**Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral**

New Orleans, Louisiana

**JULY 21, 2019 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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**Sunday, July 21 ~ 8:45 am Orthros, 10:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy**

Parish Council Member on Duty—Dennis Papadopoulos

**PETE HIRRAS 1-YEAR MEMORIAL**

ARTOCLASIA IN HONOR OF SAINT MARKELLA

**Monday, July 22 ~ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy—SAINT MARKELLA OF CHIOS**

Friday, July 26 ~ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy—SAINT PARASKEVI OF ROME

Saturday, July 27 ~ 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Youth Dance Workshop in Mobile, AL

**Sunday, July 28 ~ 8:45 am Orthros**

10:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy—SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

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**2019 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL "MAKING THINGS RIGHT”**

Vacation Church School begins next Monday, July 29, and will run through Friday, August 2. This program is for pre-school through 5th grade students. If you have questions, contact Presvytera Harriet at dedousis@juno.com.

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**LIVING GOD’S RIGHTEOUSNESS**

In today’s Epistle lesson, the Holy Apostle Paul teaches how we must be men and women of Faith, and by living our Faith we are to proclaim our Faith in our love for Christ, His Church, and all people. By doing this we fulfill the command of God to live by His righteousness. The following text are footnotes from the Orthodox Study Bible. The Church teaches that we should read our Bible daily in the morning and prepare ourselves for a new day in Christ.

> ‘Saint Paul wishes nothing but good for Israel, but their zeal is not based in truth. If they have merely been ignorant in the rejection of Christ, then their offense would certainly be pardonable. However, theirs was more than ignorance. For it was not that they simply did not know Christ, but they were bent on establishing their own righteousness rather than submitting to the righteousness of God. In other words, they trusted in themselves and their works and rejected the way of faith when it was presented to them. 

> Christ has always been the way of salvation in both Testaments. The law prepared people for Him, while His coming was the end of the law and the fulfillment of God’s righteousness.

> The way of the law and the way of faith are contrasted. Whereas mere obedience to the law has always failed, faith in Christ brings salvation. Faith does not doubt but trusts in Christ. Faith makes God near to the believer. Faith transforms the whole person, heart, soul, mind, and body.

> This confession and belief are more than simply mental acknowledgment that something is true. Rather, this belief refers to placing one’s whole trust in the resurrected Christ and living with Jesus as one’s Lord. Only the giving of the whole self to Christ is belief unto righteousness.”

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**WOMEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD**

It should not strike us as unusual to find an icon bearing two great women of Christian faith – St. Mary Magdalene and St. Markella. They lived in vastly different times and lands: Mary of Magdala was a contemporary of Jesus Himself and lived in the Holy Land, while Markella of the Greek Island of Chios lived in the 16th century. But they were one in their devotion to Jesus Christ, in their dedication and loyalty to the Christian faith.

The Church has honored Mary Magdalene with the title “Equal to the Apostles,” a rare honor recognizing her great faith and long service to the Lord. She was at the Cross when Jesus died, she was at the tomb of His Resurrection, and, in fact, spoke to the Risen Lord. She was one of the distinguished Myrrh-Bearing Women who ministered to the needs of Christ. It is said that Mary fell asleep in Christ at Ephesus, where she had gone with John the Beloved Apostle.

As for Markella, a young maiden of great spiritual and physical beauty, she suffered greatly at the hands of her agnostic father. But she persevered in faith, and finally died a martyr’s death. She is termed Martyr and Virgin in the Church Calendar. A fresh spring of water is said to have gushed forth from the rocks where she died, and the place has been a favored spot for pilgrimage and prayer ever since.

**GREEK FESTIVAL PASTRY BOOTH APRONS**

All Greek Festival Pastry booth volunteers are reminded to return their aprons to the Cathedral office so that the aprons can be cleaned and stored for next year.

**SUNDAY, JULY 14**

**NO SERVICES DO TO TROPICAL STORM BARRY**

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HOLY FATHER
JOHN AND SYMEON
THE FOOL FOR CHRIST

Resurrection Apolytikion
Tone 4
When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion of the Holy Trinity
Plagal Tone 4
Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

Kontakion
Tone 2
O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.
ἈΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ
Ῥωμαίους ι’ 1-10

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου, Κύριε·
pάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.
Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχή μου, τὸν Κύριον.
Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου, ἐμεγαλύνθης αφόδρα.

Ἄδελφοι, ἢ μὲν εὐδοκία τῆς ἐμῆς καρδίας καὶ ἡ δέησις πρὸς τὸν Θεὸν ὑπὲρ αὐτῶν εἰς σωτηρίαν. Μαρτυρῶ γὰρ αὐτοὺς ὅτι ἦλθον Θεοῦ ἔχουσιν, ἀλλ’ οὐ κατ’ ἐπίγνωσιν· ἄγνωστοι γὰρ τὴν τοῦ Θεοῦ δικαιοσύνην, καὶ τὴν ἰδίαν ἦταν στήσας, τῇ δικαιοσύνῃ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐχ ὑπετάγησαν· τέλος γὰρ νόμοις Χριστὸς εἰς δικαιοσύνην παντὶ τῷ πιστεύοντι. Μιωσῆς γὰρ γράφει τὴν δικαιοσύνην τὴν ἐκ τοῦ νόμου ὅτι ο ποιήσας ἄνθρωπος ἦταν ἐν αὐτῇ. Ἡ δὲ ἐκ πίστεως δικαιοσύνης ὡς λέγει· Μὴ εὑρήσῃς ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· Τὸς αναβαθμίζεται εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν; τούτ’ ἔστιν Χριστὸς καταγαγεὶν· ἢ, Ἰησοῦς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον; τούτ’ ἔστιν Χριστόν ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναγαγεῖν. Ἀλλὰ τῇ λέγει· Ἐγὼς σου τὸ ῥῆμα ἐστίν, ἐν τῷ στόματί σου καὶ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου· τούτ’ ἔστιν τὸ ῥῆμα τῆς πίστεως ὁ κηρύσσομεν. Ὅτι ἐὰν ὁμολογήσῃς ἐν τῷ στόματί σου Κύριον Ἰησοῦν, καὶ πιστεύεις ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ σου ότι ὁ Θεὸς αὐτὸν ἠγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν, σωθήσῃ· καρδία γὰρ πιστεύεται εἰς δικαιοσύνην, στόματι δὲ ὁμολογεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ
Ματθαίον η’ 28-34, ὁ’ 1

Τῷ καρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἑλθόντος τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὸ πέραν εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γεργεσινῶν ὑπήντησαν αὐτῷ δύο δαιμονιζόμενοι ἐκ τῶν μνημείων ἐξερχόμενοι, χαλέπιοι λίαν, ὡστε μὴ ἴσχυεν τινα παρελθεῖν διὰ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἐκείνης. καὶ ἴδον ἐκραξαν λέγοντες· τί ἤμων καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦς ὑπεί τοῦ Θεοῦ· ἢθες ὡς πρὸ καρῷ βασανίας ἡμᾶς· ἢν δὲ μακρὰν ἀπ’ αὐτῶν ἁγέλα χιούρν πολλῶν ὁμολογήσασθαι, οἱ δὲ δαιμόνες παρεκάλεσαν αὐτὸν λέγοντες· εἰ ἐκβάλλεις ἡμᾶς, ἐπίτρεψον ἡμῖν ἀπέλθετεν εἰς τὴν ἁγέλη τῶν χιουρν. καὶ ἐπίτρεψεν αὐτοῖς· ὅτι ἴδεν τοὺς δαιμονίζομενον εἰς τὴν ἀπείρασαν καὶ ἀπέθαναν ἐν τοῖς υόισι. οἱ δὲ δορκοντες ἐφύγαν, καὶ ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἀπήγειλαν πάντα καὶ τὰ τῶν δαιμονιζομένων. καὶ ἴδον πάσα ἡ πόλις ἐξῆλθεν εἰς συνάντησιν τῶν Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἴδόντες αὐτὸν παρεκάλεσαν ὅτις μετάβη ἀπὸ τῶν όριῶν αὐτῶν. καὶ ἔμβας εἰς πλοῖον διεπέρασε καὶ ἠλθεν εἰς τὴν ἰδίαν πόλιν.

THE EPISTLE
Romans 10:1-10

O Lord, Your works shall be magnified greatly;
You made all things in wisdom.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, You are magnified exceedingly.

Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but it is not enlightened. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified. Moses writes that the man who practices the righteousness which is based on the law shall live by it. But the righteousness based on faith says, Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “Who will descend into the abyss?” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith which we preach); because, if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved.

THE GOSPEL
Matthew 8:28-34: 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, two demonsiacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you 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 you cast 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 demonsiacs. 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.