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Theodosia of Tyre May 29

Saint Theodosia of Tyre lived during the third and fourth centuries. Once, during a persecution against Christians, which had already lasted for five years, the seventeen-year-old Theodosia went up to condemned Christian prisoners in the Praetorium in Caesarea, Palestine. It was the day of Holy Pascha, and the martyrs spoke about the Kingdom of God. Saint Theodosia asked them to remember her before the Lord, when they should come to stand before Him.



Soldiers saw that the maiden bowed to the prisoners, and they seized her and led her before the governor, Urban. The governor advised the maiden to offer sacrifice to the idols but she refused, confessing her faith in Christ. Then they subjected the saint to cruel tortures, raking her body with iron claws until her bones were exposed.

The martyr was silent and endured the sufferings with a happy face, and to a second suggestion by the governor to offer sacrifice to the idols she answered, "You fool, I have been granted to join the martyrs!" They threw the maiden with a stone about her neck into the sea, but angels drew her out from the depths. Then they threw the martyr to the wild beasts to be eaten by them. Seeing that the beasts would not touch her, they cut off her head.

By night Saint Theodosia appeared to her parents, who had tried to talk their daughter into not going to the sufferings. She was in bright garb with a crown upon her head and a luminous gold cross in her hand, and she said, "Behold the great glory of which you wanted to deprive me!"

The Holy Martyr Theodosia of Tyre suffered for Christ in the year 307 or 308. On May 29 we commemorate the transfer of her relics to Constantinople and Venice. She is also commemorated on April 3.



Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you read this message, the Glorious celebration of Holy Paschah will be upon us! All of the suffering of Lent and our toil through Holy

Week gives way to the joy of the resurrection of Christ. All of Hades is shaking! Today, we dance on the head of the Devil! Christ is Risen!

I want to thank everyone who helped make Holy Week easier for me, the altar servers, and the entire community. There are so many moving parts that sometimes it gets a little overwhelming. Thank you to everyone who donated towards flowers, candles, and all of the other items we use during Holy Week.

I want to send a personal note of thanks to Angie Mahfood, outgoing Philoptochos president, for her diligent work over these last two years. Angie had a vision to serve, for both herself and the entire Philoptochos community. She did a brilliant job; even through the total parish shutdown, the Philoptochos continued to give to local and national ministries. You're a true example of how we can love the poor and also enjoy one another. Αξία!

Congratulations to Michael Klotz, who was received into the Holy Orthodox Church just before the Anastasi Service!

Some Important Notes

1. I am going on vacation on Thursday, May 27 through Monday, June 14, and the parish will be closed on May 30, June 6, and June 13. Please join our brothers and sisters at All Saints, Weirton for Divine Liturgy. Fr. Frank will be covering any pastoral emergencies.
2. Our Parish Family Memorial for May is being replaced by the general memorial that we do on Holy Friday prior to the evening service. In June, we will do the memorial in conjunction with the Saturday of Souls liturgy (June 19). We will resume the regular memorial schedule in July.
3. Also, on June 19, I will be performing graveside memorials. Look for more information about that in the June edition of The Net.
4. I will be preaching a sermon series during the month of July on the Divine Liturgy and Eucharist and how we prepare for it, how we approach it, and how we behave in it. This will be an expansion of what we covered during our adult education class.

In Christ,

Fr. Matthew



To read more about the Resurrection Icon, visit <https://www.goarch.org/-/the-icon-of-the-resurrection>

Welcome to Spring! Happy Lent!



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

As we continue with the pandemic restrictions and the Green Phase of worship at Holy Trinity, a continued thanks to everyone for your cooperation as we continue to allow up to 50% of our sanctuary's capacity into our church for Divine Liturgy. We are always working diligently to make it fair and as safe as it possibly can be for everyone; and so far, it has gone very well.

Many now have received the vaccine, but face masks are still mandatory, so please continue to wear them. We continually work at keeping the church as clean and disinfected as possible for your safety. As with last month many have shown a desire to attend church, though many have also preferred to stay home 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 as the numbers drop we can continue to get back to normal.

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

You all are, and always will be, our church family in person, or online, and we pray for the time where we will again all be together to celebrate Divine Liturgy.

Again, please look at our renovated website that Fr. Matthew has worked on so diligently: www.holytrinitystb.org and surf through the many pages of information, church calendars schedules and updates.

The Covid Relief campaign has now brought the church almost \$88,000, which has done wonders in keeping our church going. Your gracious gifts have allowed us to continue to operate and pay bills, and salaries. Please know this only lasts for so long and we need to continue to maintain our pledges and commitments to Holy Trinity. God Bless each and everyone of you! Thank you again! I am always amazed at our church family, near and far that come together in times of need. It has been heaven sent.

Festival 2021 is in full gear! Please become a part of the volunteer teams that will be needed in order to manage this event. It will take a unified and great effort. Chairs for this year's event are Nick Riley 740-632-7222, Nick Demitras 740-424-5185, and Tony Mougianis 740-314-9538. Please feel free to contact any one of us for any questions, or to become a volunteer.

Stewardship:

Our parish strives "To lead people to God through Orthodox Christianity and to provide ways for them to live and share God's love." It does so in good days and in bad, such as we now experience. Church attendance may be difficult or impossible for you, but we endeavor to spread the "good news" as best we can. Any financial help that you might offer, or can send us is deeply appreciated.

Please continue to pray for the sick who have contracted this horrible virus, and for the families of the many that have lost their lives throughout the world and here in our country. I can personally say that this virus is one to take serious. As pre-cautious as we were in our household, I still contracted the virus, and it was a tough couple of weeks, but with good care and the grace of God, I recovered and am fine now, but please it is important to take this serious. Also continue your prayers for our brothers, and sisters here within our own church family.

Sadly, Covid has delayed some of the efforts towards building our ministries. If you have an interest to help, please contact Fr. Matthew or Erin at the church at 740-282-9835 or at office@holytrinitystb.org.

I want to thank all of you for your steadfast support and faith in a year and time that has been so very difficult for all of us. It reminds me of 2 Corinthians 5:7 "For we walk by faith, not by sight" and though it is easier said than done, we must stay strong and know that this too shall pass.

As always, thank you 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! We've been through a tough time for sure, and we're still battling to get back to normalcy, but we all have a responsibility to uphold. What many of our ancestors created in 1945 when Holy Trinity Steubenville was born, we must never forget that, and keep working together and know that good times are ahead.

In closing and as always 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...

Love will always conquer. Much love and continued blessings.

Xristos Anesti!

Have a safe, happy, healthy and abundant Holy Season,
Tony





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



The following people will be celebrating their birthdays in the

Lucianna Petrides	5/01	Connie Sergakis	5/13
Nicholas Kirsch	5/02	Alexandria Caras	5/14
Gage Strickler	5/02	Faye Christ	5/14
Dr. Richard Mahfood	5/03	Vasso Espinosa	5/15
Spiro Alexander	5/04	Sophia Panagis	5/21
Alan Locascio	5/05	Marie Economos	5/22
Stella Parikakis	5/05	Charles Rebon	5/23
Pete Atsalis	5/10	James Rebon	5/23
Katelyn Rebon	5/10	Mark Alkaed	5/24
Thomas Apesos	5/12	John Tressler	5/24
Luke Zorne	5/12	Enza Tsouris	5/26



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 or by calling Erin in the office at 740-282-9835.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available and makes it easy to give to Holy Trinity. Please Go to our church website at: <http://holytrinitystb.org/online-giving/>
Follow the easy directions to access online giving.

COMMITTEES

We are looking to fill several committees. Anyone is welcome to join and participate. Currently, we need help with the following:

- 1.) Outreach
- 2.) Education
- 2.) Ways and Means

If you have any interest in any of these committees, please call either Fr. Matthew, or Erin at 740-282-9835 to join.

PHILOPTOCHOS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to be your President for the past two years. It was special to me because both my Grandmother and Mother were past presidents!

I am thankful for all we accomplished for the past two years, not to mention them all but we were able to donate to the needy in the area and many other worthy causes. None of this would have been possible without all of the help from our members. Thank you!
Congratulations to our new officers, and may Philoptochos continue their much PHILANTHROPIC work!
God Bless all, and Kali Anastasi! - Angie Mahfood

For the Month of April the Philoptochos Society made donations to Ohio Valley Health Center and Philoptochos Daffodil Luncheon.

2021 Graduate



Olivia Balakos, daughter of Nick and Nicole Balakos and granddaughter of Marianne Balakos of Steubenville; and granddaughter of John and Margaret Balakos of Fairfax Station, VA and William and Janice Mains of Casa Grande Arizona and the late Merle "Bucky" Bush of Follansbee, is graduating in the

Top Ten of Steubenville High School's Class of 2021. Olivia will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio majoring in Global Politics and Diplomacy with a minor in Sustainability on a pre-law track.

Congratulations Olivia!



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May 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Great & Holy Pascha Resurrection Liturgy 11:00 AM Agape Vespers	3	4	5	6 Philoptochos Meeting 6:30 PM	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Mid-Pentecost Orthros & Divine Liturgy 9:00 AM	27 28 29 <<<<<Father Matthew on Vacation May 27—June 14>>>>>		
30 Divine Liturgy at All Saints	31 Memorial Day Office Closed					

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See Angie Mahfood or Joanne McCraley to Join

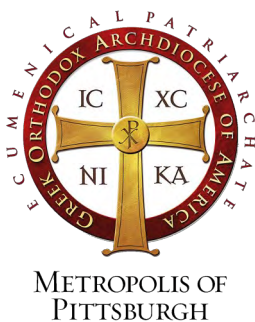


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The mission of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Steubenville, Ohio, is to be disciples of Jesus Christ by sharing the joy of the Orthodox faith through love, compassion and charity for all.