

August 15th – Divine Liturgy - 10:30 a.m.
Dormition of Our Most Holy Lady Theotokos

August 22nd - Divine Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday after the Feast

Condolences

Don Hoylman, of Fairmont, passed away on Monday, July 26th. Don and his late wife, Marcella (Lomas), were long time members of St. Spyridon. May he rest in peace.

St. Aimilianos

Though Saint Aimilianos has been the primary Saint celebrated on August 8th for many centuries, there are only three shrines dedicated to his honor in all of Greece. The first is a church in the coastal area of Kallimasia on the island of Chios, the second is in the neighborhood of Tarampoura in the city of Patras, and the third is a chapel in the village of Tripotamos on the island of Tinos. In Kallimasia he is honored by a great crowd of people not only from throughout Chios, but from throughout Greece as well. On August 7th, an old icon of the Saint is transferred by ship from where it is kept in the Church of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Kallimasia. The icon is brought to a beach that bears the Saint's name, and is greeted by clergy, authorities, soldiers and a number of pilgrims. It is then carried to the Church of Saint Aimilianos as bells ring along with whistles and horns of boats. On August 8th, the Divine Liturgy is celebrated, and afterwards the traditional octopus is served to the pilgrims for the festivities.

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Aimilianos the Confessor & Bishop of Cyzikos
Holy Father Myronus the Wonderworker, Bishop of Crete
Holy New Martyrs Triantaphilus of Zagoras and Anastasius
of Thessalonica

Apolytikion

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You.

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.

Resurrectional Hymn

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Hymn of St. Spyridon

Kontakion

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:27-35

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



Two blind men begged Jesus to have mercy on them. He touched their eyes and they received their sight.

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