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From Fr Dean

“For our country, the president, and all those in public service, let us pray to the Lord. For the Holy and Great Church of Christ, for this Holy Metropolis, this parish and city, for every city and country, and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For all those in public service; permit them, Lord, to serve and govern in peace that through the faithful conduct of their duties we may live peaceful and serene lives in all piety and holiness.

Remember, Lord, the city in which we live, every city and country, and the faithful who dwell in them,

Grant peace to Your world, to Your Churches, to the clergy, to those in public service, to the armed forces, and all your people.”

The above quotes are all taken from the petitions and prayers that we offer each week during the Divine Liturgy. Our Holy Orthodox Church doesn't set aside just one day a year to pray for our country, its leaders, and all those in the service of our country, they are remembered at every service offered in our churches.

On July 4th we will again celebrate the birth of our great nation, the United States of America. The Declaration of Independence states that we are “endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights”. The American experience is built on a key belief...that our rights come from God. The ideas and ideals on which our nation's founding fathers established this great nation were Christian ideas and ideals. America and Americans are and have been the most generous people in the world, caring for their neighbors here and around the world. This generosity is a natural out flowing of the Love of Christ in our lives and in the life of our nation.

America, however, is only as great and good as her people are great and good. The people are America. God created us with free will, the ability to choose between right and wrong. At this time in the history of our country, there are far too many people who have gotten lost and use their free will to engage in drugs, crime, violence, immorality, and the list goes on and on. They not only destroy their lives, but they also destroy their families and the communities in which they live. Americans are born with the right to pursue freedom, but that privilege also carries the obligation to use it responsibly. We are free only to the extent that we know the truth and live by it.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, let's express our gratitude and praise God for our many blessings. Let us continually keep our country, its leaders and all those in the service of our country in our prayers, not only in the various liturgical services of our church, but in our daily prayers as well.

Schedule of Services for July

Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am July 7 with Fr Dean
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am July 14 with Fr Dean
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am July 21 with Fr Dean
Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am July 28 with Fr Dean

Visitors

*A warm welcome to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.
We are glad to have you worship with us today.
While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians,
we invite those who are not Orthodox Christians to
remain until the end of the worship service,
and receive a blessing from our Lord Jesus Christ,
through the offering of the Blessed Bread.*

***Please remember to allow handicapped and children to receive
Communion first.***

Please join us for Fellowship Hour in our Social Hall after Liturgy.

Kyriake the Great Martyr, July 7 . . . Saint Kyriake was the daughter of Christian parents, Dorotheus and Eusebia. She was given her name because she was born on Sunday, the day of the Lord (in Greek, Kyriake). She contested in Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 300. After many bitter torments she was condemned to suffer beheading, but being granted time to pray first, she made her prayer and gave up her holy soul in peace.

The Great Martyr Panteleimonon, July 27th . . . This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy

Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

Parish General Assembly Meeting, July 21 . . . There will be a Parish General Assembly Meeting scheduled for Sunday July 21 following Divine Liturgy. Financial reports will be provided. Stewardship will be discussed. We will discuss our 2019 goals, where we plan to go in 2019 and other new business. Please plan to be there for this very enlightening meeting. You will need to have filled out your stewardship pledge and be current through the end of June to vote.

Happy Name Day in July . . . Kyraiki, July 7, Marina, July 17, Elias, July 20 and Panteleimonon, July 27.

July is National Ice Cream Month . . . Holy Trinity will be serving ice cream during fellowship hour each Sunday after Liturgy during July. There will be a donation basket for ice cream donations which will help support Kids Make-a-Wish charity.

Holy Trinity Art Exhibit . . . Artists please submit your artwork to Sheila Yurchak or Helena Docherty by Sunday, July 14, to be included in the Gulfport Galleria Art Exhibit. The exhibit will run from August 1 through August 31 and will be open to the public. Opening night will be Thursday, August 1, from 4-7 pm, where refreshments and music will be served. All parishioners are invited to attend.

July Birthdays . . . Happy Birthday! Many Years! Adriana Boloni July 4th, Marina Lucangeli July 5th, Chysanthi & Richard Beach July 6th, Korina Bodisch, Sophia Beddoe & Brandi Donohoe, July 8th, Stephen Collins July 10th, George Vaporis and Dan Cerempei July 14th, Katarina Vamvakas and Darya Borst July 18th, John Collins July 20th, Lisa Taylor July 25th, Stratos Mandas July 27th, Greg Wawryszcuk July 29th.

July Anniversaries . . . Happy Anniversary to George & Sheila Yurchak July 12, and Cristian & Meri Ionescu July 19. May God grant you many more years together.

Religious Needs . . . Clergy are available for talk, confession, pastoral counseling, spiritual care, individual prayer, etc. Tours of our church can be arranged. If you want to set up an appointment, please contact George Yurchak – 228-860-3376 or georgeyurchak@yahoo.com.

Church Thanks . . . Many thanks to all who helped and volunteered their time and effort throughout the month of June. It was hard work but spiritually rewarding. It shows us how we can all come together as an Orthodox Family and grow spiritually by giving of ourselves.

Get Well . . . Prayers and blessings to Fr Jim Karagas, Karen & Jesse Bridges, Lela & Mitch Roberts, Photine Hagicostas, Angelo Hagicostas, Virginia Freeman, Nancy

Malek, Tom Portaritis, George Vaporis, Elizabeth and Katerina Vamvakas. Fr Dean will conduct home visitations and give communion to those parishioners who are ill and can't be with us for Liturgy. Please contact a parish council member or the priest to make arrangements. If we missed someone please contact Nancy Malek at 228-265-1411. We want to pray as a community for those that may be too ill to be with us during church services.

Prayer Box . . . We have a prayer box in the Narthex. If there is anyone you wish a prayer said, place their name in the box, or contact Nancy Malek at 228-265-1411.

Fellowship Hour After Liturgy . . . Holy Trinity invites every parishioner to host a fellowship hour after Sunday Liturgy. Show your culinary creativity or bring your favorite ethnic foods. Hosting a fellowship hour makes everyone more a part of the church community.

Ethnic Marketplace & Gift Corner . . . Please remember the Ethnic Marketplace and Gift Corner for your shopping needs. We have many ethnic items for sale. Included in the Marketplace are olive oil, halva, olives, jellies, pickled tomatoes, seaweed salad, candies, Greek cheeses and coffee, etc. In the Gift Corner we have Greek tablecloths and aprons, icons, bracelets, Greek coffeepot & coffee, jewelry, Greek CDs, incense and charcoal, Russian dolls, nesting dolls, lacquered Russian products, Russian kitchen supplies, Greek T-shirts, etc.

Prioritize Sunday as the Anchor of Your Family's Week

The Divine Liturgy is the primary worship service in the life of the Orthodox Church. It is where the Body and Blood of Our Lord and Savior is offered for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Simply put, attending the Divine Liturgy as a family should be a priority. The Lord's Day isn't merely the day we go to church – it is the primary day we become the Church – the people of God. (By George Tsongranis)

STEWARDSHIP

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUBMIT YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2019

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is grateful for every donation received throughout the year. Your generous support enables Holy Trinity to spread the teaching of Our Lord Jesus Christ, serve regular Divine Liturgies and Sacraments and provide spiritual nourishment to our faithful, their families and those in need. Your pledge of support is a sign of your heartfelt participation in the life of our parish family and it plays a vital role enabling us to meet our financial responsibilities.

We pray that everybody who attends Holy Trinity and cares for its financial security will make a pledge for 2019. If you haven't received a pledge form you can download it from www/holytrinitybiloxi.org website, under Stewardship or pick up a hard copy either at the candle counter or from any Parish Council member. You need to make a pledge as soon as possible. Pledge forms will be available at church. Please take a few

minutes to fill out the pledge from and submit it to Craig Henderson (Vice-President and Stewardship Chairman), George Yurchak (President, Parish Council), or Rodney Bridges (Treasurer, Parish Council).

HOLY TRINITY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH STEWARDS FOR 2019

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the 2019 Stewardship Program as of June 30, totaling \$37,380. Holy Trinity has received fifty-seven pledges from the following:

Chrisanthi Beach
Stavroula Beach
Mike Bodisch
Caleb Bridges
Rodney & Karen Bridges
Robert Brouillette III
John & Donna Collins
Steve & CoCo Collins
Nicoletta Conner
George Contas
John Demetrakopoulos
Hugh & Brandi Donohoe
Virginia Freeman
Natalya Gray
Angelo & Photine Hagicostas

Craig & Karen Henderson
Cristian & Meri Ionescu
Mihail Kastrinos
Chrisie Soula Kiessling
John & Cornelia Koniditsiotis
Irene Koskan
Al & Kathy Lawson
George & Christina Loukatos
Maria & Peter Loukatos
Rena Lohrbach
Stratos Mandas
Eva Magiros
Karl & Nancy Malek
Sam Markopulos
Charikleia Mavros

Louis & Linda Peters
Nataliya Petrovska Kirby
Tom & Pat Portaritis
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Jerry Strickland
Malama Thrasivoulou
Angelos & Elizabeth Vamvakas
Katerina Vamvakas
George Vaporis
Eleni Vganges
Spiro Vganges
Kosta Vlahos
Demetri Vlahos
George & Sheila Yurchak

Church Directory

Liturgical Services

Sundays – Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Church Clergy

Rev. Fr. Dean Gigicos

Chanters – Lead, Angelos Vamvakas,
Rodney Bridges, Hugh Donohoe, Luke Pappas,
Haylie & Ryan Waldrop, CoCo Collins,
Akaterina Vamvakas

Facilities Chair – Craig Henderson, Cristian Ionescu

Youth Education & Culture Committee

Chair – George Yurchak

International Christmas Festival

Chair – George Yurchak

Greek Culture Chair – Maria Loukatos

Ukrainian Culture Chair – Nataliya Petrovska Kirby

Romanian Culture Chair – Meri Ionescu

Moldovan Culture Chair – Alexandru Tulburi

Russian Culture Chair – George Yurchak

Kazakhstan Culture Chair – Natalya Gray

Czech Republic Culture Chair – Helena Docherty

Staff

Kiosk – George Yurchak

Publications Editor – Sheila Yurchak

Artist in Residence – Sheila Hemenway

Cleaning – Chrisanthi Beach, Fanoula Christidis,

Virginia Freeman, Akaterina Vamvakas,

2019 Parish Council

President – George Yurchak

Vice President – Craig Henderson

Treasurer – Rodney Bridges

Alternate Treasurer – Donna Collins

Secretary – Brandi Donohoe

Safety Officer – George Yurchak

Librarian Hugh Donohoe, Brandi Donohoe

Historian Brandi Donohoe, Akaterina Vamvakas

Parish Ministries

Youth Ministries – George Yurchak

Youth Group Chair – Joseph Lawson, Korina Bodisch

Feed the Hungry – Jerry Strickland, Virginia Freeman,
Nancy Malek

Sunday School – Akaterina Vamvakas

Ladies of the Agape Chair – Meri Ionescu

Stewardship Chair – Craig Henderson

Reader – Rodney Bridges, John Collins, CoCo Collins

Adult Education – George Yurchak

Prayer/Study Group – Nancy Malek

Outreach – George Yurchak, Akaterina Vamvakas

Web Master – Steve Collins

Pastoral Assistant – Craig Henderson, Caleb Bridges

Altar Boys – Joseph Lawson

Society of Wisdom – George Vaporis

Strategic Planning – Chair, CoCo Collins

Greek Dance Instruction – Steve & CoCo Collins

Art Coordinator – Helena Docherty