



St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr and Healer

Celebrated on July 27th

This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it 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."

On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian.

Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

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7th Sunday of Matthew

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Commemoration of: Hermalaos & his companions; Paraskevi, Martyr of Rome; Moses the Hungarian; Jacob Netsvekov, Enlightener of Alaska

Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns

Angelike thinamis (Hymn of the Day) Tone 6

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those who guarded it became still as dead, and standing by Your grave was Mary seeking Your most pure and sacred Body. For You did vanquish Hades and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin (woman), bestowing the gift of life. You who have risen from the dead, Lord glory to You.

Tin sputhin su (St. Paraskevi) Tone 1

Your diligence corresponded to your name, Paraskeve, which denotes preparedness. Through faith you inherited the promised dwelling that was prepared for you, O prize-winning Martyr. Therefore you pour out cures and healings, and you intercede on behalf of our souls. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Tu Stavru su ton tipon (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8

Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover of mankind.

Kontakion Tone 2

Prostasia ton Hristianon

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. (AgesInitiatives.com)

Epistle Reading Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5

BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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.

Today

✠ SUN, 7/26– 7th Sunday of Matthew; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "A Journey to Fullness– A Beautiful Rhythm" 1:30 p.m.

This Week

- ✠ MON, 7/27– St. Panteleimon via Zoom: Orthros 8:30 a.m., followed by Divine Liturgy
- ✠ THU, 7/30– Prayer Ministry 11 to 12:30 p.m.
- ✠ FRI, 7/31– Metropolis Clergy Zoom Meeting 9:30 a.m.
- ✠ SAT, 8/1– Great Vespers via Zoom 5:30 p.m.
- ✠ SUN, 8/2– 8th Sunday of Matthew; Adult Religious Education via Zoom: "A Journey to Fullness– The Journey Continues" 1:30 p.m.

Fr. Alexander Away July 28th thru July 30th

Fr. Alexander will be away for a "virtual break" from Tuesday, July 28th thru Thursday, July 30th. In the event of a pastoral emergency during this 3 day period, please call Fr. Athanasius Kone at (808) 256-9482.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday by phone at 11 a.m. For information, email prayer@greekorthodoxhawaii.org or call the church office at 521-7220.

Facebook Link to Sunday Services

Please check the "footers" of your email in which you received this Electronic Weekly Bulletin.

Zoom Link for all Weekday Services (Monday thru Saturday)

Meeting ID: 645 401 0911; Password: 990890

Pearls of Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

"Let us be satisfied simply with what sustains our present life, not with what pampers it. Let us pray to God for this, as we have been taught, so that we may keep our souls unenslaved and absolutely free from domination by any of the visible things loved for the sake of the body. Let us show that we eat for the sake of living, and not be guilty of living for the sake of eating. The first is a sign of intelligence, the second proof of its absence."

~St. Maximos the Confessor