



# The Net

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## July 26 St. Paraskevi



St Paraskevi was born in Rome about 140 AD of Greek Christian parents. Her father, Agathon was rich and her mother, Politia, had many attributes, the greatest of which was her charitability. They prayed to God to bless them with a child which they would raise in a true Christian atmosphere. Their prayers were answered with the birth of a girl and because she was born on the sixth day of the week, they named her Paraskevi, the Greek word for Friday.

What impressed Paraskevi the most was not her parents' guidance, but the Christian life which they led. She knew from a young age, the way of life she would one day lead. She obtained her education from secular books and from the Scriptures. Bolstered by her Christian upbringing and philosophy, she often conversed with other women about Christianity, trying to strengthen their faith in this new religion.

Many noblemen wanted to marry this beautiful, educated and rich woman. Her understanding and kindness made her even more desirable, but having a higher goal in life, Paraskevi rejected any marriage proposals.

When she was 20 years old, both her parents died. Filled with the spirit of Christ and Christian ideals, she sold all her worldly goods and dispersed most of her money among the poor. The remainder was contributed to a community treasury which supported a home for young virgins and widows who had dedicated their lives to the teachings of Christianity. These women had, however, strayed far from the word of the Gospel and, therefore, Paraskevi remained in this home for many years and taught them the true meaning of Christianity.

This was not enough for her, however, and unprotected she went out to teach the way of Christ, knowing that death was waiting for her at the end of her journey. It was during this period that the Jews and Romans persecuted the new religion with the greatest intensity.

### **Apolytikion of Martyr Paraskevi in the First Mode**

Appropriate to your calling, O Champion Paraskevi, you worshipped with the readiness your name bears. For an abode you obtained faith, which is your namesake. Wherefore, you pour forth healing and intercede for our souls.



## Happy Anniversary

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August 1 will mark our one-year anniversary together. It's been quite a year!

Sadly, the coronavirus has robbed us of precious time, and I know it has caused a great deal of frustration among us. One of the most challenging aspects is that we are, indeed, still getting to know one another, which makes difficult times especially difficult. The COVID-19 epidemic has been an unprecedentedly difficult time. The Metropolis, and I also, were asking a lot of you, to not come to Liturgy, not even to the parish, and to live your Christian lives away from the church building. All of this was foreign to you and painful. Nevertheless, you trusted me when I asked you to, and continued to support all of us who worked to keep the community running. I can't express how grateful I am for your help.

I'm thankful for the time we've had together so far this year. I've listened to many of your stories, shared some of your joys and sorrows, and learned a lot about your strengths and hopes for the future. I'm excited about year two, about what types of ministries we will have in 12 months. I am particularly excited to start a robust adult education program. We had a class in May, and because it went so well, I'm holding another in August. I hope to have regular classes and explore other activities, not just for adults but also for our families. Either way: we need all the help we can get, so don't be a stranger!

Thank you for your love and support of my family and my ministry. Many doors have been opened for us here in Steubenville; we're glad to call it home, and we look forward to serving, as a whole parish community, the entire Ohio Valley.

In Christ,

*Fr. Matthew*



## HOLY TRINITY ADULT EDUCATION

## MEDITATIONS ON THE MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesdays in August  
Paraklesis: 6pm  
Class: 7pm

## THE PRESIDENTS' PAGE



### Happy Summer!

Beloved parishioners of Holy Trinity welcome to July! Kalo Mena! Xristos Anesti!

As we continue on with the pandemic restrictions and the now Green Phase of our coming back to worship at Holy Trinity, a continued thanks to everyone for their patience as we now are able to allow up to 50% of our sanctuary's capacity into our church for Divine Liturgy.

We are working diligently to make it always fair and safe as it possibly can be for everyone and so far it has gone very well. Please continue to follow the rules of distancing sitting with close family members only. Face masks are mandatory as well so please continue to wear these. Thank you to Maria and Greg Matzorkis as well as Presbytera Jennifer and Adeline, Beatrice and Katherine for helping chant over the past several months when we were restricted and in the early phases and welcome back Cantors Erma Rangos and Tony Demitras, it's great to hear those beautiful sounds echo through our sanctuary. As with last month many that have shown a desire to attend church, though many have also preferred to stay away for the time being and that's perfectly fine. There's no right or wrong here, it is solely based on your personal comfort. This arrangement will change as the pandemic changes so our hope is the numbers stay the same or even drop so that we can continue to worship together. Many churches have yet to open and are in more restricted phases of re-opening so I feel glad that we have chosen to stay ahead by following the rules set forth by our local health authorities and our Metropolis. Though in the interim, and for those of you who cannot attend or desire not to, please continue to watch our services live every Wednesday and Sunday at [www.holytrinitystb.org/live](http://www.holytrinitystb.org/live)

Also look at our renovated website that Fr. Matthew has worked on so diligently [www.holytrinitystb.org](http://www.holytrinitystb.org) and surf through the many pages of information, church calendars schedules and updates.

I am enclosing pictures again from the work performed on the bell tower that didn't make last months printing for your review. Work has been completed with the renovation of the roof and interior of the bell tower and I am pleased to say it has been restored to a pristine condition that will give us many years of protection and life. Also I am thrilled to announce that our bell is once again working and the sound of that special chime brings back many memories for all of us. I am sure Vavula is smiling down upon us all.. ✝



The festival planning continues and soon we will be asking for some help in cleaning certain areas of the hall that are now vacant and available for storage after the removal of onsite catering. Please help us in either calling myself, Angela Mastro or Marlane Figurski or Cindy at the office to sign up.

The kitchen donations are continuing to roll in though we have a way to go. Please consider helping this beautiful project that has taken away from our investment account in giving to help replenish our savings.

Online giving is always available and now makes it easier than ever to give to Holy Trinity. Go to our church website at <http://www.holytrinitystb.org/online-giving/>; in order to access online giving and following the easy directions.

Please continue to pray for the sick who have contracted this horrible disease and for the families of the many that have lost their lives throughout the world and here in our country. Please also continue your prayers for our sick here within our church family.

I also would like to acknowledge the great dental team of Dr Richard and Angie Mahfood for their many years of dedicated service to our area making many people's lives healthier and better. Enjoy your retirement Richard and Angie and many years.. ✝

As always, thank you all for all that you do in helping make Holy Trinity great, it takes a village and each and everyone of you makes an enormous difference! Happy Independence Day!

In closing let us remember:

**1 John 4:7**

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God..."

Much love and blessings ✝

Tony

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

The following people will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of July and August.

**JULY**

Nicholas Terezis	7-03	Maria Matzorkis	7-22
Marianne Balakos	7-10	Nicholas Riley	7-22
Jordan Karvounides	7-10	Barbara Maragos	7-24
Judith Dines	7-11	Costa Mastros	7-24
Manuella Petrides	7-12	Frank Vostatek	7-26
Andoni Demitras	7-13	Mary Al Kaed	7-30
Nicholas Kotsanis	7-16	Adeline Moore	7-30
Marino Alexander	7-19	George Shea	7-31

**AUGUST**

Marie Kamarados	8-04	Joyce Locascio	8-17
Pauline Panagis	8-06	Jackie Strovilas	8-18
George Parikakis	8-08	Christopher Vogagis	8-21
Mary Ann Pappas	8-09	Anne-Charissa Halkias	8-21
Nikolas Kamarados	8-10	Katherine Riley	8-22
Neove Young	8-12	Levani Balakos	8-23
Anastasia Mastros	8-14	Alivia Vostatek	8-23
Paul Mastros	8-14	Vasile Matzorkis	8-24
Sophia Mastros	8-14	Anthony Mougianis	8-26
Marianthi Halkias	8-14	Christina Kotsanis	8-28
Carole Caleodis	8-15	Anastasia Kotsanis	8-29
Maria Kamarados	8-15	Nicholas Strovilas	8-29
Stelianna Tsouris	8-15		

If you have been omitted from any birthday month and would like to be included; please let us know by emailing the office at [office@holytrinitystb.org](mailto:office@holytrinitystb.org) or by calling the office at 740-282-9835.

**NEW FESTIVAL DATES**

The festival committee would like to announce the new dates for the festival: October 7-9. More details to follow. We would also like to thank the people that have sent in ads for the festival. We are still accepting ads for the book, placemat and banners until the new deadline of August 15. We would appreciate your support. Please send ads and money to the church. If you have any questions, please call Rikki Kamarados or Paula Riley.

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The General Assembly meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 12, 2020. The meeting will take place after Liturgy.

**HOW WE HAVE HELPED THE COMMUNITY**



The Friendship Room recently said they had several clients who needed a small air conditioning unit for their apartments. Through the generosity of the local and Metropolis Philoptochos, as well as a number of other kind souls, Holy Trinity purchased 15 window air conditioning units. That means our community has helped 15 households to stay cooler this summer, and cooler positively affects many aspects of our lives.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project happen. Thank you to everyone who works in the Philoptochos gyro sales, and those who donate towards Father's Agape fund. It's through all this generosity we're able to care for the poor in our city.

**PHILOPTOCHOS**

Philoptochos President, Angie Mahfood, reported that the Philoptochos made contributions to the Trinity Emergency Assistance Relief Fund and the Mid-Atlantic Connection for PKU. President Mahfood wishes everyone a safe and happy Summer. She also sends much love, blessings and prayers to the Philoptochos members and all the Holy Trinity family.

# **Parish Assembly Meeting**

## **Sunday, July 12, 2020**

### **11:30 a.m.**

#### **Vision Statement**

The Vision of the Parish of Holy Trinity is to be the Living, Breathing, Loving, Eucharistic Community of Christ and the Apostles revealed in our lifetime.

#### **Agenda**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Nominations and Elections of General Assembly Officers
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Update on Kitchen Fundraising
5. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update
6. Festival Update
7. Bell Tower Update
8. Update on Payroll Protection
9. Good of the Order
10. Closing Prayer

#### **NOTES:**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
**Parish Assembly Meeting**  
February 16, 2020

**Call to order:** Father Matthew opened the meeting with a prayer at 11:56 A. M. He, then, called for nominations for secretary of the meeting. John Scavdis nominated Pete Caleodis. The motion was seconded and Pete accepted the nomination. Father, then, called for nominations for president of the parish assembly meeting. George Berris nominated John Scavdis. Chris Vogagis seconded the motion. There being no objection, John began the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** President Scavdis asked the membership to read through the minutes of the previous meeting. Nick Demitras moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Don Richardson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as printed.

**Kitchen Update:** Mr. Scavdis called for a report on the remodeling of our kitchen. President of the community, Tony Mougianis, reported that the sum of \$60,000 has been collected thus far. He emphasized that approximately \$175,000 is needed to complete the project and to return funds borrowed from our investments.

**Hellenic Hall Catering:** Mr. Scavdis called for a report on the hall rental situation. President Mougianis reported that the hall would no longer be rented to outsiders. Church members could use the hall, but they have to use one of the following caterers: Jim DeMundo, Nick Tsouris, or Matt Parise. A question arose whether a parishioner could sponsor an outside group. Tony indicated that there would be no liability for outside groups. It was also pointed out that at a previous meeting it was decided that there would no longer be outside rentals.

**Bell Tower:** Mr. Scavdis asked for a report on the repair of the bell tower. President Mougianis indicated that the bell tower had been inspected and the lowest bit to repair it was \$12,000. The work began but has currently ceased because of inclement weather. It will resume in the spring.

**Seventy-fifth Anniversary:** October 3, 2020, has been set at the church's seventy-fifth anniversary dinner. Rana Mahfood-Levenderis reported that she and Tara Dzvonick are co-chairmen of the event. They will be sending a "save-the-date" notice in March. The dinner will be catered by Jim DeMundo, one of our accepted caterers.

**Good of the Order:** John Scavdis called for anything under the good of the church. Angela Mastro and Tony Mougianis, co-chairmen of the festival, are hard at work with preparations. >Don Richardson asked that a one-call be made for the work on the grape leaves.

**Adjournment:** Since there was no further business at this time, Father Matthew announced our representatives for the St. Photios dinner: Kalope Diniaco and Steve Markis. He then closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Thomas Caleodis, Acting Secretary

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(Rev. Matthew Moore)

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(John Scavdis, Acting president)

## CHANGES IN THIS PHASE

How your church experience will be adjusted in the “Green Phase.”

**1**

### **GREATER ATTENDANCE LEVELS**

State and local regulations on gatherings continue to affect how many people can attend a service, but in the “Green Phase” many areas are allowing larger gatherings. In most cases, this may allow churches to expand attendance up to 50% capacity.

**2**

### **WELCOME BACK, BELOVED SENIORS**

The “Yellow Phase” restriction of seniors 65 or older is lifted, so faithful of all ages may attend again. However all groups of risk concern (age, health, etc.) should consult with their health care professional to address any questions about attending. And, as before, anyone with existing COVID illness, symptoms or contact must refrain from attending.

**3**

### **CONTINUED PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND MASKS**

Your parish will designate seating areas that abide by physical distancing guidelines, which may include blocking off certain rows of seats. Families and groups who travel together to services may sit together, but physical distance will need to be maintained between groups within rows. Face masks are still required when attending services.

**4**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

As stated by the Ecumenical Patriarchate, “The Mother Church of Constantinople knows empirically from its two-thousand-year existence that Holy Communion is ‘the antidote to mortality’ and remains firm in its Orthodox teaching regarding the Holy Eucharist.” As such, parishes are free to return to their customary parish practice of customary method of distributing and receiving the Holy Gifts.

**5**

### **COFFEE HOUR AND MEETINGS MAY RESUME WITH SPACING**

Parishes are free to choose to resume coffee hours as long as physical distance requirements are observed. Local guidelines regarding foodservice must be respected. Meetings are encouraged to be held online, but they may be held in person as long as they maintain physical distance guidelines.

**6**

### **MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AS A FOUNDATION**

His Eminence Metropolitan Savas continues to pray for and work with his clergy and communities for the salvation of the souls and well-being of the bodies of all our faithful. As we resume our community worship within the modified guidelines, all are asked to respect the choices of others as we “bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6.2).



### WORSHIP GUIDELINES

Important adjustments to worship services as we move from “Yellow” to “Green” phase



#### PLEASE CONTINUE TO ATTEND YOUR HOME PARISH

The faithful should continue to attend their own home parish for regular services. Visits to other parishes should be limited to those necessary for memorials and sacraments for the time being.

#### WHO MAY NOT ATTEND

As before, those with any signs or symptoms of any acute illness (whether it is COVID or not) MUST stay home, as should those who have come into contact with COVID-positive persons within the last 2 weeks. The age restriction for seniors has been removed, so people of all ages are able to attend. All groups of risk concern (age, health, etc.) should consult with their health care professional before attending.

#### INCREASED CAPACITY WITH CONTINUED PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Worship services may resume with up to 50 percent of capacity in any single gathering space as long as physical distancing is still observed. Each parish is asked to develop a system of rotating attendance if needed to accommodate all those who wish to participate.

#### DONATIONS TO BE OFFERED ON ENTRY, EXIT OR ONLINE ONLY. NO TRAYS.

To minimize the handling and exchanging of currency in the church, please consider either making your offerings to your church upon entry or exit from services, or through electronic giving.

#### MASKS REQUIRED

All attendees are required to wear protective face masks. Exceptions are allowed for those with valid medical exceptions, special needs and for children age 10 and under. (Children over 2 and under 10 encouraged but not required.) If you do not have a mask one will be provided.

#### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Our Orthodox Christian faith and worship remain unchanged at their core, including our teaching on the sanctity of the the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ “for the remission of sins and life eternal.” Parishes may, therefore, return to their customary method of receiving the Holy Gifts. Those who are prepared to receive must remove their mask prior to approaching the chalice. After receiving Holy Communion but before replacing the mask they should proceed to the Antidoron tray to consume a piece of bread to ensure the Holy Gifts are not expelled on to the mask.

#### VENERATION OF ICONS AND SACRED OBJECTS

The faithful may return to their customary practice of venerating icons and sacred objects, or may continue to reverence them by bowing, depending on their comfort level. We are all asked to respect one another’s choices and refrain from judging the practices of others in a spirit of love.





# JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Paraklesis 6:00PM	2	3 Offices closed for Independence Day Observance	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5 Divine Liturgy Cancelled	6	7	8 Paraklesis 6:00PM	9	10	11
12 <i>5th Sunday of Matthew</i>  Congregational Meeting	13	14 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM	15 Paraklesis 6:00PM	16	17	18
19 <i>4th Ecumenical Council</i>  40 day memorial Sarandos Tsouris	20 <i>Prophet Elias</i> Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00AM	21	22 Paraklesis 6:00PM	23	24	25
26 <i>7th Sunday of Matthew</i> <i>St. Paraskevi</i>	27 St. Panteleimon Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00AM	28	29 Paraklesis 6:00PM	30	31	

# AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Dormition Fast Begins</i>
2 <i>8th Sunday of Matthew</i>	3 Paraklesis 6:00PM	4	5 Great Vespers 5:30PM Adult Education 7:00PM	6 <i>Holy Transfiguration</i> Divine Orthros and Liturgy 9am	7 Paraklesis 6:00PM	8
9 <i>9th Sunday of Matthew</i>	10	11 Parish Council Meeting 7:00PM	12 Paraklesis 6:00PM Adult Education 7:00PM	13	14 Great Vespers 6:00 PM	15 <i>Holy Dormition</i> Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00AM
16 <i>10th Sunday of Matthew</i>	17	18	19 Paraklesis 6:00PM Adult Education 7:00PM	20	21	22
23 <i>11th Sunday of Matthew</i>	24	25	26 Paraklesis 6:00PM Adult Education 7:00PM	27	28	29 <i>Beheading of John the Baptist</i> Orthros and Divine Liturgy 9:00AM
30 <i>12th Sunday of Matthew</i>	31					

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See Angie Mahfood or Joanne McCraley to Join

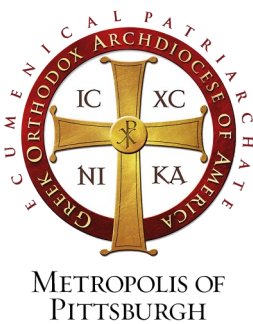


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The mission of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Steubenville, Ohio, is to be disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing the joy of the Orthodox faith through love, compassion and charity for all.