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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2017

7th Sunday of St. Matthew

Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Romans 15:1-7 **Red Divine Liturgy Book Pg. 73**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35 **Red Divine Liturgy Book Pg. 74**

ALTAR SERVER TEAM: **St. John:** Cap: Micha Balourdias, Justin (Niko) Davis, Michael Defelippi, Luke Georggjin, Theo Huntalas, John Navrides, Alexios Savvides.

NARTHEX DUTY TEAM: **St. Stephen:** Jim Kesaris, Team Leader; Diane Leffas-Lopes, Ben De La Riva, J Welker.

The Hymn of St. Spyridon: can be found on the **back cover** of the red Divine Liturgy book.

Pre-Communion Prayers: offered **before** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 29** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

Thanksgiving Prayers: offered **after** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 40** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

The Memorial Service: can be found on **page 164** of the **red Divine Liturgy book.**

WELCOME - AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION... We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings." That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are 'excluded' - rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service's conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Andrew following services. We welcome you all.

THE ORDER OF PROCESSION WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION: As a reminder, please follow the direction of the Parish Council members when receiving Holy Communion. At the time of Holy Communion, two Parish Council members will begin at the front pew and release you one row at a time to come forward to receive. At their direction please move quietly into the center aisle, move forward to receive Holy Communion **and then return to your pew using the side aisle for the beautiful closing Thanksgiving Prayers.**

Welcome - Please welcome Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis, his wife Pres. Lisa and their son Nicholas. Fr. Stavros is the priest at St. John the Baptist in Tampa, FL. Fr. Andrew looks forward to being with you next week. **Welcome Fr. Stavros!**

FELLOWSHIP HALL & COFFEE HOUR: Today's fellowship and coffee hour is graciously offered by Harriet Kounaves.

ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for the next generation of altar boys (10+) - The summer is the best time to practice serving in the altar, meet next year's captains, and learn how to best help Father Andrew during the Divine Liturgy. **Contact Tony Gallanis at gallanistg@gmail.com to join the listserv and be placed on a team."**

Summer Reminder - As we come into the summer season, and travel about and visit new places and old friends and family, I would like to remind you that though busy, summer does not replace our primary commitment to our sacred church and the bounty of blessings and favor it brings to all of us. So, as you get up to "move about the cabin" this summer, as stewards of St. Spyridon GOC please continue to fulfil your 2017 pledged commitment. On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I respectfully ask that you continue to make your weekly or monthly stewardship contribution throughout the summer months. You may do this in several ways: visit on-line at www.stspyridon.com or call the church office at 619-297-4165. Thanking you in advance,
The Stewardship Committee; John Kalas, Chairperson

Choir - Save The Date! Please join **St. Spyridon Choir and Youth Choir for Faith and Fellowship at the Ballpark. Padres vs. The NY Mets this Wednesday, July 26th.** The youth choir will be singing the National Anthem. For tickets, please see Greg Kostas or Kathy Meck. gnkostas@gmail.com or sprnodiva@aol.com. They will be selling tickets on Sundays after church as well.

Commemoration of the 43rd Anniversary of the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus - On **Sunday, August 6th** the Cypriots of our community will commemorate the 43rd year since the Invasion of Cyprus. They invite you to join them for the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and encourage you to participate in the Memorial Service. They will also provide Fellowship on that day as part of that remembrance.

SAVE THE DATE! - **16th Hellenic Fairways Golf Classic. Friday, October 27th** at Willowbrook Golf Course. For more information contact Rhad Brown: brownrhad@gmail.com or **619-573-2304.**

Philoptochos and Coffee Hour - We hope you continue to enjoy the long standing tradition of coffee hour over the summer. Philoptochos is thankful for the continued support from all the families and organizations that offer every week. We kindly ask that you **consider offering at least once per year**, so think of name days, celebrations, memorials, fundraisers, etc. Offering fellowship is easy and can be shared with another family if you like. **Please contact Christina Vassos at 619-818-6882 or cmvassos@gmail.com to see which dates are available.** There is also a calendar in the hall. Thank you!

Philoptochos - As we gear up for another fall season of serving those in need, we would like to remind you to renew your Philoptochos membership for 2017. Your support truly makes the work of Philoptochos possible! **Also, we are always looking for new members, so if you are thinking of joining our dynamic chapter, now is a great time to do so! Contact Soula De La Riva, 760-521-0471 or soula.delariva@cox.net for more information.** Thank you!

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