



Archangel Michael Church

Η Εκκλησία του Αρχαγγέλου Μιχαήλ

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Ἦχος δ' / Fourth Mode ~ 2nd Morning Gospel/ Ἐωθινὸν Β'
September 19th, 2021 ~ Sunday after the Cross

The Sign of the Holy Cross

When we consider the sign of the Holy Cross, we often simply think of what we have inherited, but as discussed last week, this sign was prefigured and shown for centuries before the actual Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord. The Lord gave us many of these throughout the Old Testament and even in the rest of the world. Our God is the God of all people so within different cultures elements of our True Lord, Jesus Christ is seen. This is sometimes most evident in the sign of the Cross. The Greeks had it in the shape that Prometheus was tied down and the Chinese have the cross which means perfection or ten. With all of this background considered, God since time eternal has intended to direct our gaze towards the Cross and the Life-saving work of Jesus. However, we marginalize Him and all that He did. We say all Gods are the same or that all religions lead to the same destination. Really, we all are made by the same God and we are His beautiful creatures, but we have been given one path, that of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Cross. The last example we will leave off with is the sign that is shown through Moses in the Israelites' victory over the Amelakites. The Jews came across a foreign enemy while they were still traveling in the desert and they were engaged in battle. When Moses realized they were losing, which was not typical, the Lord instructed him to extend his arms out over the battlefield and the Jews began to win. This of course made the sign of the Cross. Whenever Moses' arms would get tired they would begin to lose again. And so two younger men went on either side to hold his arms extended. They were Aaron and Or. Of course, in Greek this was spelled with Alpha and Omega. The Cross is our beginning and our end; our salvation.



Τὸ Σημεῖο τοῦ Σταυροῦ

Ὁ σταυρός, λέει ὁ ἱερός Χρυσόστομος, «ἀνείλε τὴν ἁμαρτίαν, καθάρσιον τῆς οἰκουμένης ἐγένετο, καταλλαγὴ χρονίας ἔχθρας, ἀνέωξε τοῦ οὐρανοῦ τὰς πύλας, τοὺς μισουμένους φίλους ἐποίησεν, εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπανήγαγεν, ἐν δεξιᾷ τοῦ θρόνου ἐκάθισε τὴν ἡμετέραν φύσιν, μυρία ἕτερα παρέσχεν ἡμῖν ἀγαθὰ». Ἔτσι ἐξηγεῖται γιὰ τὴν πεποίθησιν τῶν χριστιανῶν θεωρεῖ τὸν τίμιον Σταυρὸν «θέλημα τοῦ Πατρὸς, δόξα τοῦ Μονογενοῦς, ἀγαλλίαμα τοῦ Πνεύματος, κόσμημα τῶν ἀγγέλων, ἀσφάλεια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, καύχημα τοῦ Παύλου, τεῖχος τῶν ἁγίων, φῶς ὅλης τῆς οἰκουμένης». Παρόλο ὅτι στὴν ἐποχὴ μας φαίνεται πῶς «ἡ τοῦ κόσμου σοφία τὰ πρωτεῖα φέρεται, παρωσαμένη τὸ καύχημα τοῦ σταυροῦ», ἐντούτοις θὰ συμφωνήσουμε ἀπόλυτα μὲ τὴ διαπίστωση ἔγκυρου θεολόγου ποὺ ἔγραψε: «Ἀπὸ ὅλους τοὺς θησαυροὺς ποὺ ἀνωρύχθησαν ἀπὸ τὰ σπλάγχνα τῆς γῆς ἢ θὰ ἀνορυχθοῦν στὸ μέλλον, δὲν ὑπάρχει ἀσφαλῶς πιδ πολῦτιμος ἀπὸ τὸν Σταυρὸν τοῦ Κυρίου, ποὺ ἡ ἁγία αὐτοκράτειρα Ἑλένη ἀνέστυρε στὸ ψῶς τοῦ ἡλίου. Ὁ Σταυρὸς εἶναι τὸ καύχημα τῆς χριστιανοσύνης. Τὸ πανάκριβο κόσμημα ποὺ ἔλαβε σὰν δῶρο καὶ σὰν ἀπόδειξι τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ ἀπὸ τὸν θεῖο Νυμφίου τῆς ἡ Ἐκκλησία... Αὐτὸ τὸ σύμβολο τῆς ἀτιμώσεως καὶ τῆς καταδίκης, ποὺ προκαλοῦσε φρίκη στοὺς ἀρχαίους λαοὺς, ἀπέβη, μὲ τὸν θάνατον τοῦ Σωτῆρος πάνω του, ἡ πηγὴ τῆς χαρᾶς, τῆς δυνάμεως καὶ τῆς δόξης. Ἐγινε τὸ κλειδί, μὲ τὸ ὁποῖο ὁ ἐξωσμένος Ἀδὰμ ξανάνοιξε τὴς πύλες τῆς Ἑδέμ... Τὸ πανίσχυρο ὄπλο, μὲ τὸ ὁποῖο κατατροπώνονται οἱ δυνάμεις τοῦ κακοῦ. Τὸ κατάρτι, πάνω στὸ ὁποῖο ἰσαρίσθησε σὰν πανὶ ἡ περγαμηνὴ τοῦ Εὐαγγελίου, γιὰ νὰ γίνῃ κατορθωτὸς ὁ πλοῦς τῆς ἀνθρωπότητος πρὸς τὸ λιμάνι τῆς ἄνω ζωῆς... Ὁ Σταυρὸς, ἡ ὠραιότης τῆς Ἐκκλησίας, Ὅπως τὸν ἀποκαλεῖ ἓνα τροπᾶριο, ἄς γίνῃ ἡ ὁμορφιὰ τῆς ζωῆς τοῦ καθενός μας. Αὐτὸς πράγματι εἶναι ἡ ὕλη, ποὺ πάνω της συνέθεσε ἡ θεῖα ἀγάπη τὸ ἀριστούργημα τῆς ἀπολυτρώσεως. Χωρὶς αὐτὸν εἶναι ἀδύνατον νὰ τὸ κάνει δικό του ὁ καθένας».

ΣΥΝΑΞΑΡΙΟΝ

Κυριακή μετά τὴν Ὑψωσιν. Τὴν Μνήμην τῶν ἁγίων Μαρτύρων Τροφίμου, Σαββατίου, καὶ Δορυμέδοντος. τοῦ Πλάτωνος Νεομάρτυς τοῦ Πάτμου.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος, καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Κοντάκιον τοῦ Μνημοσύνου

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθός τοῦ (της, τῶν) δούλου (ης, ὠν) σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτ (εν) (εν) (ον) συγχώρησον* οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰμὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τ(ῶ) (ῆ) (οῖς) μεταστά(ν)τι (ση) (σι) δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυση.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τῶν Ταξιαρχῶν

Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγοι, δυσωποῦμεν ὑμᾶς ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς ὑμῶν δεήσεσι, τειχίσητε ἡμᾶς, σκέπη τῶν πτερύγων, τῆς αὐλοῦ ὑμῶν δόξης, φρουροῦντες ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λυτρώσασθε ἡμᾶς, ὡς Ταξιαρχαὶ τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Αἰκατερίνης Μεγαλομάρτυρος

Τὴν πανεύφημον νύμφην Χριστοῦ υμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεϊαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινά, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομπσοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πάσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ ὑψωθεὶς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ ἐκουσίως, τῇ ἐπωνύμῳ σου καινῇ πολιτείᾳ τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου δώρησαι, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· εὐφρανὸν ἐν τῇ δυνάμει σου τοὺς πιστοὺς βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, νίκας χορηγῶν αὐτοῖς κατὰ τῶν πολεμιῶν· τὴν συμμαχίαν ἔχοιεν τὴν σὴν, ὄπλον εἰρήνης, ἀήττητον τρόπαιον.

SYNAXARION

The Sunday after the Cross. We commemorate the the holy martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius, and Dorymedon. The Holy New Martyr Plato of Patmos.

Apolytikion

When the tidings of the resurrection from the glorious angel, was proclaimed unto the women disciples and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore and Christ Our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of the Feast of the Cross

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, grant victory to the faithful against the adversaries of the faith and protect your people, by the power of Your Cross.

Kontakion of the Memorial

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant(s), and forgive every sin he (she, they) have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Hymn of the Archangels (4th Mode)

Supreme Commanders of the Hosts of the Heavens, * we, the unworthy, importune and beseech you * that by your supplications ye encircle us * in the shelter of the wings * of your immaterial glory, * guarding us who now fall down * and cry to you with fervor: * Deliver us from dangers of all kinds, * as the Great Marshals of the heavenly hosts on high.

Apolytikion of Great Martyr Catherine

Let us praise the all-lauded and noble bride of Christ, * the godly Catherine, the guardian of Sinai and its defense, * who is also our support and succor and our help; * for with the Holy Spirit's sword * she hath silenced brilliantly the clever among the godless; * and being crowned as a Martyr, she now doth ask great mercy for us all.

Kontakion (4th Mode)

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions, upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

Scripture Readings for Today

Sunday after Holy Cross

Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μάρκον 8:34-38, 9:1 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Εἰ τις θέλει ὀπίσω μου ἐλθεῖν, ἀπαρνησάσθω ἑαυτὸν καὶ ἀράτω τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἀκολουθείτω μοι. ὃς γὰρ ἂν θέλη τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ σῶσαι, ἀπολέσει αὐτήν· ὃς δ' ἂν ἀπολέσῃ τὴν ἑαυτοῦ ψυχὴν ἕνεκεν ἐμοῦ καὶ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, οὗτος σώσει αὐτήν. τί γὰρ ὠφελήσει ἄνθρωπον εἰάν κερδήσῃ τὸν κόσμον ὅλον, καὶ ζημιωθῇ τὴν ψυχὴν αὐτοῦ; ἢ τί δώσει ἄνθρωπος ἀντάλλαγμα τῆς ψυχῆς αὐτοῦ; ὃς γὰρ εἰάν ἐπαισχυνηθῇ με καὶ τοὺς ἐμοὺς λόγους ἐν τῇ γενεᾷ ταύτῃ τῇ μοιχαλίδι καὶ ἁμαρτωλῷ, καὶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπαισχυνηθήσεται αὐτὸν ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἐν τῇ δόξῃ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ μετὰ τῶν ἀγγέλων τῶν ἁγίων. Καὶ ἔλεγεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι εἰσὶ τινες τῶν ὧδε ἐστηκότων, οἵτινες οὐ μὴ γεύσονται θανάτου ἕως ἂν ἴδωσι τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐληλυθυῖαν ἐν δυνάμει.

The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

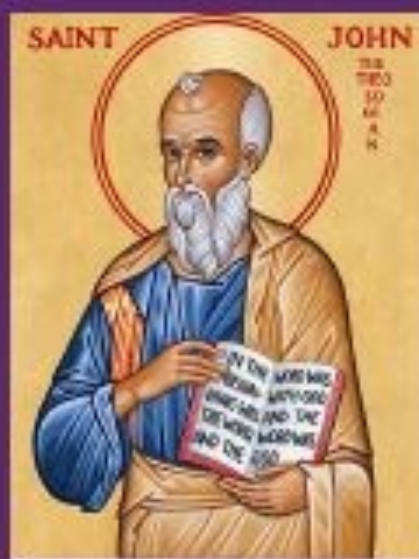
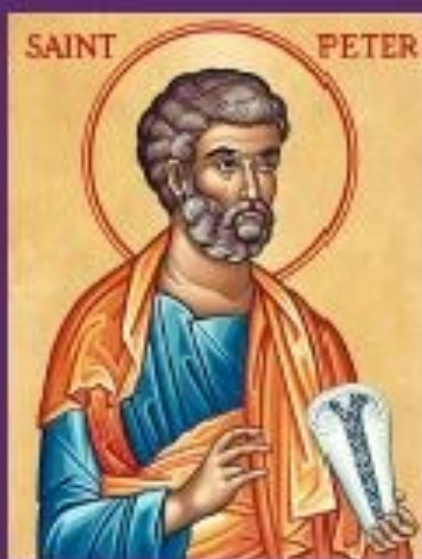
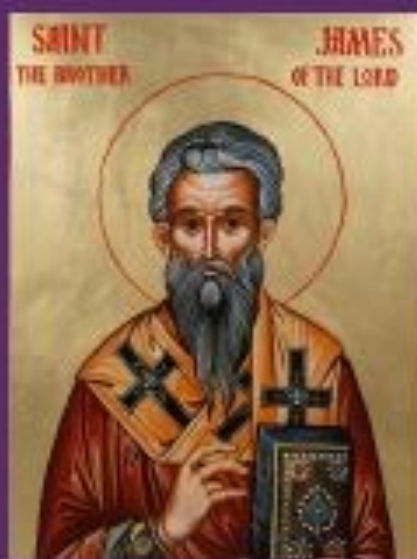




AMC BIBLE STUDY

EVERY 3RD & 4TH WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

WEDNESDAY 10AM PARAKLESIS & 11AM BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY 7PM VESPERS & 7:30PM BIBLE STUDY



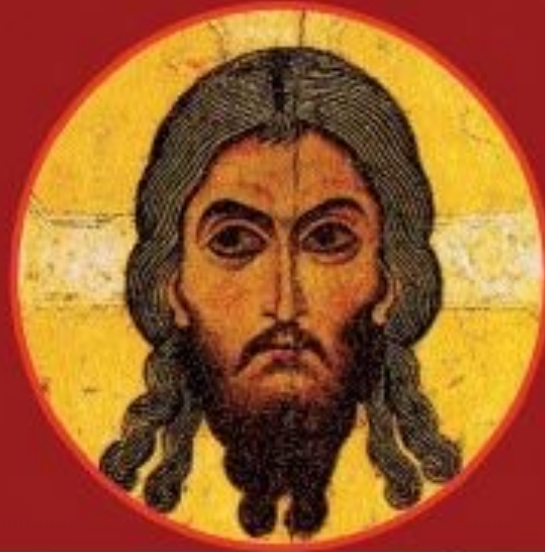
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by St Nicholas Cabasilas

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**WEDNESDAY (10 AM PARAKLESIS & 11 AM BOOK CLUB)
AND
THURSDAY (7 PM VESPERS & 7:30 PM BOOK CLUB)**

Saints of the Week:

TODAY, Sunday, September 19th ~ Sunday After the Cross

Monday, September 20th ~ St. Eustathios and Family

Tuesday, September 21st ~ Apodosis of the Elevation,
St. Quadratus the Apostle

Wednesday, September 22nd ~ St. Phocas, Bishop of Sinope

Thursday, September 23rd ~ Conception of St. John the Baptist,
Sts. Xanthippe & Polyxene

Friday, September 24th ~ St. Thekla, Equal-to-the-Apostles,
St. Silouan of Athos

Saturday, September 25th ~
St. Euphrosyne of Alexandria,
St. Paphnoutios & his 546
Companions

Sunday, September 26th ~

Falling Asleep of St. John the
Theologian (to the right)



Today's 40-Day Blessing:

*Today for the first time, we welcome
Billie Christiana,
daughter of Constantine & Athena Caviris
May God Bless!*

Today's Memorials:

- ~ 6 months for Klio Katsigiorgis
- ~ 1 year for Frederiki Gerazounis
- ~ 3 years for Nicolaos Papaioannou
- ~ 6 years for Irene Candemeres
- ~ 8 years for Michael Katsigiorgis

May their memory be eternal!



Upcoming Worship Services:

**Thursday, September 23rd ~
Conception of St. John the Baptist**



**Sunday, September 26th ~
Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian
Orthros 8:00 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30 am**

Upcoming Events:

**September
24th to 26th!**

**AMC Greek
Festival
on the Harbor**





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Philoptochos News!



The Archangel Michael Ladies Philoptochos

Fall Shoe Drive

Time to Recycle and Repurpose

September 15 – November 15, 2021

Make a World of Difference

HELP PROVIDE SHOES, SNEAKERS, SANDALS, BOOTS TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND TO THOSE IN NEED IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.



ALL SHOES COLLECTED WILL BE DONATED TO THE **Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.**

SHOES SHOULD BE CLEAN, IN WEARABLE CONDITION, AND NOT IN NEED OF REPAIR.
PAIR THE SHOES TOGETHER WITH A STRING OR RUBBER BAND.
COLLECTION BINS WILL BE PLACED OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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Instructor Maria Mavrikou
Tuesday Mornings
9:30am - 10:30am
 Oct: 5, 12, 19, 26 | Nov: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Dec: 7, 14, 21 | Jan: 4, 11, 18

Bring a water bottle, a mat and your kefti!

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A minimum of 12 to register by October 1st is required in order to run this class. Once minimum is met, walk ins are welcomed!

Fabulous Finds now being accepted!

GREEK ARCHANGEL MICHAEL CHURCH PRESENTS THE 2021 **FESTIVAL** **ON THE HARBOR**SM

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SAT, SEPT. 25, NOON-11PM
SUN, SEPT. 26, NOON-8PM

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