

Upcoming Services

August 1st – Divine Liturgy
Beginning of Dormition Fast

August 8th Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th
Ecumenical Council

August 15th – The Dormition of our Most Holy Lady the
Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary

July 25th - Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos
According to tradition, Anna, the ancestor of God, lived for sixty-nine years, and her spouse Joachim, for eighty; according to one account, Saint Joachim died two years before Saint Anna. The Theotokos had been orphaned of both her parents already when she was eleven years of age, when she was living in the Temple (see Sept. 8 and Nov. 21). Saint Anna is invoked for conceiving children, and for help in difficult childbirth.

July 26th – Paraskevi, Righteous Martyr of Rome
Saint Paraskevi, who was from a certain village near Rome, was born to pious parents, Agatho and Politia. Since she was born on a Friday (in Greek, Paraskevi), she was given this name, which means "preparation" or "preparedness". From childhood she was instructed in the sacred letters and devoted herself to the study of the divine Scriptures, while leading a monastic life and guiding many to the Faith of Christ.

July 27th – Panteleimon, the Great Martyr and Healer
Being proficient in the physician's vocation, Panteleimon practiced 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."



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July 25, 2021

Dormition of St. Anna, mother of the Theotokos

Apolytikion of the Feast

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Entrance Hymn

Come, let us worship and bow down before Christ. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

For the Holy Woman

You carried within your womb her who was pregnant with Life, the Mother of God, O godly-minded Anna; and thus to heaven were you today transported with great rejoicing where those who feast dwell in glory. You pray for the forgiveness of offenses for the faithful who honor you with longing, O everblessed one.

Hymn of St. Spyridon

Kontakion

Today we observe the memory of Christ's forebears, and also we pray that we might receive their aid, so that all of us may be free from tribulations, as we cry aloud, "Be with us, O Lord our God, who glorified them as You were pleased to do."

Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 4:22-27

Brethren, Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and one by a free woman. But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, the son of the free woman through promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, "Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not in travail; for the children of the desolate one are many more than the children of her that is married."

Gospel Reading: Matthew 8:28-34; 9:1

At that time, when Jesus came to the country of the Gergesenes, two demoniacs met him, coming out of the tombs, so fierce that no one would pass that way. And behold, they cried out, "What have you to do with us, O Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the time?" Now a herd of many swine was feeding at some distance from them. And the demons begged him, "If you cast us out, send us away into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go." So they came out and went into the swine; and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and perished in the waters. The herdsmen fled, and going into the city they told everything, and what had happened to the demoniacs. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood. And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city.



CHRIST HEALING THE GADARENE DEMONIACS
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