



Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
THE WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

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Κυριακή 14η Ιουλίου 2019
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΠΑΤΕΡΩΝ
Αποστ: Τιτον: 3:8-15
Ευαγγ: Ματθαιου: 5:14-19

Sunday of the Holy Fathers
Today's Readings
Epistle: Titus: 3:8-15
Gospel: Matthew 5:14-19

"THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

Jesus said in today's Gospel lesson: "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it underneath a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Jesus is talking our language here. We all like to shine. We are only too willing to have people see our good works and praise us. But here's the hitch. Jesus does not say that people will praise us but our "Father who is in heaven." Our job is to glorify Him and so let our light shine that others will glorify Him too.

"Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them." These are the words of the same Lord who tells us, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Notice that Jesus isn't begging or pleading with his disciples or with us. There is nothing here about trying to become the light of the world. He is simply telling us: "You are the light of the world." This is what God chooses to make of us. This is what He wants us to be. This is how God wants us to be obedient to Him — to bring light to the darkness of the world.

When someone is a disciple of Jesus Christ, they are committed to a way of life that sometimes will stick out like a sore thumb. In their attitude toward other people, in all the ways that a person will act, the real Christian will be visibly different. It's not because we want it that way. It's not that we are trying to get attention. It is because God is calling us to be obedient to Him in ways that cannot be hidden. As you cannot hide a city that is high upon a hill, there is no way that you can hide the kind of obedience that is required of a disciple of Jesus. So, for all of us, in every part of our lives, let the light of Christ shine!

CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

JUNE 17 – AUGUST 3

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

JULY FESTIVALS

St. Sophia, Elgin	Today
St. Demetrios, Libertyville	Today
St. Andrew, Chicago	Today
SS. Constantine & Helen, Merrillville, IN	Today
St. George, Schererville, IN	18-21
Assumption, Homer Glen	19-21
St. Haralambos, Niles	19-21
Sts. Peter & Paul, Glenview	26-27
St. Demetrios, Chicago	26-28



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PALOS HILLS GREEK FEST 2019

Summer has finally arrived and we invite ALL of our families and friends to attend our Parish's annual Greek Festival. We are excited to announce that this year's event will be on Friday, August 16th, Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th. As you know, the Festival always provides a lot of fun and great food for the whole family. This year, there will be NEW rides, games, Greek music and dancing and the BEST FOOD. Support our Parish while having a good time!

Tickets for the drawing will be mailed soon. Every drawing ticket sold helps our Parish and we ask for your help in making this drawing a great success. If anyone needs more tickets, please give the Church office a call.

If you would like to volunteer to help in the preparation, set-up, serving, or transport of food or sweets, or help out in some other way, please contact the Church office.

Ελάτε με την παρέα σας στο πανηγύρι μας!
We look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Please call the Church Office at

(708) 974-3400

With any address, phone number or
e-mail changes

so that we can keep you informed of
Church Services and other events.



Τετάρτη 17η Ιουλίου

ΤΗΣ ΑΓΙΑΣ ΜΑΡΙΝΑΣ

Ώρα 8:00 π.μ.

Ώρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Σαββατο 20η Ιουλίου

ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗ ΗΛΙΑ

Ώρα 8:00 π.μ.

Ώρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή 21η Ιουλίου

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ε΄ ΜΑΤΘΑΙΟΥ

Ώρα 8:30 - 11:15 π.μ.

Ώρθρος, Θεία Λειτουργία



**ΤΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ
ΤΗΣ ΕΝΟΡΙΑΣ ΜΑΣ**



**ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ,
ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ και ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ
16, 17 και 18 ΑΥΓΟΥΣΤΟΥ**



« Η μητέρα
όλων των άρετων
είναι ή προσευχή.
Ώχι μόνον μπορεί
νά καθάρισή
καί να θρέψη,
αλλά καί νά φωτίση. »

- "Οσιος Νεΐλος

ΑΓΙΑ ΜΑΡΙΝΑ ΜΕΓΑΛΟΜΑΡΤΥΡΟΣ

Γεννήθηκε στην Αντιόχεια τής Πισιδίας, στα χρόνια του αυτοκράτορα Κλαυδίου του Β', τὸ 270 μ.Χ. Λίγες μέρες μετὰ τὴ γέννησή της, ἡ μητέρα της πέθανε, καὶ ὁ πατέρας της Αἰδέσιος, ποὺ ἦταν Ἱερέας τῶν εἰδώλων, τὴν ἀνέθεσε σὲ μία χριστιανὴ γυναίκα, ἀπὸ τὴν ὁποία ἡ Μαρίνα διδάχθηκε τὸν Χριστό.

Ὅταν ἔγινε 15 χρονῶν, ἀποκαλύπτει στὸν πατέρα της ὅτι εἶναι χριστιανή. Ἐκπληκτος αὐτὸς ἀπ' αὐτὸ ποὺ ἄκουσε, μὲ μίσος τὴν διέγραψε ἀπὸ παιδί του.

Τὸ γεγονός αὐτό, μαθεύτηκε ἀμέσως καὶ ἔτσι ὁ ἡγεμόνας τῆς περιοχῆς διέταξε νὰ τὴν συλλάβουν καὶ νὰ τὴν φέρουν ἐνώπιόν του. Ἀμέσως θαμπώθηκε ἀπὸ τὴν ὁμορφιά της. Τὴν ρώτησε ποία εἶναι καὶ ποία εἶναι ἡ πίστη της καὶ αὐτὴ τοῦ ἀπάντησε ὅτι ὀνομάζεται Μαρίνα καὶ εἶναι χριστιανὴ καὶ ὅτι εἶναι γέννημα θρέμμα τῆς Πισιδίας. Τότε ὁ ἡγεμόνας προσπάθησε νὰ τὴν πείσει νὰ ἀρνηθεῖ τὴν πίστη της. Ἡ Ἁγία ὁμως δὲν δέχτηκε.

Γιὰ τὸ λόγο αὐτὸ ὁ τύραννος πρόσταξε καὶ τὴν ὑπέβαλαν σὲ βασανιστήρια φρικτὰ καὶ ἀφοῦ τὶς κατέσκισαν τὶς σάρκες, τὴν ἔριξαν στὴν φυλακή.

Μέσα στὴν φυλακὴ μάλιστα συνέβη τὸ ἐξῆς: ὁ διάβολος μεταμορφωμένος σὲ ἄγριο δράκοντα, προσπάθησε νὰ κάνει τὴν Ἁγία νὰ φοβηθεῖ. Αὐτὴ ὁμως προσευχήθηκε στὸν Θεὸ καὶ ἀμέσως ὁ δράκοντας ἄλλαξε μορφή καὶ ἔγινε ἕνας μαῦρος σκύλος καὶ τότε ἡ Ἁγία ἄρπαξε ἕνα σφυρὶ καὶ χτυπώντας τὸν στὸ κεφάλι καὶ τὴν ράχη τὸν ταπείνωσε. Στὴ συνέχεια ὁ ἡγεμόνας διέταξε καὶ τὴν ἔφεραν πάλι μπροστὰ του. Παρὰ τὶς πιέσεις του, ἡ ἁγία παρέμεινε ἀκλόνητη.

Ἔτσι ὑποβλήθηκε σὲ νέα βασανιστήρια μέχρι ποὺ ἀποκεφαλίστηκε λαμβάνοντας τὸν στέφανο τοῦ μαρτυρίου.

Πηγή: <http://www.profitisillas.gr/enoria>

Ο ΠΡΟΦΗΤΗΣ ΗΛΙΑΣ

Ο Ηλίας ο Θεσβίτης ἦταν Ἰσραηλίτης προφήτης τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ἦταν γιος τοῦ Σάβακ καὶ καταγόταν ἀπὸ ἕνα χωριὸ τῆς ευρύτερης περιοχῆς τῆς Γαλαάδ ποῦ πιθανόν ὀνομαζόταν Θεσβη. Ο βασιλιάς Αχαάβ, κατὰ τὴ βασιλεία τοῦ οποίου ἔζησε ὁ Προφήτης Ηλίας, καταδίωξε τὴν πατρώα θρησκεία. Ο Προφήτης Ηλίας ἦταν πιστὸς στὸν Γιαχβέ, καὶ μάλιστα ἔδειχνε τέτοιο ζήλο, ποῦ θανάτωσε καὶ ὅλους τοὺς ἱερεῖς τοῦ Βάαλ, χωρὶς νὰ δείξει ἔλεος, γι' αὐτὸ καὶ ἡ γυναίκα τοῦ Αχαάβ, Ιεζάβελ, ἠθέλε νὰ τὸν σκοτώσει. Ο Προφήτης Ηλίας ἐπειδὴ φοβήθηκε τὴν Ιεζάβελ, ἔφυγε με τὰ πόδια μέσα στὴν ἔρημο ἀπὸ τὸ Κάρμηλο ὄρος, καὶ ἔφτασε μέχρι τὸ ὄρος Χωρήβ στὴ χερσόνησο τοῦ Σινά. Εκεί κρύφτηκε σὲ ἕνα σπήλαιο.

Στὸν προφήτη Ηλία, ἀποδίδονται ὀρισμένα θαύματα. Κατὰ τὴν Βίβλο κατέβασε τρεῖς φορές φωτιά ἀπὸ τὸν οὐρανὸ (Βασιλειῶν Γ ιη' 39). Κατὰ τὸ ἴδιο βιβλίο, ὁ Ηλίας με τὴ γλώσσα τοῦ ἐμπόδισε τὴ βροχὴ καὶ δὲν ἔβρεξε ὁ οὐρανὸς γιὰ τρεισὴμισὶ χρόνια. Ἐπίσης τοῦ ἀποδίδεται ἡ ἀνάσταση τοῦ νεκροῦ γιου τῆς Σαραφθίας χήρας. Αναφέρεται ὅτι στὸ ὄρος Χωρήβ εἶδε τὸν Θεό. Ἡ παράδοση θέλει τὸν Ηλία νὰ μὴν ἔχει πεθάνει, ἀλλὰ νὰ ἔχει ἀνεληφθεῖ με πύρινη ἄμαξα στὸν οὐρανὸ, ἀφοῦ ἄφησε συνεχιστὴ τοῦ ἔργου τοῦ μαθητῆ του, Ελισαῖο. Τέλος, στὴ Μεταμόρφωση τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, κατὰ τὴν Βίβλο, στάθηκε δίπλα τοῦ μαζί με τὸν Μωϋσῆ.

Στις 20 Ἰουλίου, κατὰ τὴν ὀρθόδοξη παράδοση, εορτάζεται ἡ μνήμη τοῦ προφήτου. Οἱ ὀρθόδοξοι δὲν εορτάζουν τὴν κοίμησή του, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἀνάληψή του.

<https://el.wikipedia.org/wiki/>

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Wednesday, July 17:

Feastday of St. Marina

8:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Saturday, July 20:

Feastday of Prophet Elias

8:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, July 21

5th Sunday of Matthew

8:30-11:15 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

DOES YOUR COMPANY OFFER MATCHING GIFTS?

Many companies offer matching gifts to their employee's donations, if your business does, please contact Fr. Tom for more information or to prepare any paperwork that is required.

HANDY PEOPLE NEEDED

Our parish is always looking for people with skills in the areas of plumbing, electrical or carpentry. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help us reduce our facility expenses. Please contact the church office at 708-974-3400 if you can help us.

Would you like to host Fellowship/Coffee Hour?

...a time to gather with our Parish Family

As it has been our tradition for many years, each week, following the Divine Liturgy, we gather in our East Room for coffee and snacks. If you would like to host the Fellowship Hour, please contact the church office at (708) 974-3400 or email Fr Tom at Tomdemed@aol.com

† MEMORIALS †

9 Days	Leonidas Sirigas
40 Days	Anastasia Samouris
40 Days	Nikolaos Niarchos
1 Year	George Chronis
1 Year	Christine Sverkounas
3 Years	John Janis Kotsogiannis
20 Years	Theodore Laris

*Deceased Members of the
Pan-Icarian Brotherhood – Chapter Fourtrides*

† May their memory be eternal †

ARTOCLASIA

Today's Artoclasia was held for the health of the officers and members of the Pan-Icarian Brotherhood - Chapter Fourtrides and the Independence of Icaria celebrated every year on July 17th.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP / LUNCHEON

The family of *John Janis Kotsogiannis* invite all the faithful to join them for a luncheon following Divine Liturgy this morning.

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See you...

...Next SUNDAY!