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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



JULY 27, 2008

6th Sunday after Pentecost

**GREATMARTYR AND
HEALER PANTELEIMON**

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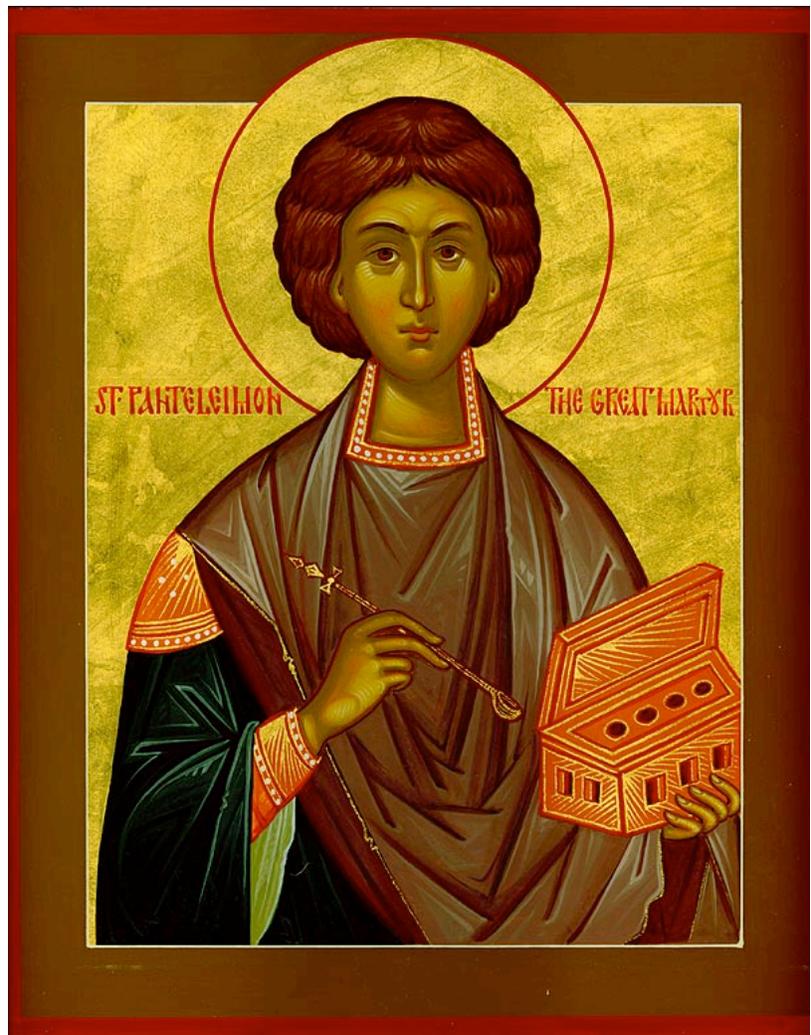
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- Archpriest John Zdinak
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- Archpriest Pavel Soucek
Attached/Retired
- Subdeacon Theodore Lentz
Sacristan
- Reader Julius Kovach -
Ecclesiarch & Choirmaster

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days
5:00 PM Confessions
6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy



Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon

The Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon was born in the city of Nicomedia into the family of the illustrious pagan Eustorgius, and he was named Pantoleon. His mother St Euboula (March 30) was a Christian. She wanted to raise her son in the Christian Faith, but she died when the future martyr was just a young child. His father sent Pantoleon to a pagan school, after which the young man studied medicine at Nicomedia under the renowned physician Euphrosynus. Pantoleon came to the attention of the emperor Maximian (284-305), who wished to appoint him as royal physician when he finished his schooling.

The hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates, survivors of the massacre of 20,000 Christians in 303 (December 28), were living secretly in Nicomedia at that time. St Hermolaus saw Pantoleon time and again when he came to the house where they were hiding. Once, the priest invited the youth to the house and spoke about the Christian Faith. After this Pantoleon visited St Hermolaus every day.

One day the saint found a dead child on the street. He had been bitten by a great snake, which was still beside the child's body. Pantoleon began to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to revive the dead child and to destroy the venomous reptile. He firmly resolved that if his prayer were fulfilled, he would become a follower of Christ and receive Baptism. The child rose up alive, and the snake died before Pantoleon's eyes.

After this miracle, Pantoleon was baptized by St Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, St Panteleimon prepared him to accept Christianity. When the father saw how his son healed a blind man by invoking Jesus Christ, he then believed in Christ and was baptized by St Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, St Panteleimon dedicated his life to the suffering, the sick, the unfortunate and the needy. He treated all those who turned to him without charge, healing them in the name of Jesus Christ. He visited those held captive in prison. These were usually Christians, and he healed them of their wounds. In a short time, reports of the charitable physician spread throughout the city. Forsaking the other doctors, the inhabitants began to turn only to St Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that St Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. St Panteleimon confessed himself a Christian, and suggested that a sick person, for whom the doctors held out no hope, should be brought before the emperor. Then the doctors could invoke their gods, and Panteleimon would pray to his God to heal the man. A man paralyzed for many years was brought in, and pagan priests who knew the art of medicine invoked their gods without success. Then, before the very eyes of the emperor, the saint healed the paralytic by calling on the name of Jesus Christ. The ferocious Maximian executed the healed man, and gave St Panteleimon over to fierce torture.

The Lord appeared to the saint and strengthened him before his sufferings. They suspended the Great Martyr Panteleimon from a tree and scraped him with iron hooks, burned him with fire and then stretched him on the rack, threw him into a cauldron of boiling tar, and cast him into the sea with a stone around his neck. Throughout these tortures the martyr remained unhurt, and denounced the emperor.

At this time the priests Hermolaus, Hermippus and Hermocrates were brought before the court of the pagans. All three confessed their faith in the Savior and were beheaded (July 26).

By order of the emperor they brought the Great Martyr Panteleimon to the circus to be devoured by wild beasts. The animals, however, came up to him and licked his feet. The spectators began to shout, "Great is the God of the Christians!" The enraged Maximian ordered the soldiers to

stab with the sword anyone who glorified Christ, and to cut off the head of the Great Martyr Panteleimon.

They led the saint to the place of execution and tied him to an olive tree. While the martyr prayed, one of the soldiers struck him with a sword, but the sword became soft like wax and inflicted no wound. The saint completed his prayer, and a Voice was heard from Heaven, calling the passion-bearer by his new name and summoning him to the heavenly Kingdom.

Hearing the Voice, the soldiers fell down on their knees before the holy martyr and begged forgiveness. They refused to continue with the execution, but St Panteleimon told them to fulfill the emperor's command, because otherwise they would have no share with him in the future life. The soldiers tearfully took their leave of the saint with a kiss.

When the saint was beheaded, the olive tree to which the saint was tied became covered with fruit. Many who were present at the execution believed in Christ. The saint's body was thrown into a fire, but remained unharmed, and was buried by Christians. St Panteleimon's servants Laurence, Bassos and Probus witnessed his execution and heard the Voice from Heaven. They recorded the life, the sufferings and death of the saint.

Portions of the holy relics of the Great Martyr Panteleimon were distributed throughout all the Christian world. His venerable head is now located at the Russian monastery of St Panteleimon on Mt. Athos.

The veneration of the holy martyr in the Russian Orthodox Church was already known in the twelfth century. Prince Izyaslav (in Baptism Panteleimon), the son of St Mstislav the Great, had an image of St Panteleimon on his helmet. Through the intercession of the saint he remained alive during a battle in the year 1151. On the Feast of the Great Martyr Panteleimon, Russian forces won two naval victories over the Swedes (in 1714 near Hanhauze and in 1720 near Grenham).

St Panteleimon is venerated in the Orthodox Church as a mighty saint, and the protector of soldiers. This aspect of his veneration is derived from his first name Pantoleon, which means "a lion in everything". His second name, Panteleimon, given him at Baptism, which means "all-merciful", is manifest in the veneration of the martyr as a healer. The connection between these two aspects of the saint is readily apparent in that soldiers, receiving wounds more frequently than others, are more in need of a physician-healer. Christians waging spiritual warfare also have recourse to this saint, asking him to heal their spiritual wounds.

The holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is invoked in the Mystery of Anointing the Sick, at the Blessing of Water, and in the Prayers for the Sick.

The Feast of the holy Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon is the patronal Feast of the Russian monastery on Athos. The forefeast starts eight days before the Feast. Each day after Vespers, Moliebens are sung with Canons in each of the eight tones. Thus, each day has its own particular Canon. The second day of the Feast is the monastery feastday. On this day a general Panikhida is served after Vespers in memory of the founders and benefactors of the monastery, and kollyva (kutia: wheat or rice boiled with honey) is blessed and distributed.

The verses of the Ninth Ode of the Canon of the Great Martyr and Healer Panteleimon from the manuscript of the Athonite service are reprinted in the "Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate" (1975, No.3, pp. 45-47).

PRAYER REQUESTS

DEPARTED:

Sue Pyeha + 7/3/08

Peter Dereschuk + 7/7/08

ILL-AFFLICTED:

Archpriest Pavel Soucek

and Mat. Paula

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Alice Artino

Helen Baldner

Carol Bohurjak

Martha Bondor

Mary Chrewan

John Conrad

Bernice Ferencz

Joseph Gammalo

Henry & Julia Grabowski

Maria Hanzel

Christina Helle

Jason Kleps (cousin of Maca Tyler. Jason is in Kirkuk, Iraq)

Marian Kluchnik

Mary Ann Kovach

Dorothy Laskovich

John Matson

Olga Michailuk

Dan O'Donnell

Rebekah Samol

Julia Sankovic(child)

Mary Ann Silberhorn

William J. Spurlock

Elsie Sudnick

Harrison Ward (Child)

Helen Zawisza (Joe Rusynyk's sister)

William & Suzanne Frazier
& Unborn Child

Cara Ann Gartman
& Unborn Child

Tom & Nancy Mitchell
& Unborn Child

William George & Mara Oprisko &
Unborn Child



Edward & Carol Jacak
& Newly Born Annaliese Benay
6/30/08

Robby & Jacqui Prock
and Newly Born Hailey
Ann 6/23/08

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	\$6,538.00
Last week's collection:	<u>\$7,690.00</u>
Over/Under	\$1,152.00

"But as you abound in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us - see that you abound in this grace also."
2 Corinthians 8:7



Church Picnic

TODAY!!! JULY 27

Please bring one of your favorite side dishes to share!



Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy. While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion, everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.

COFFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

Coffee Hour Hosts:

7/27/08 Donna Jacak
8/03/08 Dan & Lavinia Morris
8/10/08 Joyce Tabeling/Albert Casey
8/17/08 Chanda Czaruk

Greeters:

Maca Tyler
Debbi Pinta/Maria Browlawik
Eileen Bondor
Phyllis Gindlesperger/Virginia Medvec



Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for the health of or in memory of your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.



For your convenience, we will have **HOMEMADE APRICOT, NUT and POPPYSEED ROLLS** for sale at every Sunday's *Coffee Hour*. Homemade rolls are also available at the Ridge Manor Party Center. Please call Sharon Glagola at 216-749-5509. \$8.00 each.

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

In honor of **GRACE MARY PARHAMOVICH'S 80th birthday** by the Felon Family, Subdeacon Leon, Karen and Leonora.

NOTICE

Effective July 1, 2008, there was a price increase for the purchase of cemetery lots at the St. Theodosius Orthodox Cemetery.

Price increases for St. Theodosius parishioners will take effect August 1, 2008

Finance Committee Meeting Monday, August 11, 2008 5:30 PM @Ridge Manor

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:00 PM @ Ridge Manor

ST. MATTHEW'S ORTHODOX CHURCH

10383 Albion Road, North Royalton will be hosting a Pan-Orthodox Christian Education Workshop Educating Ourselves and Our Children in Godliness I, II **Saturday, September 13. 8:30AM - 4:30PM Lunch Provided**

The Tremont Arts Festival

Please mark your calendars for the Tremont Arts Festival

Saturday September 20 11:00AM - 6:00PM and Sunday September 1 Noon - 5:00PM

Details forthcoming. Any suggestions you may have to make improvements in our efforts is most appreciated.

Michael Tabeling

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
ST. MARY OF EGYPT ORTHODOX MONASTERY is sponsoring its ANNUAL BENEFIT at ST. PAUL GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 1:00PM - 3:30PM \$20.00 PER PERSON

Children explain the Bible...

The following statement about the Bible was written by a child and has not been retouched or corrected.

Compliments of Fr. Andrew Stevens - *Parish Monthly Magazine*.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.



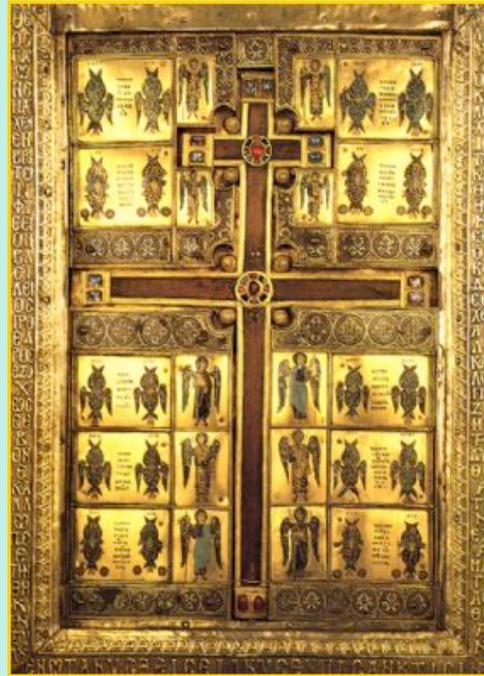
Weekly Schedule

Sunday, July 27
Greatmartyr and Healer
Panteleimon
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
CHURCH PICNIC

Monday, July 28
Apostles of the 70
Prochorus, Nicanor,
Timon and Parmenas

Tuesday, July 29
Martyr Callinicus
Virgin Martyr Seraphima

Wednesday, July 30
Apostles of the 70:
Silas, Silvanus and
Their Companions



The Procession of the Honorable
Wood of the Life-giving Cross of the Lord

Thursday, July 31
Forefeast Procession Of
The Life-giving Cross
Righteous Eudocimus
St. Germanus, BP OF AUXERRE

Friday, August 1
Procession Of The
Life-Giving Cross
7 MACCABEAN MARTYRS

Saturday, August 2
Relics Protomartyr Stephen
Righteous Gamaliel
6:00 PM Vespers

Sunday, August 3
Ven. Isaac, Dalmatus
and Faustus
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

SPECIAL COLLECTION
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ROSE WINDOW



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