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ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ
PROGRAMME JULY



YOU WERE AWARDED CROWNS O MAIDEN CHASTE AND WISE
ΣΤΕΦΑΝΩΝ ΑΕΙΩΘΕΙΣΑ ΣΕΜΝΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ

ΑΝΑΚΟΙΝΩΣΗΣ ANNOUNCEMENT

Προς δόξα του Τριαδικού μας Θεού, σύμφωνα με τα καινούργια μέτρα ασφαλείας της κυβέρνησης, επιτρέπονται πιο πολλά άτομα στον Ναό κατά την διάρκεια των Ιερών Ακολουθιών.

To the glory of our Trinitarian God, as per the latest government directions, we have an increased amount of people permitted in the congregation for the Holy Services.

Αυτόν τον μήνα, οι δηλώσεις είναι υποχρεωτικές για:

- ❖ Όλες τις Κυριακές του Ιουλίου
- ❖ Όλες τις Εορταστικές Ακολουθίες της Αγίας Παρασκευής
 - ❖ 25^η Ιουλίου - Τον Εσπερινό
 - ❖ 25^η Ιουλίου - Νυκτερινό Ορθρο και Θεία Λειτουργία (μετά από τον Εσπερινό)
 - ❖ 26^η Ιουλίου – Ορθρο και Θεία Λειτουργία

This month, bookings are essential for:

- ❖ All Sundays for the Month of July
- ❖ All the Celebratory Services for our beloved Saint Paraskevi
 - ❖ 25th July – The Vespers Service
 - ❖ 25th July – The Evening Matins and Divine Liturgy (following Vespers)
 - ❖ 26th July – Morning Matins and Divine Liturgy

Εορτάζουμε δυο φορές για να έχουμε όλοι την ευκαιρία να λειτουργηθούμε και να τιμήσουμε την αγαπημένη μας Αγία.

We will be celebrating our dear Saint twice to ensure we all have the opportunity to venerate her and attend her Feast Day.

Να τηλεφωνάτε στον Ναό ώρες γραφείου 3 – 6μμ Δευτέρα – Πέμπτη (9367-2860) η με ε-μειλ στο admin@stparaskevi.org.au

Please call the Parish phone during office hours, 3 – 6pm Monday – Thursday (9367-2860) or email admin@stparaskevi.org.au

Επίσης ο Ναός είναι ανοικτός ώρες γραφείου για προσωπική προσευχή και ότι άλλες ανάγκες έχετε.

The Church is also open during those hours for private prayer and whatever other needs you may have.

Η Αγία Οσιοπαρθενομάρτυρος Παρασκευή να είναι μαζί μας. Αμήν.

May our Venerable and Great Virgin Martyr Paraskevi be with us all. Amen.





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THURSDAY 1ST JULY: Saints Cosmas and Damian, the Wonderworkers and Unmercenaries, Matins, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of the Waters, 7:30 – 10:00am

THURSDAY 1ST JULY: Fellowship Evening, Paraklisis to our Lady the Theotokos followed by a Spiritual Talk, 7:00 – 9:00pm

SUNDAY 4TH JULY: Our Father Amongst the Saints Andrew of Crete, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 11:00am

WEDNESDAY 7TH JULY: Saint Kyriake the Great Martyr, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

THURSDAY 8TH JULY: Evening English Divine Liturgy, 7:00 – 8:45pm

SUNDAY 11TH JULY: Saint Euphemia the All-Famed Great Martyr, Saint Olga Equal to the Apostles and Great Princess, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 11:00am

MONDAY 12TH JULY: Our Venerable Father Paisios of Mount Athos, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

THURSDAY 15TH JULY: Fellowship Evening, Paraklisis to our Lady the Theotokos followed by a Spiritual Talk, 7:00 – 9:00pm

SATURDAY 17TH JULY: Holy Great Martyr Marina, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

SUNDAY 18TH JULY: SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 11:00am

TUESDAY 20TH JULY: Holy and Glorious Prophet Elijah the Tishbite, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

THURSDAY 22ND JULY: Saint Mary Magdalene, the Myrrh-Bearer and Equal to the Apostles, Saint Markella the Venerable Martyr, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

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SATURDAY 24TH JULY: Holy Great Martyr Christina, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

SUNDAY 25TH JULY: DORMITION OF SAINT ANNA, MOTHER OF THE THEOTOKOS, Venerable Saint Olympia the Deaconess, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 11:00am

SUNDAY 25TH JULY: GREAT VESPERS OF OUR DEAR SAINT PARASKEVI, 7:00 – 8:30pm

FOLLOWING VESPERS WE WILL BE CELEBRATING AN EVENING MATINS AND DIVINE LITURGY, FINISHING AT MIDNIGHT

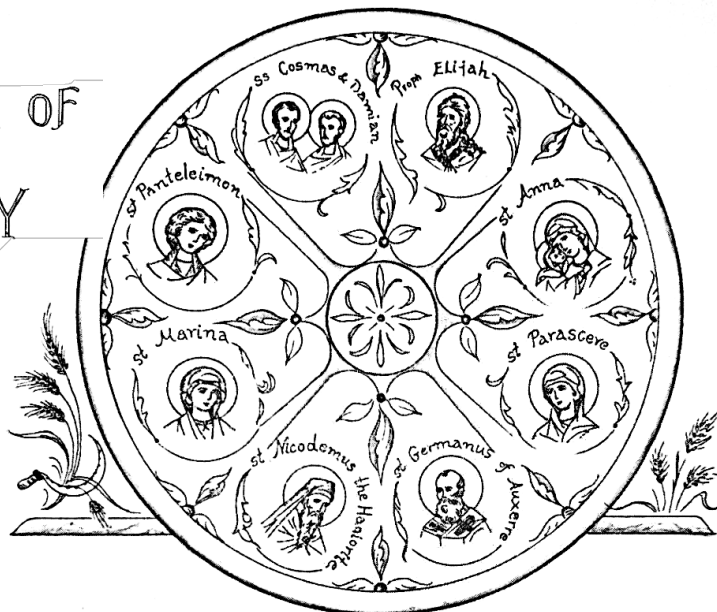


MONDAY 26TH JULY: OUR VENERABLE VIRGIN MARTYR OF CHRIST SAINT PARASKEVI, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:30am

TUESDAY 27TH JULY: Holy and Glorious Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

WEDNESDAY 28TH JULY: Venerable Mother Saint Irene Chrysovalantou, Matins and Divine Liturgy, 7:30 – 10:00am

MONTH OF
JULY



THE WONDEROUS SAINT PARASKEVI
BY HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN HIEROTHEOS
OF NAFFAKTOS AND AGIOU VLASIOU

Saint Paraskevi is honoured not only by women who bear her name, but by all Christians. This particularly happens in our province, since there are many parish churches and chapels that are honoured with her name, and today they all celebrate brilliantly.

The life of Saint Paraskevi is wonderful. Her parents were pious and virtuous, and her birth took place with the intervention of God. She grew up in a Christian manner, distributed her property to the poor, became a nun, preached Christ, confessed Him, and eventually she was tortured and martyred for the love of Christ. This is why she is called a Venerable Virgin Martyr. There are icons which depict Saint Paraskevi holding in her hands a dish in which there are two eyes. This refers to a miracle accomplished by the Saint. One of her torments was that she would be put in a burning boiler within which was hot oil and tar. Nevertheless the Saint, by the grace of God, not only did not burn, but it seemed as if she cooled off. The King who watched this torment, was in wonder at this event, and told her to splash some of the oil and tar on him to see if it was hot. As soon as Saint Paraskevi splashed a little on him, his eyes were immediately blinded. Then the Saint supplicated to God and pleaded to Him that He give back the King the sight of his eyes, which happened by her prayers. We are reminded of this miracle through the icon of Saint Paraskevi.

This is the reason why many sick, who suffer eye problems, consider Saint Paraskevi their patron and supplicate that she intervene miraculously and cure them. The saints, by the help of God, are the

physicians of our souls and bodies. To them we resort when we have various problems and ask their help. Of course, theologically we say that God Himself acts through the saints, since the saints are the friends and caregivers of Christ.

By extension, Saint Paraskevi can be considered a physician of the diseases of the psychic eye which is our nous. Apart from the eye of the body we also have the eye of the soul by which we can see the glory of God. And as the eyes of the body can get ill, so also can the eye of the soul. Since the eye of the soul is ill, this is why we are evil, and cannot see God. Heresy, atheism and the ignorance of God and many other psychic illnesses are the result of the suffering of the spiritual eye.

The Prophet David says in a Psalm: "Enlighten my darkness". Within us there is darkness because we are psychically blinded and we cannot see the glory of God. This is why Saint Gregory Palamas would pray to Christ: "Enlighten my darkness".

Today we commemorate and celebrate Saint Paraskevi, who lived with Christ and was martyred for His glory. She is the patron also of all those who have problems with their physical eyes, as well as all of us who have problems with the eyes of our souls [the nous] and cannot see the love of God, we cannot realize our passions, the needs of our neighbours, we also cannot see the way to be saved. Let us ask Saint Paraskevi with faith for our healing.

I pray that all of you have many years and blessings. May Saint Paraskevi protect you all of your life, with the power of the Grace of Christ. Amen.

