Sung at end of Typika Service)**

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. PARASKEVA IN TONE ONE

Showing a diligence befitting thy calling, O namesake of preparedness, thou hast gained, as thy dwelling, a faith worthy of thy name, O prize-winning Paraskeva. Hence, thou pourest forth healings and intercedest for our souls. **(Sung at end of Typika Service)**

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 undisputed intercessor of Christians the mediatrix, who are unrejected by the Creator. Turn not away from the voice of our petitions, though we be sinners. Come to us with aid in time, who cry unto thee in faith, for thou art good. Hasten to us with intercessions, O Theotokos, who dost ever intercede for those who honor thee. **(Sung during Typika Service)**

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Paraskeva)

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians. (3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (14:14-22)

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 26 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the **holy Righteous Martyr of Christ, Paraskeva of Rome.**

Verses

*O modest maid, thou didst prepare thyself through contests
As a house all-unsullied for God's inhabitation.*

Born in Rome of Christian parents, she was brought up from her earliest youth in the Christian faith and gave herself wholeheartedly to the fulfilling of God's commandments in her life. When her parents died, Paraskeva gave all her goods away to the poor and received the monastic habit. As a nun, she preached the truth of Christ with ever more burning zeal, neither hiding from anyone nor fearing persecution. Paraskeva was brought to trial before the Emperor Antoninus then ordered a white-hot helmet placed on her head. But God saved her miraculously and she escaped and left Rome. She again began to go from city to city to bring the pagans to the true Faith. In two more cities she was brought before princes and judges and tortured for her Lord, performing on these occasions great miracles by the power of God and quickly recovering from her wounds. The pagans ascribed her recovery to the power and mercy of their gods. Paraskeva once said to a prince who was torturing her: "It is not your gods, O Prince, who heal me, but my Christ, the true God." She was finally beheaded by a Prince Tarasius. She suffered for Christ in the second century and received her heavenly reward.

On this day, we also commemorate the Hieromartyrs Hemolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates of Nicomedia.

JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

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

JULY 26TH SUNDAY — TYPIKA 10AM

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AUGUST 1ST SATURDAY—DORMITION FAST BEGINS

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AUGUST 2ND SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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AUGUST 6TH THURSDAY — TRANSFIGURATION
SERVICE AT MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION
SEE SCHEDULE FOR PATRONAL FEAST ->->->->

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AUGUST 9TH SUNDAY — MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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AUGUST 15TH SATURDAY — FEAST OF THE
DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS

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AUGUST 16TH SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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AUGUST 23RD SUNDAY — DIVINE LITURGY 10AM

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In order to acquire humility, we must force ourselves to welcome with a loving embrace and as beloved sisters all hardships and tribulations. We must also flee all fame and honors, preferring to be unknown and scorned by everyone — receiving no care or consolation from anyone but God.

Fr. Jack Sparks

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.....

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PATRONAL FEAST

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE AT MONASTERY OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Presiding Hierarchy

His Eminence the **Most Reverend Daniel**
Archbishop of Chicago and the Midwest
The Orthodox Church in America

Wednesday, August 5 — Eve of Transfiguration

6:00 Festal Vigil Service

Thursday, August 6 — Feast of Transfiguration

9:00 Akathist "Glory to God for All Things"

9:30 Procession and Hierarchical Liturgy

12:00 Catered Luncheon

2:00 Memorial Service in the cemetery

2:30 Holy Unction with Paraklesis

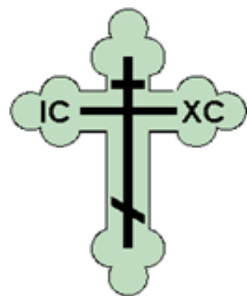
NEEDLESS REPETITION OF A NEEDFUL REQUEST

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 for 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 GIFT IS FROM ABOVE.

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