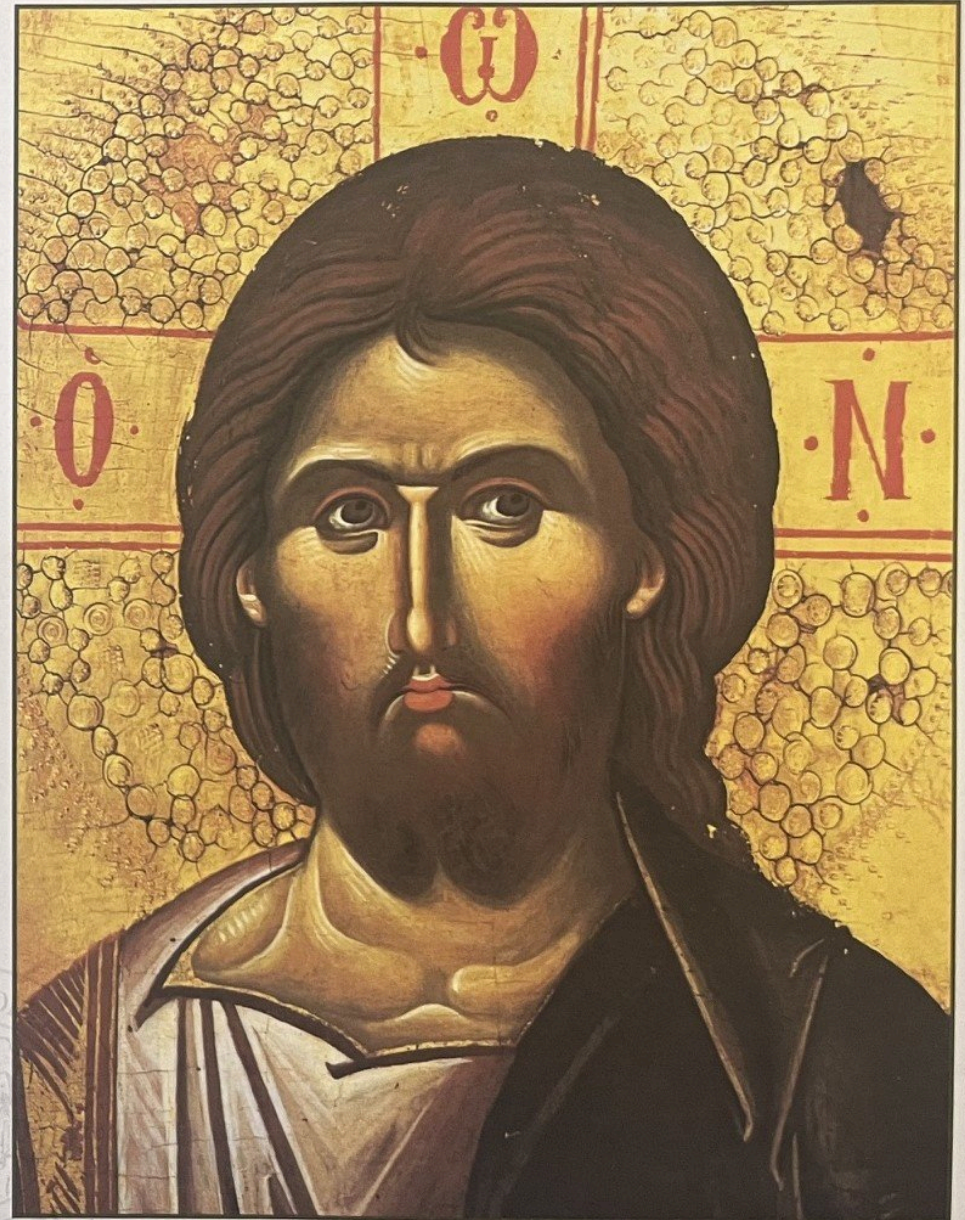


## "MEN BEHAVING GODLY"

In the early 90's, there was a popular sitcom on British TV called "Men Behaving Badly." It was so popular in that later on in the decade an American version of the show was created as well. The program centered around two men who fit the stereotype of the perception that many have of the modern male: their lives were centered on watching football, drinking beer and, for the most part, being rude and obnoxious! Quite honestly - and quite sadly - there are a lot of men who like that image! Today is FATHER'S DAY, and in today's world, we certainly don't need "men behaving badly." On the contrary, what we need is "men behaving godly." Wives need godly men. Children need godly men. Communities need godly men. Churches need godly men.

A godly man is one who realizes his responsibilities to his wife and his children. He understands that being kind, sensitive and loving are not signs of weakness, but rather signs of strength. He also knows that teaching his children to pray and teaching them about Christ and His Church are not things that only a mother should be doing. Yes, a godly man is someone who recognizes that the example he sets will shape and mold the character of his children, and will be passed down for generations to come. St. Paul writes in his letter to the Ephesians: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training of the Lord." Psalm 112 also offers some sound advice on how a man should act godly: "A good man deals graciously and lends to others. He will guide his affairs with discretion. Surely a good and righteous man will never be shaken." So Fathers . . . don't be afraid to be godly men. We can be MANLY and GODLY at the same time!

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Saturday Great Vespers 6:00 p.m. - Sunday Orthros 9:15 a.m.

Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m. - Confessions: By Appointment

**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026**

**TONE 2 / EOTHINON 3**

## RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE TWO

When Thou didst submit Thyself unto death, O Thou deathless and immortal One, then Thou didst destroy hell with Thy Godly power. And when Thou didst raise the dead from beneath the earth, all the powers of Heaven did cry aloud unto Thee: O Christ, Thou giver of life, glory to Thee.

## APOLYTIKION OF ST. GEORGE IN TONE FOUR

As deliver of Captives: And defender of the Poor, Healer of the Infirm, champion of Kings, Victorious Great Martyr George, Intercede with Christ our God for our souls' salvation.

## ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

## We Celebrate Today

On June 21 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate the holy **Martyr Julian of Tarsus**.

### *Verses*

Bearing Julian as goods worthy of Heaven,

The sack into the midst of the sea doth plummet.

On the twenty-first, Julian in a sack was sacrificed.

Of a noble senatorial family, Julian was only 18 years old when he was taken to trial for the Faith. But Julian was already educated and resolute in Christian faith and devotion. The imperial governor took him from city to city for a whole year, torturing him all the while and attempting to persuade him to renounce Christ. The governor seized Julian's mother and sent her to urge her son to renounce Christ. She spent three days in prison with him, giving him precisely the opposite advice, teaching him to go to his death with courage and gratitude to God. His torturers then sewed Julian into a sack of sand with scorpions and snakes and threw him into the sea, and his mother also died under torture. The waves carried Julian's body onto the shore, and the faithful took it to Alexandria, where they buried it in 290. His relics were later taken to Antioch.

On this day, we also commemorate the **Martyr Aphrodisius of Cilicia**; and **New-martyr Nikita of Nisyros** near Rhodes. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**+Healing & Recovery** Bishop Nicholas. Fr. Paul Yerger. Deacon Terry. Kh. Janet Henderson. Joy Logue. Dolores Nosser. Rick Collins. George Michael Nasif. Lynne Abraham. Pam Smith. Irene Tzotzolas. Michael Farris. Athena. Georgia. Andrea Simon. Chuck Abraham. Carla Leese. Rex Whiteaker. Drew Anderton.

**+Birthdays & Anniversaries, June** Gloria Dornbusch, Steve Angelo (22). Irene Tzotzolas, John & Misty Jabour (23), Gregory & Nancy Thomas, Christian Thomas (26), Thomas Henry Antwine (27), Brian West (28), Jaime Thomas (30).

**+The Apostles Lent** started on Monday June 08 till Sunday June 29. We observe the traditional fasting discipline, with permission for seafoods & wine Except on Wednesday & Friday.

**+Feast of the Apostles Peter & Paul.** Monday June 29

**+The Archdiocese 23<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Clergy Symposium @ the Antiochian Village July 20-24.**

*"The Shepherd Knows His Sheep: Reading the Parish, Serving the Flock"*

**Guest Speakers** His Eminence Metropolitan Jacob of Buenos Aires and All Argentine, and Dr.

Tarek Mitri "Deputy Prime Minister of Lebanon and President of Saint George University of Beirut."

**+The Apostle Lent** The Lenten season in honor of the 12 Apostles is a bit confusing at times for it is a "flexible season" in that it always ends on a fixed date (June 29) but begins on the Monday that follows All Saints Day, which is a moveable date each year based on the date of Pascha. When Pascha is normally in mid to late April, the Apostles Lent is only a few days in length. When Easter is in early April, as with this year, then the Apostles Lent is longer. When Pascha is late, there is no Apostles Lent at all.

The faithful are urged to observe the usual food abstinence, expanded prayer and alms giving guideline as with the other fasting seasons the year. The Apostles Lent takes the flavor of the first part of the Christmas Advent Lenten season (Nov 15-Dec 12) in that weddings are permitted. The guideline on restricted food is the "lighter" fasting in that only Weds and Frid are held as strict fast days and the observance of the Nativity of John the Baptist (June 24) is always a light fast (fish is permitted) no matter what day it falls on.

Let us rejoice in the ministry of these 12 great men that began the spread of Christianity to the far corners of the earth. Let us remember their sacrifice by our own sacrifice and discipline during the preparatory days ahead in which we are called upon to focus on their commitment and devotion to the Lord's commandments.

## The Church Fathers Teach

**How mistaken are those people who seek happiness outside of themselves, in foreign lands and journeys, in riches and glory, in great possessions and pleasures, in diversions and vain things, which have a bitter end! In the same thing to construct the tower of happiness outside of ourselves as it is to build a house in a place that is consistently shaken by earthquakes. Happiness is found within ourselves, and blessed is the man who has understood this. Happiness is a pure heart, for such a heart becomes the throne of God.**

(St. Nektarios of Aegina, Path to Happiness, 1)

# DIVINE LITURGY JUNE 21, 2026

“DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM”

## THE EPISTLE

(For Third Sunday after Pentecost)

*The Lord is my strength and my song. The Lord has chastened me severely.*

**The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (5:1-10)**

Brethren, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

## The GOSPEL

(For Third Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (6:22-33)**

The Lord said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is evil, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore, I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink; nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not the soul more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of heaven: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his stature? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon himself in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.”