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SUNDAY BULLETIN

JULY 5, 2026

Today we commemorate:

- ◆ *5th Sunday of Matthew*
- ◆ *Athanasios of Mount Athos*
- ◆ *Lampadus the Wonderworker*



Today's Memorials

*ΑΙΩΝΙΑ Η ΜΝΗΜΗ ΑΥΤΩΝ!
May their memory be eternal!*

**1-yr: Metropolitan Athenagoras
(Aneste)**

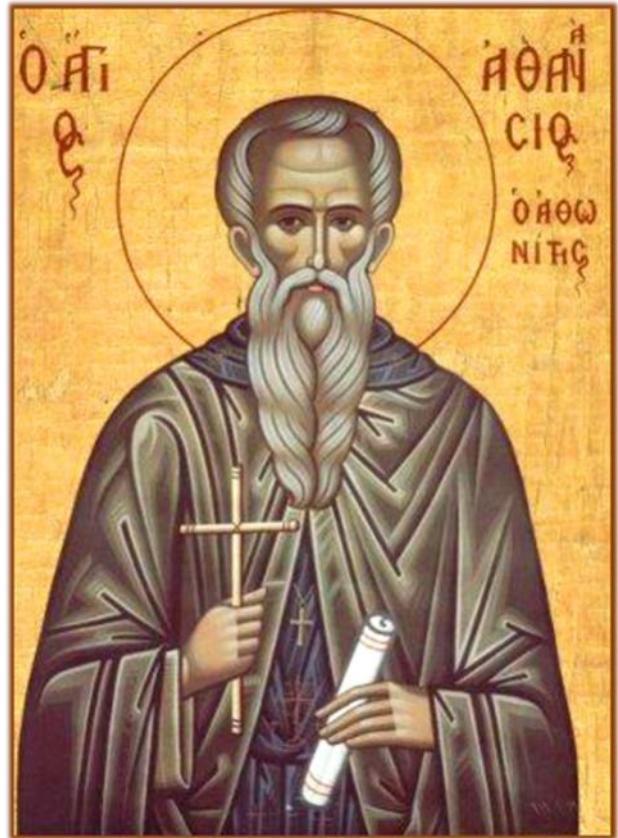
8-yr: Antonia Vrahnos

22-yr: Konstantinos Vrahnos

On duty this Sunday:

Pangari: Team B (St. Philip)

Acolytes: Team A (Archangel Michael)



COME AND SEE THE RISEN LORD!

Join us each Sunday morning for
Orthros/Matins conducted
in Greek & English.

- ◇ Orthros Binders are in the narthex with service text
- ◇ Proper attire is required during church services.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Matins/Orthros..... 8:30am

Divine Liturgy 9:45am

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Matins/Orthros..... 8:00am

Divine Liturgy 9:00am

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ENTRANCE HYMN

Δεῦτε προσκυνήσωμεν καὶ
προσπέσωμεν Χριστῷ. Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ
Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς
σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Come let us worship and bow down
before Christ. Son of God, who rose
from the dead, save us who sing to
Thee, Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION

4TH TONE

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα,
ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ
Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν
ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς
Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον·
Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη
Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ
τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women disciples of the
Lord heard the Angel joyously
proclaim the resurrection, they cast
aside the ancestral verdict, and
boasting in glory they said to the
Apostles, “Death has been despoiled!
Christ God has risen, granting the
great mercy to the world!”

APOLYTIKION FOR ATHANASIOS OF MOUNT ATHOS

3RD TONE

Τὴν ἐν σαρκὶ ζωὴν, σοῦ
κατεπλάγησαν, Ἀγγέλων τάγματα, πῶς
μετὰ σώματος, πρὸς ἀοράτους
συμπλοκάς, ἐχώρησας πανεύφημε, καὶ
κατετραυμάτισας, τῶν δαιμόνων, τὰς
φάλαγγας· ὅθεν Ἀθανάσιε, ὁ Χριστὸς
σε ἠμείψατο, πλουσίαις δωρεαῖς· Διὸ
Πάτερ, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ,
σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Angelic hosts on high were filled with
wonderment, seeing your life in the
flesh: how with your body you
courageously went out to wrestle with
invisible foes; and to the demonic
hordes you inflicted serious wounds.
Therefore, Athanasios, you received
from the Master Christ, a wealth of
gifts. Holy Father, intercede on our
behalf with Christ our God, to save our
souls.

APOLYTIKION FOR LAMPADUS THE WONDERWORKER

4TH TONE

Ὡς βίον ισάγγελον, ἀπὸ παιδὸς
ἐσχηκώς, λαμπάσι τῶν ἔργων σου,
λαμπαδουχίαν ἠθῶν, ἐκφαίνεις τοῖς
πέρασι, σὺ γὰρ τῆς ἀπαθείας, τὴν
αὐγὴν κεκτημένος, λύεις παθῶν τὴν
νύκτα, Λαμπαδὲ θεοφόρε, τοῖς πόθῳ
προσιούσι, Πάτερ, τῇ πρεσβείᾳ σου.

From childbirth you bore, a life equal
to the angels, your words shined,
giving forth a radiant character,
revealing your perfection; by your
dispassion, you gained brightness,
unbinding the passions of the night,
God-bearing Lampados, of those who
approach you with longing, Father, by
your intercessions.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

3RD TONE

Φύλαξ Ἄγγελε, φρούρει και σκέπε, τὸν
δοθέντα σοι εἰς προστασίαν, ἀπὸ παντός
σκοτεινοῦ παραπτώματος. Ἐκ
κατηχήσεως γάρ ο Φιλάνθρωπος, πρὸς
τὸν πιστὸν σε κατέστησε φύλακα. Ὅθεν
Ἄγγελε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε,
φυλάττων μέ πιστὸν Θεοῦ θεράποντα.

Guard and shelter me, who am entrusted
to your guardianship, Guardian Angel,
lest I fall into a dark sin of any kind. The
Lord who loves all humanity assigns
your kind to each believer at the time of
their baptism as their guardian. And
therefore entreat Christ our God, and
guard me the believer, as the servant of
God.

MEMORIAL APOLYTIKION

PLAGAL OF THE 4TH TONE

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τούς
δούλους σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ,
ἡμάρτησαν συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ
ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ
τοῖς μεταστᾶσι, δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Remember Your servants, O Lord,
since You are good, and forgive them
for all their sins in life; for no one is
without sin except for You who are
able to give rest to those who have
passed away.

APOLYTIKION OF THE PARISH - ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

2ND TONE

Μνήμη Δικαίου μέτ' ἐγκωμίων, σοὶ δὲ
ἀρκέσει ἡ μαρτυρία τοῦ Κυρίου
Πρόδρομε· ἀνεδείχθης γὰρ ὄντως καὶ
Προφητῶν σεβασμιώτερος, ὅτι καὶ ἐν
ρείθροις βαπτίσει κατηξιώθης τὸν
κηρυττόμενον. Ὅθεν τῆς ἀληθείας
ὑπεραθλήσας, χαίρων εὐηγγελίσω καὶ
τοῖς ἐν Ἄδη, Θεὸν φανερωθέντα ἐν σαρκί,
τὸν αἴροντα τὴν ἁμαρτίαν τοῦ κόσμου,
καὶ παρέχοντα ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

The memory of the just is observed with
hymns of praise; for you suffices the
testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You
have proved to be truly more ven'erable
than the Prophets, since you were granted
to baptize in the river the One whom they
proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth
you had contested, rejoicing, to those in
Hades you preached the Gospel, that God
was manifested in the flesh, and takes
away the sin of the world, and grants to us
great mercy.

KONTAKION

PLAGAL OF THE 2ND TONE

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν
ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν
Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης,
ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν
ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι·
Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς
ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε,
τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never
falls, intercession with the Creator that
never fails, we sinners beg you, do not
ignore the voices of our prayers. O good
Lady, we implore you, quickly come
unto our aid, when we cry out to you
with faith. Hurry to intercession, and
hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who
protect now and ever those who honor
you.



Αντίθετα, ο καρπός του Αγίου Πνεύματος είναι η αγάπη, η χαρά, η ειρήνη, η μακροθυμία, η καλοσύνη, η αγαθότητα, η πίστη, η πραότητα, η εγκράτεια. Τίποτε απ' αυτά δεν καταδικάζει ο νόμος. Άλλωστε όσοι είναι του Χριστού έχουν σταυρώσει τον αμαρτωλό εαυτό τους μαζί με τα πάθη και τις επιθυμίες του. Αφού, λοιπόν, ζούμε με τη δύναμη του Πνεύματος, πρέπει ν' ακολουθούμε το Πνεύμα. Ας μη γινόμαστε ματαιόδοξοι, ας μην προκαλούμε κι ας μη φθονούμε ο ένας τον άλλο. Αν κάποιος, αδερφοί μου, βρεθεί να κάνει κάποιο παράπτωμα, εσείς που έχετε το Πνεύμα του Θεού να τον διορθώνετε με πραότητα. Προσέχετε μόνο να μην παρασυρθείτε κι εσείς από τον πειρασμό. Να σηκώνετε ο ένας το φορτίο του άλλου, κι έτσι θα εφαρμόσετε πλήρως το νόμο του Χριστού.

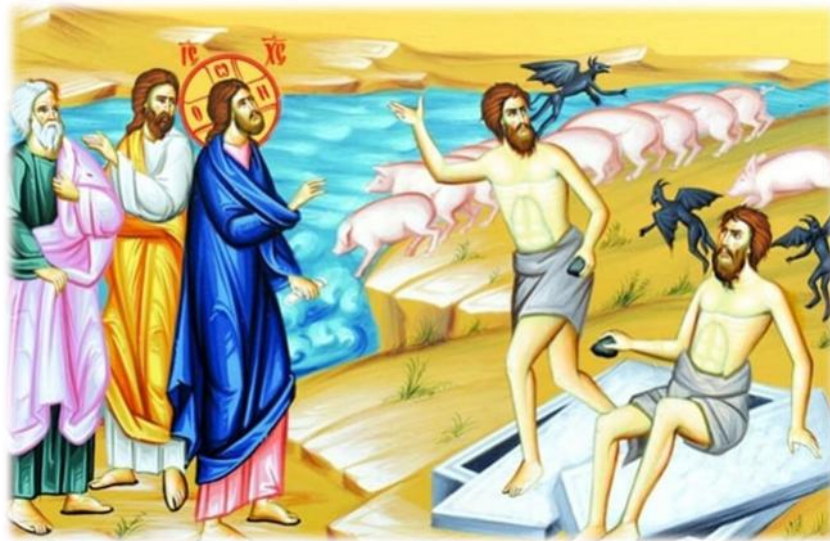
Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.





Όταν έφτασε στην απέναντι όχθη, στην περιοχή των Γεργεσηνών, τον συνάντησαν δύο δαιμονισμένοι που έρχονταν από τα μνήματα, τόσο φοβεροί, που κανένας δεν τολμούσε να περάσει από κείνον το δρόμο. Και με κραυγές του έλεγαν: «Τι δουλειά έχεις εσύ μ' εμάς, Υιέ του Θεού; Ήρθες εδώ να μας βασανίσεις πριν την ώρα μας;» Μακριά απ' αυτούς έβροσκε ένα μεγάλο κοπάδι χοίρων. Και οι δαίμονες τον παρακαλούσαν λέγοντας: «Αν είναι να μας διώξεις, άφησέ μας να πάμε στο κοπάδι των χοίρων». Κι εκείνος τους είπε: «Πηγαίνατε». Αυτοί βγήκαν και πήγαν στο κοπάδι των χοίρων. Και όλο το κοπάδι των χοίρων όρμησε και γκρεμίστηκε στη λίμνη και πνίγηκαν μέσα στα νερά. Οι βοσκοί έφυγαν, πήγαν στην πόλη και ανάγγειλαν όλα τα συμβάντα και ό,τι έγινε με τους δαιμονισμένους. Βγήκε τότε όλη η πόλη να συναντήσει τον Ιησού, κι όταν τον είδαν, τον παρακάλεσαν να φύγει από την περιοχή τους. Ο Ιησούς επιβιβάστηκε στο πλοίο, διέσχισε τη λίμνη και ήρθε στην πόλη του.

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.



This Week at St. John the Baptist

Sunday, July 5

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**
- *Coffee Hour sponsored by:*
Philoptochos in honor of Fr. Dimitri, Presbytera Mary & their son Vasili

Tuesday, July 7


- **8am Orthros 9am Divine Liturgy ST. KYRIAKI (MC)**

Saturday, July 11

- **5pm Great Vespers (MC)**


Sunday, July 12

- **8:30am Orthros 9:45am Divine Liturgy (MC)**



“Why are you so despondent? Where is your faith? Did the Lord not promise to give all things necessary for each one who seeks the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? Examine yourself. Do you have within you this searching?”

Abbot Nikon Vorobiev
Abbot Nikon Letters to Spiritual Children



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Community Focus

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- Faith Connection
- Cultural Heritage
- Cognitive benefits
- Stronger community ties

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**ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ
ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΙΚΗ ΕΓΚΥΚΛΙΟΣ**

Αριθμ. Πρωτ.: 299/2026

Αρχιεπισκοπική Εγκύκλιος για την 4^η Ιουλίου.

4 Ιουλίου 2026

Πρὸς τοὺς Σεβασμιωτάτους καὶ Θεοφιλεστάτους Ἀρχιερεῖς, τοὺς Εὐλαβεστάτους Ἱερεῖς καὶ Διακόνους, τὶς Πρεσβυτέρες καὶ τὶς Διακόνισσες, τοὺς Μοναχοὺς καὶ τὶς Μοναχές, τοὺς Προέδρους καὶ τὰ Μέλη τῶν Κοινοτικῶν Συμβουλίων, τοὺς Ἐντιμολογιωτάτους Ἀρχόντες τοῦ Οἰκουμενικοῦ Πατριαρχείου, τὰ μέλη τῆς Ἡγεσίας τῶν 100, τὰ Ἡμερήσια καὶ Απογευματινὰ Σχολεῖα, τὶς Φιλοπτώχους Ἀδελφότητες, τὴ Νεολαία, τὶς Ἑλληνορθόδοξες Ὄργανώσεις καὶ ὁλόκληρο τὸ Χριστεπώνυμο πλήρωμα τῆς Ἱερᾶς Αρχιεπισκοπῆς Ἀμερικῆς.

**«Θεωροῦμε τὶς ἀλήθειες αὐτὲς ὡς αὐταπόδεικτες...»
(Ἀπὸ τῆ Διακήρυξη τῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας).**

Προσφιλεῖς ἀδελφοὶ καὶ ἀδελφές ἐν Χριστῷ,

Ἡ φετεινὴ 4^η Ιουλίου εἶναι ἰδιαίτερος σημαντικὴ, διότι ἐορτάζουμε διακόσια πενήντα χρόνια ἀπὸ τῆ Διακήρυξη τῆς Ἀνεξαρτησίας, ἡ ὁποία ἔθεσε τὰ θεμέλια γιὰ «τὴ χώρα τῶν ἐλευθέρων καὶ τὴν πατρίδα τῶν γενναίων», τὶς Ἡνωμένες Πολιτεῖες τῆς Ἀμερικῆς. Διακόσια πενήντα χρόνια σημαίνουν περίπου δέκα γενεές Ἀμερικανῶν. Κάποιοι ἐφθασαν νωρίτερα καὶ ἄλλοι μετανάστευσαν πολὺ ἀργότερα, ἀλλὰ ἀνεξάρτητα ἀπὸ τὸ πῶς κάποιος ἐγίνε Ἀμερικανὸς πολίτης, ὅλοι μετέχουμε στὴν εὐλογία τῆς ὑπηκοότητος σὲ αὐτὴ τὴ θαυμαστὴ χώρα.

Ἄν καὶ δὲν ὑπῆρξε ποτὲ τέλεια χώρα, κοινωνία, αὐτοκρατορία ἢ ἔθνος στὴν ἱστορία τοῦ κόσμου, οἱ Ἡνωμένες Πολιτεῖες προσπάθησαν, διὰ μέσῳ ὅλων τῶν γενεῶν, νὰ μείνουν πιστὲς σὲ αὐτὴ τὴ Διακήρυξη. Ὅχι μόνον τὴ Διακήρυξη τῆς

Ανεξαρτησίας, αλλά και την πίστη ότι «ή ζωή, ή ελευθερία και ή επιδίωξη της ευτυχίας» αποτελούν αναφαίρετο δικαίωμα κάθε ανθρώπου. Ως ορθόδοξοι χριστιανοί, αναγνωρίζουμε ότι κάθε πρόσωπο έχει πλασθεί κατ' εικόνα του Θεού, έστω κι αν ή εικόνα αυτή τραυματίζεται και άμαυρώνεται από την άμαρτία. Έτσι, όπως οί Πατέρες του Έθνους μας, οί όποιοι υπέγραψαν τή Διακήρυξη της Ανεξαρτησίας, αναγνωρίζουμε και έμεις ότι ό «Δημιουργός μās έπλασε με άπαραβίαστα δικαιώματα...».

Η θεμελιώδης ιδέα ότι κάθε άνθρωπος είναι ίσος ενώπιον του Θεού είναι μία αλήθεια, την όποία οί Πατέρες του Έθνους διεκήρυξαν ως «αυταπόδεικτη», άλλ' όμως συχνά δέν έπιβεβαιώνεται, λόγω τών κοινωνικών άνισοτήτων και άνισορροπιών. Γι' αυτό, όλοι μας, πιστοί στο άμερικανικό πνεύμα, καλούμαστε να διασφαλίζουμε τά δικαιώματα τών άλλων, όσο διαφορετικοί κι αν μās φαίνονται. Διότι ή τελική αξία του ανθρώπινου προσώπου δέν πηγάζει από τά έξωτερικά γνωρίσματα του τόπου, του πολιτισμού, της γλώσσας ή της προσωπικότητας, αλλά από την εικόνα του Θεού, κατά την όποία δημιουργήθηκε. Η άποστολή μας είναι να εργαζόμαστε και να αγωνιζόμαστε, ώστε αυτή ή εικόνα να γίνει καθ' όμοίωση. Δηλαδή, ή δυνατότητα της κοινής ανθρώπινης φύσεως να βρει την πλήρωσή της στην άδιάκοπη πορεία προς τή θέωση, προς τή θεία ζωή, με την άγάπη, την συμπόνια, τό έλεος, τή συγχωρήση, λαμβάνοντας τή χάρη του Θεού και ακολουθώντας τά ίχνη του Κυρίου μας Ιησού Χριστού.

Αγαπητοί μου άδελφοί εν Κυρίω, είμαστε αληθινά εύλογημένοι που ζούμε και προοδεύουμε σε αυτή τή γή, όπου οί αξίες της αυτοδιοίκησης συναντούν την πίστη μας. Κατά τή διακοσιοστή πεντηκοστή επέτειο της ίδρύσεως του άμερικανικού έθνους μας, ως είμαστε ένωμένοι πάντοτε και να οίκοδομούμε επάνω στις αυταπόδεικτες αλήθειες της πίστεως και της ελευθερίας, οί όποιες αποτελούν τό θεμέλιο της ζωής μας, της δημοκρατίας μας και έν τέλει της ευτυχίας μας.

Νά έχετε μία εύλογημένη ήμέρα της 4^{ης} Ιουλίου!

Μετά πατρικής εν Χριστώ άγάπης,



† ό Αμερικής Ελπιδοφόρος



**GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA
ARCHEPISCOPAL ENCYCLICAL**

Prot. No. 299/2026

Archiepiscopal Encyclical on the Fourth of July

July 4, 2026

Unto the Most Reverend and Right Reverend Hierarchs, Pious Priests and Deacons, the Presvyteres and Diakonisses, the Monks and Nuns, Presidents and Members of Parish Councils, Honorable Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, Members of Leadership 100, the Day and Afternoon Schools, Philoptochos Societies, the Youth, Greek Orthodox Organizations, and the entirety of the Christ-named Plenitude of the Holy Archdiocese of America.

*"We hold these truths to be self-evident...."
(The Declaration of Independence)*

My Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

This Fourth of July is a very special one – for we celebrate a quarter of a millennium since the Declaration of Independence that inaugurated our “land of the free and home of the brave,” the United States of America. Two hundred and fifty years is approximately ten generations of Americans, and though there were some who arrived earlier, and many who arrived much later, no matter how you became an American, we are all endowed with the same blessing of citizenship in this amazing Country.

While there has never been a perfect society, empire, or nation in the history of the world, our United States has endeavored through these generations to be true to its Declaration – not only of Independence, but its avowal that “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” are intrinsic rights of every human being. As Orthodox Christians, we recognize that every person is endowed with the image of God, even if that image is obscured and marred by sin. Thus, like the Founders of our Country who signed the

Declaration of Independence, we acknowledge that we are bestowed by our "Creator with certain unalienable Rights...."

The fundamental equality of every human being before God is a truth that the Founders declared "self-evident," yet we often see in our world radical inequities and imbalances. Thus, all of us – true to the American spirit – are called to affirm the rights of all others, no matter how different they may seem. For it is not in the exterior signs and marks of locality, culture, language, and personality that the ultimate value of the human person derives. But from the image of God in which they were created. Our mission, is to encourage and work for that image to become the likeness – meaning, for the potential of that shared humanity to find its fulfillment in the ever-aspiring reach toward *theosis*, toward the life divine by living lives of love, compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and grace, following in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Beloved Brethren in the Lord: we are so very blessed to live and thrive in this Land where the values of our self-governance converge with our faith. In the Semiquincentennial of our Nation's founding, let us ever rise up to build on the self-evident truths of Faith and freedom, which are the very foundation of our life, our liberty, and our pursuit of happiness. Happy Fourth of July!

With paternal love in Jesus Christ,



+ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America

JUNE - AUGUST, 2026



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- Special Guest, Frank Klopas (former Chicago Fire coach)
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July

Mon, 6

Sisoes the Great, Archippus, Philemon, Onesimus

Tues, 7

Kyriaki the Great Martyr, Thomas of Maleon

Wed, 8

Prokopius the Great Martyr, Theophilus the Myrrhbearer

Thurs, 9

Pancretius Bishop of Sicily, Dionysios the Orator

Fri, 10

45 Martyrs Nikopolis, Armenia, Martyr Apollonios

Sat, 11

Euphemia the Great Martyr, Olga Equal to the Apostles