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LETTER FROM THE PRIEST

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Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Ladies Philoptochos Society, #1043

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- To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts; and
- To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;

2018 Philoptochos Membership

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Saint Panteleimon Teaches What Should Be the Primary Concern of Christians

 johnsanidopoulos.com/2015/07/saint-panteleimon-teaches-what-should.html

By Archimandrite George Kapsanis

In the Dismissal Hymn of the Holy Great Martyr Panteleimon, whose memory we celebrate today, we ask the Saint to intercede to the Lord for the remission of our sins. One would expect that from such a great physician, as is Saint Panteleimon, we would ask for the healing of our physical infirmities, but the Church asks for the healing of our spiritual infirmities, namely the passions, which often are the cause of physical infirmities, and are even worse, because physical infirmities can at least bring some good to a person, and lead them to repentance, but the infirmities of the soul, namely the passions, lead to eternal death.

This indicates that the primary concern of Christians, and especially monastics, is the constant struggle for the purification of the passions and the healing of the infirmities of the soul. If we come down with a serious and incurable illness we become very restless and look for the appropriate physicians, and we will even travel abroad to become well. But we are not concerned for the illnesses of the soul as much as we should be concerned. And certainly all of us, even we who belong to the order of monastics, are not entirely healthy. We also have sicknesses of the soul, which we recognize and need to be attentive to. It would be good, therefore, to beg God, before we depart this world, because after would be too late, to be healed by the Grace of God, of the various illnesses of our soul, through the intercessions of the Saints, the Theotokos, and especially the great physician of humanity we celebrate today, the champion and healer Saint Panteleimon. Amen.

Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Holy champion and healer Panteleimon, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

Source: Translated by John Sanidopoulos.

NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE

**WE KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE PLACES TO GO THIS SUMMER.
TO HELP YOU IN YOUR NEW SUMMER ROUTINES WE HAVE CHANGED
OUR START TIMES FOR OUR SERVICES TO:**

8:30 A.M. ORTHROS

9:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY

JULY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

July 5: 4th Sunday of Matthew

- ✝ 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- ✝ 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

July 12: 5th Sunday of Matthew

- ✝ 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- ✝ 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

July 19: Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council

- ✝ 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- ✝ 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy
- ✝ *Icon Procession and Scholarship Presentation by the Chios Society*

July 21: Great Vespers for Feast Day of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella

- ✝ 6:30 p.m. – Vespers Service

July 22: Feast Day of Sts. Mary Magdalene and Markella

- ✝ 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- ✝ 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

July 26: 7rd Sunday of Matthew

- ✝ 8:30 a.m. – Orthros
- ✝ 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy



“Mystagogy” Resource Center

-By John Sanidopoulos

<https://www.johnsanidopoulos.com/>

WHEN TO SIT OR STAND DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY

(Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Norfolk, Virginia)

People have been asking me the important question of what is the proper etiquette when sitting or standing in Church during the Divine Liturgy. To best explain, I have referenced the guidelines provided by one of our sister parishes, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Norfolk, Virginia. Their guidelines, which I also agree with, state:

The traditional posture for prayer and worship in the Orthodox Church has been to stand. In the Orthodox “old countries,” there are usually no pews in the churches. Chairs or benches on the side walls are usually reserved for the elderly and infirm. In North America, we have tended to build our churches with pews, and since we have them, we need to figure out when we may sit and when we should stand. It is fully acceptable (even preferable) to stand for the entire service. If you prefer this, it would be better to find a place closer to the back or side of the church so as not to stand out or block someone’s view.

When should you definitely stand? Always during the Gospel reading, the Small and Great Entrances, the Anaphora, the distribution of Holy Communion, whenever the priest gives a blessing, and the Dismissal. In many parishes, the Divine Liturgy books in the pew have suggested times when sitting is acceptable. Follow those instructions (it’s probably safer than to follow what the people are doing in the first couple of rows). It is never wrong to stand in church.

(Note: Many parishes also follow the practice of kneeling on Sundays during the Cherubic Hymn, consecration, and the “Our Father.” Strictly speaking, this is not correct, because every Sunday is a “little Pascha” in which the Resurrection is remembered — hence, no kneeling. The “kneeling prayers” said five weeks after Pascha, are said after the Sunday Liturgy, “reinstating” kneeling for Vespers, Matins, and weekday Liturgies only. If the tradition of the parish you are visiting is to kneel, and everyone kneels, it’s better to do so than to stick out like a sore thumb. If there is a mixture of standing and kneeling, then stand.)

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