Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
JUNE 26, 2022 — SECOND SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Sunday, June 26 ~ 8:45 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  

JUDY SCHULTZ CHRISMATION  
Artoclasia Offered for the Health of The Petros Bilalis Family  
Summer Vacation Sunday Church School Program after Holy Communion

Wednesday, June 29 ~ 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL  
Thursday, June 30 ~ 9:00 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  

SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY APOSTLES  
Saturday, July 2 ~ 6:00 pm Great Vespers

Sunday, July 3 ~ 8:45 am Orthros, 10:00 am Divine Liturgy  

THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW  
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ANDAVYIA MUSIC PROGRAM COURSES WRAPPING UP  
Andrew Gorny reports that the Andavyia Music Program is entering the final week of its 8-week crash course on Western and Byzantine Music. These courses provide the participants everything needed for them to start singing in the choir or with the chanters at church. Did you miss the classes and completely regret not participating? Do not worry. The sessions are all available to watch at www.ampnola.org under Resources->Course Archive. Also, Andrew plans on doing a few shorter units with everyone very soon!

CLERGY-LAITY CONGRESS  
Please note that Father George will attend the Clergy-Laity Congress in New York City from Monday, July 4, through Friday, July 8. If you need assistance during that time, call the Cathedral office.

COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY  
During the recent Community Clean Up campaign, organizations found items that are unclaimed or no longer needed such as books, furniture, etc. By Sunday, July 10, these items will be marked “To Be Given Away” and placed in a designated area on the first floor of the Hellenic Cultural Center. At that time parishioners may feel free to take home anything they would like. After Sunday, July 24, the unwanted items will be given away. The Clean Up Committee sincerely thanks all who helped spruce up the facilities.

OUTSTANDING FESTIVAL TICKETS  
Parishioners with outstanding Greek Festival tickets are asked to submit payment for the tickets used or return those not used during the Memorial Day weekend. Please send everything to the Cathedral office at your earliest convenience. Your cooperation is sincerely appreciated in closing out this portion of the 2022 Festival. If you have questions, please contact Connie Kringas at gk2con@yahoo.com.
THE GREATEST AND LAST OF THE PROPHETS

Through the words of the Prophet Malachi, God foretold that before the Messiah would come, a FORERUNNER would be sent to His people, preparing them for the arrival of the Saviour. He would truly be the VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS of whom the Prophet Isaiah would also speak centuries before his birth.

This “Messenger of God” is better known to us at ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. His nativity is documented in the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke. A pious, but childless couple, the priest ZACHARIAH and his wife ELIZABETH, were chosen by God to be the parents of the Forerunner. While serving in the Temple in Jerusalem one day, Zacharias was visited by the Archangel Gabriel, who announced to him what was about to occur. When the elderly priest questioned the Archangel, he was punished by losing his ability to speak!

True to God’s promise, Elizabeth soon conceived. Eight days after their child was born, Zacharias and Elizabeth hosted a gathering of their friends and relatives for the purpose of naming their son. While the popular opinion was to name the infant after his father, Zacharias wrote these words on a tablet: “HIS NAME SHALL BE JOHN.” After this, his speech was immediately restored. Zacharias boldly proclaimed that his son “...WILL BE CALLED THE PROPHET OF THE HIGHEST, FOR HE WILL GO BEFORE THE FACE OF THE LORD TO PREPARE HIS WAYS.” (Luke 1:76) From the day of his birth, John, which means “the grace of God,” was destined to play a major role in the story of mankind’s salvation.
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HOLY FATHER DAVID
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Απολυτίκιον τής Άναστασης
'Ήχος α'
Τού λίθου σφραγισθέντος ύπο τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος, Θεωδότα Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλάνθρωπε.

Resurrection Apolytikion
Tone 1
The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Απολυτίκιον τῆς Άγιας Τριάδας
'Ήχος πλ δ'
Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἁγιόν, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοί.

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.

Κοντάκιον
'Ήχος β'
Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητήν ἀμετάθετε, Μὴ παρίδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὃς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοί. Τάχυνον εἰς προσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἤ προστατεύουσα ἁεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

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.
The Epistle

Romans 2:10-16

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright.

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Gospel

Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately, they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And, he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.
“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men!”

CALL OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES:

Follow the Leader!

Have you ever played, “Follow the leader”? You know the game—the leader marches, and you march too. The leader claps, and you clap too. The leader shouts, and you shout too. You follow the leader, and try to copy him!

Today, in the Gospel reading we hear about when Jesus called His disciples, His special helpers. Andrew and Peter were out fishing in a boat, and Jesus called for them. “Follow me,” He said. The Gospel says that they dropped everything and followed Jesus Christ. And all their lives, they tried to “follow the Leader.” They tried to be like Christ, to act as He acted, to do as He did, to copy Him.

Did you know that our Lord wants us to “follow the Leader” too? He wants us to follow Him, to try to be like Him. But how can we be like Christ? Well, think about some of the things that Christ did during His life. He loved everybody. He helped everybody. He forgave everybody. He was nice to people even when they were mean to Him. He did the right thing even when people made fun of Him or even when they hurt Him. It’s not a game, but we can always try to remember to “follow the Leader.” And the Leader is our perfect Lord, Jesus Christ!
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This icon shows how people would visit him through a little window. Many sick people would be healed through his prayers.

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**WORD SEARCH**

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Climb
David
Faith
Follow
Leader
Prayers
Strength
Struggle
Thessalonica
Tree

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**SAINT DAVID OF THESSALONICA**

**THE TREE-DWELLER**

Have you ever climbed a tree? Have you ever spent the night in a tree? In the rain? In the wind? For three years?

Of course you haven’t done that, but you might have climbed a tree before.

Today, we celebrate a very different saint. Saint David was a monk who lived in the city of Thessalonica, Greece 1500 years ago. He had read about saints who lived before him, and he knew how hard they tried to grow close to the Lord. Some of the saints lived in the desert. Some of them fasted a lot. A few lived up on top of pillars. Saint David wanted to try harder too.

He wanted to find a way to struggle for Christ.

So, one day, Saint David climbed a tree near his church! He stayed there in wind, storm, rain, and scorching heat for three years straight. He prayed there, and he fasted. He did not want to live a comfortable life, because he thought the struggles helped him remember God.

After three years, he came down and began living in a little room in a monastery. Saint David was a holy man, and many people would come to him for advice and for healing. He would touch people, and God granted healing to many, many people through David’s prayers. Saint David had a very different kind of life than our own! But he shows us how we have to struggle sometimes too. God doesn’t always want us to take the easy path, but God gives us the strength!

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We celebrate this Saint David today, June 26th (OC: July 9th).