



Saint John
The Forerunner



August 27, 2023

12th Sunday of Matthew

Saint of the Day: Pimen the Great, Phanourios the Great Martyr



Little is known of the holy Martyr Phanurius, except that which is depicted concerning his martyrdom on his holy icon, which was discovered in the year 1500 among the ruins of an ancient church on Rhodes, when the Moslems ruled there. Thus he is called "the Newly Revealed." The faithful pray to Saint Phanurius especially to help them recover things that have been lost, and because he has answered their prayers so often, the custom has arisen of baking a Phaneropita ("Phanurius-Cake") as a thanks-offering.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!

WEEK IN PREVIEW

Sun, Aug 27
Orthros 8:30am
Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Tues, Aug 29

Beheading of St. John the Baptist Divine Liturgy 8am

> GLENDI Baking: Koulourakia 9am

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Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Hymn in the Third Tone

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy.

Anthem for the Saint in the Fourth Tone

Ως ἄστρον ἀνέτειλας, τῆ Ἐκκλησία Χριστοῦ, καὶ πάντας κατηύγασας, φανερωθεὶς θαυμαστῶς, Φανούριε ἔνδοξε· ὅθεν τοῖς εὐφημοῦσι, τὴν σὴν ἄθλησιν Μάρτυς, νέμεις τῶν σῶν θαυμάτων, τὴν σωτήριον χάριν, πρεσβεύων τῷ Κυρίω, ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

You rose, O Phanourios, like a new star in the Church; * and wondrously appearing, as your name denotes, you have shined * on all with your miracles. * Glorious holy Martyr, you provide saving graces * to the faithful who extol you and who celebrate your contests. * You intercede with Christ the Lord and entreat Him on our behalf.

Anthem of St. George in the Fourth Tone

Ως τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Liberator of captives and defender of the poor, physician of the sick and champion of kings, oh Trophy-bearer and Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, that our souls be saved.

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Fourth Tone

Ίωακεὶμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὔα, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῆ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἑορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ephesians 6:10-17

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Εφεσιους 6:10-17

Άδελφοί, ἐνδυναμοῦσθε ἐν κυρίῳ, καὶ ἐν τῷ κράτει τῆς ἰσχύος αὐτοῦ. Ἐνδύσασθε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, πρὸς τὸ δύνασθαι ὑμᾶς στῆναι πρὸς τὰς μεθοδείας τοῦ διαβόλου. Ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν ἡμῖν ἡ πάλη πρὸς αἷμα καὶ σάρκα, ἀλλὰ πρὸς τὰς ἀρχάς, πρὸς τὰς ἐξουσίας, πρὸς τοὺς κοσμοκράτορας τοῦ σκότους τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου, πρὸς τὰ πνευματικὰ τῆς πονηρίας ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις. Διὰ τοῦτο ἀναλάβετε τὴν πανοπλίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, ἴνα δυνηθῆτε ἀντιστῆναι ἐν τῆ ἡμέρα τῆ πονηρᾶ, καὶ ἄπαντα κατεργασάμενοι στῆναι. Στῆτε οὖν περιζωσάμενοι τὴν ὀσφὺν ὑμῶν ἐν ἀληθεία, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν θώρακα τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ ὑποδησάμενοι τοὺς πόδας ἐν ἑτοιμασία τοῦ εὐαγγελίου τῆς εἰρἡνης· ἐπὶ πᾶσιν ἀναλαβόντες τὸν θυρεὸν τῆς πίστεως, ἐν ῷ δυνήσεσθε πάντα τὰ βέλη τοῦ πονηροῦ τὰ πεπυρωμένα σβέσαι. Καὶ τὴν περικεφαλαίαν τοῦ σωτηρίου δέξασθαι, καὶ τὴν μάχαιραν τοῦ πνεύματος, ὅ ἐστιν ἡῆμα θεοῦ·

Matthew 19:16-26

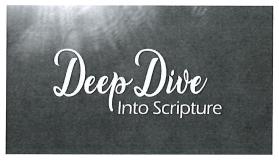
At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life,

keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Ματθαιον 19:16-26

Τῶ καιρῶ ἐκείνω, νεανίσκος τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, γονυπετῶν αὐτόν, καὶ λέγων Διδάσκαλε άγαθέ, τί άγαθὸν ποιήσω ἵνα ἔχω ζωὴν αἰώνιον; 'Ο δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἶς ὁ Θεός. εἰ δὲ θέλεις εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν ζωήν, τήρησον τὰς ἐντολάς. λέγει αὐτῷ· ποίας; ὁ δὲ Ίησοῦς εἶπε∙ τὸ οὐ φονεύσεις, οὐ μοιχεύσεις, οὐ κλέψεις, ψευδομαρτυρήσεις, τίμα τὸν πατέρα καὶ τὴν μητέρα, καὶ ἀγαπήσεις τὸν πλησίον σου ώς σεαυτόν. λέγει αὐτῷ ὁ νεανίσκος• πάντα ταῦτα ἐφυλαξάμην έκ νεότητός μου· τί ἔτι ὑστερῶ; ἔφη αὐτῷ ὁ Ἡησοῦς· εἰ θέλεις τέλειος εἶναι, ύπαγε πώλησόν σου τὰ ὑπάρχοντα καὶ δὸς πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἕξεις θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο ἀκολούθει μοι. ἀκούσας δὲ ὁ νεανίσκος τὸν λόγον άπῆλθε λυπούμενος· ἦν γὰρ ἔχων κτήματα πολλά. 'Ο δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπε τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι δυσκόλως πλούσιος εἰσελεύσεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τῶν οὐρανῶν. πάλιν δὲ λέγω ὑμῖν, εὐκοπώτερόν ἐστι κάμηλον διὰ τρυπήματος ῥαφίδος διελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν. ἀκούσαντες δὲ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ έξεπλήσσοντο σφόδρα λέγοντες τίς ἄρα δύναται σωθῆναι; ἐμβλέψας δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς παρὰ ἀνθρώποις τοῦτο ἀδύνατόν ἐστι, παρὰ δὲ Θεῷ πάντα δυνατά ἐστι.



Regarding Ephesians 6:10-17 St. John Chrysostom says...

6:13 "And having counteracted all things', says he, meaning being ever armed against foul passions and lusts and all things else which trouble us. He speaks not merely of taking action, but of counteracting it, so as not only to slay, but t stand also after we have slain. For many who have gained this victory, have fallen

again. 'Having counteracted all things,' says he, 'all things' - not having done one, and not the other. For even after the victory, we must stand. An enemy may be struck, but things that are struck revive again if we do not stand. But if, after having fallen, they rise up again, so long as we stand, they are fallen. So long as we waver not, the adversary rises not again. Put on the full armor of God."

6:14 "'Stand therefore, having girt your loins with truth,' means that one ought to be lightly accoutered, in order that there be no hindrance at all in the running. 'And having put on for yourselves the breastplate of righteousness.' Even as the breastplate is invulnerable, in like manner is righteousness. And righteousness herein means, in general, the virtuous life. Such a life no one shall be able to throw down, but on the one hand many wound, but on the other hand no one cuts through him, no, not the devil himself."

6:15 "Either he means this, that we should be ready for the Gospel, and should make use for our feet for this, and should prepare and make ready its way before it; or if not this, at least that we ourselves should be prepared for our exodus from this life. The readiness then is nothing else than the morally best life."

6:16 "In this place he means not knowledge but that gift by which miracles are wrought...For as a shield is put before the whole body, as if it were a wall, even so this faith; for all things yield to it." "By 'the darts of the evil one' he means temptations and foul

desires. And 'fiery' he says, for such is the character of desires." 6:17 "That is of your salvation. For he is fortifying them all around with armor as leading them on to war"... "He means either the Spirit, or else the spiritual sword, for by this all things are severed, by this all things are cu asunder, by this we cut off even the dragon's head." Taken from The Orthodox New Testament Volume 2 pg. 293





To All Youth of St. GEORGE:



We know that school will be starting soon and that our youth will soon be focusing on their studies.

With this in mind we would like to announce the annual "BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS" that will



take place on Sunday, September 10!

We ask that our youth bring their backpacks with them to church and each student will receive something special to add to their backpack. A special prayer will also be offered prior to dismissal.

We hope to see you ON SEPTEMBER 10!!!



CENTURY RAFFLE

GLENDI 2023

Will YOU be our winner this year?

\$100 per ticket 200 tickets in the drawing

Grand Prize \$5000 Second Prize \$1000

Two drawings of \$500 each
Five drawings of \$200 each
Ten drawings of \$100 each

Drawing on Sunday September 17

August 21, Monday: Last day to notify the office you want your ticket
August 28, Monday: Last day to receive payment to keep your ticket
August 29, Tuesday: Any tickets not spoken for are released for purchase.

All tickets must be paid for prior to the drawing.

Tickets will be sent after payment is received.

Want a ticket but don't have one yet? We can add you to the waiting list!

Good Luck to all!



Linda Martin

Co-chairs, GLENDI 2023



GLENDI Volunteer Form 2023

Calling all volunteers: individuals, families, and groups of all sizes!

Your smiles and enthusiasm as you contribute your time and talent to the major fundraiser of the community, GLENDI, are what keep this festival going year after year. Complete this form to tell us how you want to help!

Name		Phone
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PRAYER LIST

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: office@stgeorgenh.org

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

For health, recovery from illness and surgery: Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia, Georgia, Mark, James, Vasilios, Maria, Anna, Efthimios, Christopher, Katerina, Debra, Pavlos, Ken, Star, Maria, John, Warren

For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith: Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy, Christopher, Joanna, Paris and Family, Helen & Jim and family, Mary

<u>For couples, parents, and their families:</u> Neal and Elena, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Tracy & family, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael, Alex

For those engaged to be married: Katerina and Dennis

For conceiving of children:

For childbearing:

For those in the Armed Forces: Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe, Matt

For those travelling abroad:

For those seeking employment: Lia, Jillian, Nick

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>DIVINE LITURGY TUESDAY</u> – Divine Liturgy to celebrate the Beheading of St. John the Baptist will start at 8am on Tuesday, August 29.

TUESDAY IS GLENDI BAKING – Join us at 9am on Tuesday as we make Koulourakia.

SUNDAY START TIME – The Board of Directors wants to know your opinion of the earlier start time for Sunday services. Please give your opinion to a member of the Board of Directors.

LIBRARY OPEN AFTER CHURCH SERVICE – The St. George Library will be open after church services for anyone who wants to come browse and borrow a book. Come see what fascinating reads are in the library!

SAVE THE DATES – Blessing of the Backpacks will be September 10. See the flyer inside for more information. Sunday School begins on September 24.

GLENDI NOTES

DONATE A RAFFLE ITEM – Two weeks left to donate raffle items! Some ideas are: a gift card (gas station gift cards are particularly popular); baby toys, toddler toys, craft boxes (friendship bracelets, charm bracelets, window art, stepping stone kits, etc), theme baskets (cookie basket: recipes, non-perishable ingredients, measuring utensils, bowl, etc), snow day: indoor activities for kids, adults/youth coloring basket: coloring book with colored pencils, markers or crayons). You may also donate money and we will shop for you. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

VOLUNTEER FOR GLENDI – It's a fabulous festival with all our volunteers! Please complete a volunteer form and return it to the church office. Our customers love to see the volunteers' smiling faces!

If you plan to help under the food tent, please contact Tracy Terrio, tterrio@comcast.net or 603-566-1513.

GLENDI FLIERS ARE AVAILABLE – The church office has color flyers for GLENDI. Help us get the word out and post them around the area.

KILLING THE MESSENGER FAILS TO SILENCE THE MESSAGE!

very Orthodox Christian is familiar with the tragic details that led to the beheading of St. John the Baptist. Soon after baptizing Christ in the Jordan, John was arrested and imprisoned by Herod Antipas, the son of the infamous ruler of the same name, who reigned at the time of our Lord's birth. His "crime" was speaking out against the King for his marriage to Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

Not content with merely seeing the Baptist in captivity, Herodias devised a plan for his untimely demise. When Herod promised her daughter Salome anything she wanted after pleasing the King with her dancing at his birthday celebration, she instructed her to make this gruesome request: "I WANT YOU TO GIVE ME AT ONCE THE HEAD OF JOHN THE BAPTIST ON A PLATTER."

It is interesting to note that soon after this terrible deed had been carried out, Herod and Herodias were driven into exile by Prince Aretas, whose daughter had been Herod's lawful wife! It is recorded that they lived in great need and poverty for the rest of their lives.

It is equally fitting that Salome's life ended in tragedy as well. While living in Spain with her exiled mother and step-father, Salome fell into the frozen Sikaris River. The ice broke, and Salome found herself in the water up to her throat. After struggling as the ice pierced her neck, she was eventually decapitated. Ironically, her body was washed away, and those who found Salome's head brought it to her mother on a platter, in a manner similar to how she had once received the blessed head of the Baptist!

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> Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

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The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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A rich man in heaven?

Have you ever wanted to be rich?

Really rich? After you hear today's Gospel reading, maybe you might change your mind.

A rich man asked our Lord, Jesus Christ, how he could go to heaven. He was a faithful man, and he tried to do all the right things. But Jesus told him that he needed to do one thing. He needed to sell all his things and give them to the poor. Wow! How could this man ever do that?

Our Lord knows how hard it is to give up things that we have! In the Gospel today, Christ even says, "It will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven." But did you know something? Lots of



Saint Helen used her riches to help others and help the Church!

rich people are saints in our church. Think about Saint Helen. She was an empress who gave lots of her money to build churches. Think about Saint Elizabeth. She was a duchess who gave away lots of her money and things to start a hospital for poor people. These rich people became saints!

If we have money, we can show God that money doesn't mean so much to us. We can show God that we still put Him first. God wants us to help people who don't have money. God wants us to show that we're not attached to our money. Yes, it's hard, but we can think of the saints who gave up even more!

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WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Some saints look alike in their icons! (Of course, we don't know exactly what they looked like!)

Here are Saints Alexander, Athanasios, and Gregory the Theologian.







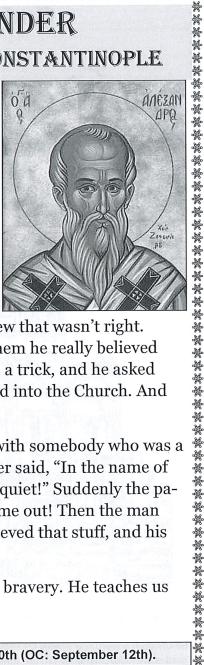
SAINT ALEXANDER

THE FIRST PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Do you think God cares what

we believe? If you asked Saint Alexander, he would tell you, "Yes! Definitely!"

Saint Alexander was a holy bishop who lived 1,700 years ago. He went to the First Ecumenical Council, a big meeting where the Church leaders talked and agreed on what we Christians believed. One man, named Arius, was telling other Christians that Jesus wasn't really God, and that He wasn't



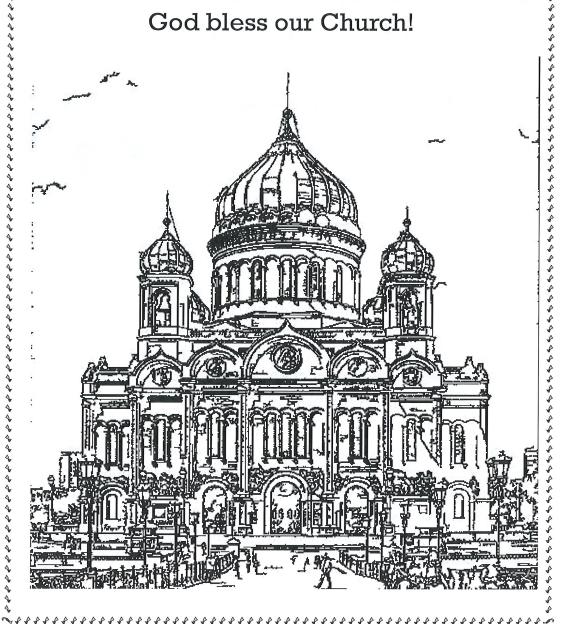
equal to God the Father. Saint Alexander knew that wasn't right. Arius tried to trick the leaders, and he told them he really believed the same thing. Saint Alexander knew it was a trick, and he asked God to make it so Arius would not be received into the Church. And he wasn't.

Another time, Saint Alexander was arguing with somebody who was a pagan (who worshiped idols). Saint Alexander said, "In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, I command you to be quiet!" Suddenly the pagan man couldn't speak! No sound would come out! Then the man showed with his hands that he no longer believed that stuff, and his speech came back.

Let's thank Saint Alexander for his Christian bravery. He teaches us that God really does care what we believe!

We celebrate Saint Alexander on Wed., August 30th (OC: September 12th).

God bless our Church!



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