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ST. THEODOSIUS ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL



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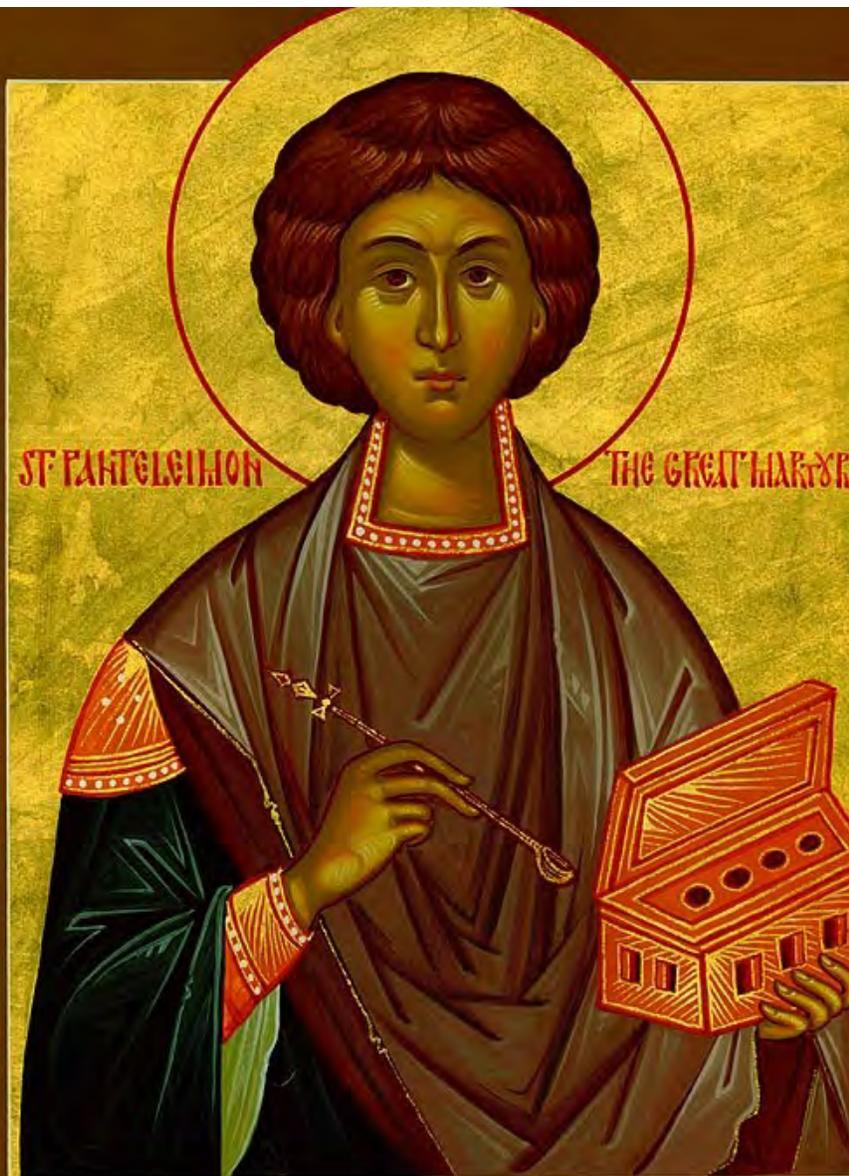
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Divine Services

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

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Greatmartyr and Healer Panteleimon (July 27)

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 Saint 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. Saint 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 Saint 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 Saint Hermolaus with the name Panteleimon (meaning "all-merciful"). Speaking with Eustorgius, Saint 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 Saint Hermolaus together with the man whose sight was restored.

After the death of his father, Saint 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 Saint Panteleimon.

The envious doctors told the emperor that Saint Panteleimon was healing Christian prisoners. Maximian urged the saint to refute the charge by offering sacrifice to idols. Saint 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 Saint 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 mar-

tyr 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 Saint 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. Saint

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 Saint 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 Saint Mstislav the Great, had an image of Saint 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).

Saint 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.

PRAYER LIST ISSUE

We are having an issue with the prayer list: names go on but they do not come off. Some names certainly should not come off, but many names also linger. Many times there are names that we do not remember the reason they are there.

As the prayer list is about to be two pages long, we are going to assume each submitted name is to be on for one month, unless special instructions are given specifying a different amount of time. We will also ask for submissions to the prayer list asking for removals—names that you know should come off. Starting with this Ambo, **each name will be on for one month** and then automatically come off unless otherwise requested.

Ideally, listed names should be Orthodox or at least Christians. While we may certainly pray for Muslims, Hindus, etc, that is not done during Liturgies.

Thank you in advance, and please do not be discouraged from submitting names—we are doing this to make sure that you have room to do so!

To the party who donated \$900 to fix the parish house roof...



THANK YOU!



The roof has been fixed.

22nd Annual Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival—9/18

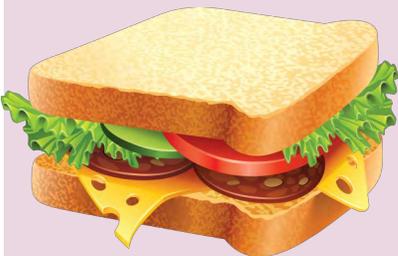
Another year, another Arts & Cultural Festival! Volunteers needed, so please contact Subdeacon Michael Labeling if you can help.

Some more info here: <https://experiencetremont.com/featured-events/tremont-arts-cultural-festival/>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

His Eminence Bishop Paul is coming on **September 12th**. Please attend as we will be celebrating the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and also do extend an invitation to friends and family as well.

Sandwiches for St. Herman House



The 2nd Saturday of each month, a small crew will help serve lunch at St. Herman's. The next day (Sunday), we will make more sandwiches for them during Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. If you can help, please join us!

If you wish to help defer costs, please see Dan Morris.

ST. THEODOSIUS SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES

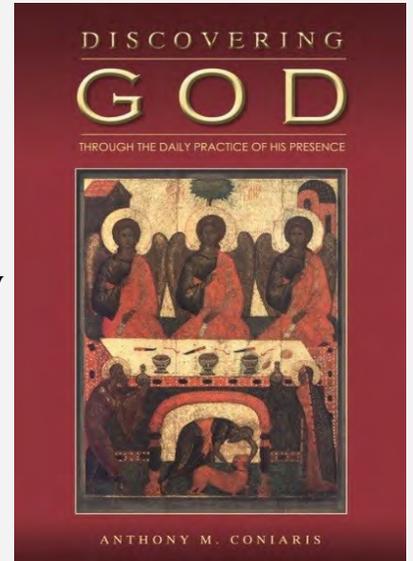
Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Come join us for **St. Theodosius Summer Faith Enrichment Classes**, where you can reconnect with old friends and learn more about the richness of the Orthodox Faith. We are resuming with a four-week summer course.

Faith Enrichment has begun again! At 11:00 AM at the Parish Hall next to the Cathedral (733 Starkweather Avenue). There will be three more sessions, July 29th, August 5th, and August 12th. The Summer Faith Enrichment book is *Discovering God, Through the Daily Practice of His Presence* by Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris. The book is available for \$18.00. If you prefer a link, it is available here:

<https://store.ancientfaith.com/discovering-god>

Subdeacon Leon Felon will be leading the class. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, call the Subdeacon at 440 666-7601, or Reader Paul Pangrace at 440 884-3115.



FR. JAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Fr. Jan is in the office Tuesday through Friday from approximately 9:00AM to 2:00PM. He asks that we call ahead to schedule an appointment rather than just walk in, in case he is out visiting someone, in a meeting, or counseling someone.

Due to the pandemic, and our financial position last year, we suspended the Food Pantry bags for **Merrick House** (20 bags of groceries for their Moms First program). There are envelopes in the foyer specifically for this, or you can earmark a special offering envelope for the Merrick House Food Pantry. Please consider 'sponsoring a bag' for \$10.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Dan Morris

VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation due to COVID, our absence of a rector, or for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. He asks that we use the contact number provided should we need anything from him. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Deceased

Richard Green

Special Intentions:

Deacon Paul Mitchell (*Tom Mitchell's father*)

Protodeacon Dan Boerio

Subdeacon Theodore Lentz

Reader Paul Pangrace

Arlene Czajkowski

Jennifer Boerio

Child Mary Kate Zweidunger

Child Vivian Sherer

Melissa (*cousin of Mary Ann Kovach*)

Elizabeth (Betty) Balasz

Marie Borland

Horia Dascalescu

Debra Ellis

Gregory Galan

Aleksei Green

Virginia Haupt (*Lisa Theodore's mother*)

Don Hinkl

Matthew Hunly (*Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law*)

Diane Kearsey (*Janice Tkacz's sister*)

Annamarie Luvison (*Daughter of Kaite Ellis-Luvison*)

Chris Magee (*Erin Zawolowycz's brother*)

Paul Mihal

Natalya Miller (*Arlene Neale's great-*

niece)

Andrew Mytrohovich

Debra Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's sister*)

Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother*)

Jim Paulitzky (*Jerry Czajkowski's son-in-law*)

James Peter Petkac

Susan Reese (*friend of Jerry & Arlene Czajkowski and Betty Balasz*)

Elena Rich (*Jerry Czajkowski's daughter*)

Andrew Sykaluk

Elaine Sudnick (*Joy Pfeiffer's mother*)

Tony Sykaluk (*friend of Lydia Mytrohovich*)

Janice Tkacz

Gayle Vidovitch

Eleanor Wachovec (*friend of Karen Felon*)

Robert Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Colleen Walsh (*friend of the Felons*)

Erin Zawolowycz

Kristin Robinson

Janet Budko (*sister-in-law of Arlene Neale*)

Laurie Budko (*niece of Arlene Neale*)

Mary Kay Weber

Mirta Szewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Mickey O'Brien (*friend of Arlene*)

Kelly Buehner

Anna Sykaluk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Edward Zewczyk (*friend of Tatiana*)

Joe Czajkowski (*son of Jerry*)

Patrick Gallagher

Elliott Udell (*grandson of Michael Udell*)

Constance Zimmerman (*Cindy's cousin*)

William Nasi (*brother-in-law of Kenneth Kovach*)

Michelle Frampton (*cousin of Fr. Zdinak*)

Jeanne Charles (*friend of Arlene Neal/Czajkowski*)

Carol Nielsen (*Paul Pangrace's sister*)

Millie Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

Jimmy Koberling (*friend of Arlene*)

Matthew Ponomarenko

Alexander Ponomarenko

Virginia Medvec

Charles Linderman (*friend of Joyce Tabelaing*)

Phyllis Gindlesperger

Stephen Chwalyk

Merio (*friend of Fr. Adamcio*)

Michael Bowman (*Lydia Mytrohovich's neighbor*)

Margaret "Peg" Peyton (*Cathy's aunt*)

Michael Novail (*friend of Subdeacon Leon*)

Child Benjamin Udell (*son of Michael and Lacey*)

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 25

July 25
 Luke 24:12-35
 Gal 4:22-31
 Luke 8:16-21
 Rom 10:1-10
 Matt 8:28-9:1

July 26
 Wis 5:15-6:3
 1 John 4:1-6
 1 John 4:20-5:5
 John 10:9-16
 Phil 3:7-14

Mark 10:29-31, 42-45
 Rom 16:17-24
 Matt 13:10-23

July 27
 2 Tim 2:1-10
 John 15:17-16:2
 1 Cor 1:1-9
 Matt 13:24-30

July 28
 1 Cor 2:9-3:8
 Matt 13:31-36

July 29
 1 Cor 3:18-23
 Matt 13:36-43

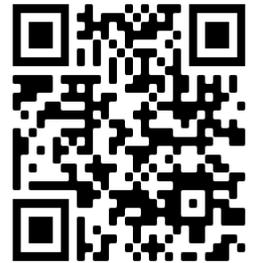
July 30
 1 Cor 4:5-8
 Matt 13:44-54

July 31
 Rom 9:1-5
 Matt 9:18-26

Aug 1
 Luke 24:36-53
 1 Cor 1:18-24
 John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30-35
 Heb 11:33-12:2
 Matt 10:32-36; 11:1
 John 5:1-4
 Rom 12:6-14
 Matt 9:1-8

ST. THEODOSIUS IS NOW A SUBSCRIBER TO TITHE.LY

In response to requests to be able to donate electronically, we have set up a Tithe.ly account so people can donate either regularly or for special occasions online. Click here to see: <https://www.sttheodosius.org/donate>
 Special thanks to Council Vice President Cathy Weber and our Webmaster Kate Zolikoff for making this happen.



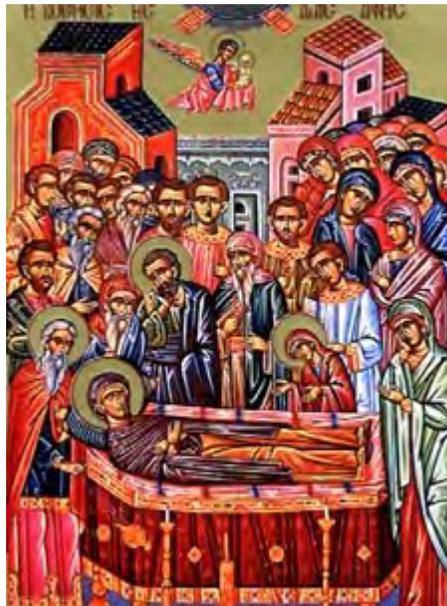
Sunday, July 25
5th Sunday After Pentecost
The Dormition of the Righteous Anna, mother of the Most-Holy Theotokos
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow

Monday, July 26
 Repose of St. Jacob (Netsvetov),
 Enlightener of the Peoples of Alaska

Tuesday, July 27
 Holy Greatmartyr and Healer
 Panteleimon

Wednesday, July 28
 Holy Apostles of the Seventy and
 Deacons: Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,
 and Parmenas

WEEKLY SCHEDULE 2021



Thursday, July 29
 Nativity of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
 11:00 AM Faith Enrichment Parish Hall

Friday, July 30
 Apostles Silas and Silvanus of the
 Seventy and those with them, Crescens,
 Epenetus and Andronicus

Saturday, July 31
 Forefeast of the Procession of the
 Honorable and Lifegiving Cross of the
 Lord
 Great Vespers 6:00 PM

Sunday, Aug 1
6th Sunday After Pentecost
Procession of the Honorable Wood of the Lifegiving Cross of the Lord
 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hours read
 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour to follow