

# Holy Apostles Orthodox Church

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## JUNE 21, 2015

### Father's Day

**3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — Tone 2. All Saints of Britain and Ireland.** Martyr Julian of Tarsus in Cilicia (3rd-4th c.). Hieromartyr Terence (Tertius), Bishop of Iconium (1st c.). St. Julius, Presbyter of Novara, and his brother, St. Julian the Deacon (5th c.). Martyrs Archil II (744) and Luarsab II (1622), Kings of Georgia.

**EPISTLE:** ROMANS 5.1-10: God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 6.22-33: No one can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and mammon.

**COFFEE HOUR HOST:** Availabel. **NEXT WEEK:** Olympia and Family.

**LITURGY TIME CHANGE:** For the months of June, July and August, the Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:30. The reading of the Hours will begin at 9:10. Please be punctual.

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** As we approach our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we need some help in organizing the appropriate festivities. Abp Michael will be with us on the exact date, and it would be good if we could welcome all of our local Orthodox brothers and sisters to a wonderful celebration.

**RIDES:** If you are ever in need of a ride, or know someone who needs transportation to the divine services, there is now a link on the contacts page of the parish website to aid in the coordination.

**ONLINE SERMONS:** Sermons and other videos promoting our parish have been posted on YouTube. Search for Holy Apostles Orthodox Video and subscribe to the channel. If you ever miss a Divine Liturgy or the Feast Days, you can catch with the sermon later in the week.

**APOSTLES FAST:** The Apostles Fast is in full swing and continues until the feast of Ss Peter and Paul on June 29<sup>th</sup>. During this time, it is the teaching of the Orthodox Church to maintain a Lenten diet while preparing for this feast. The Fast is thought to have been instituted out of thanksgiving to God for the witness of the apostles of Christ. With this Fast, believers express their thanks for the apostles' endurance of persecution during their mission.

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**WELCOME!:** We warmly welcome all of our visitors! It's good to have you with us! Please know that we are glad that you are here praying with us and invite you to join us after the service for a meal and to meet everyone in our community.

**KNOW YOUR FAITH:** A big thank you goes to all who took the time to attend the Know Your Faith classes this year. Attendance continues to rise, and great discussions took place. What would we like to study next semester?

**T-SHIRTS:** The t-shirts for the parish have arrived! They are a beautiful deep red emblazoned with a budded three bar cross, with the name of Holy Apostles Church on it. If you have ordered one, or would like to purchase one now, they are available in the back of the church.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL:** A Strawberry Social will be held on Friday evening, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 PM at the church. This is in conjunction with the Lansing Fireworks, so we should see a lot of traffic. Cake bakers, servers and socialites will all be needed. See Rdr Bob for more information.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Next week the Altar Servers will be helping out with the Coffee Hour to help raise funds for repairing and replacing their vestments. Please plan accordingly to help these fine young men.

#### LIVING:

Apr Timothy H	Judy	Constantine & Maria	Lillian
Apr Herman S	Gretchen	Gaetan	Joseph
Apr John C	Mary & Susan	Jean	Marie
Apr Thomas E	John & Carmine	Christine	Joseph
Apr Michael T	Nathan	Samuel	Laura
Apr Stephen M	Leah	Lisa	Martha
Pr Athanasios	Helen	Iconographer Helena	Stanley & Helen,
Dn Symeon	Lindsey	<u>Catechumens:</u> Elliott	Taissia
Dn Michael	Susanne H	<u>Children:</u> Caleb,	Steluta
Abbess Silouana	Elizabeth	Christopher E,	Theophan
Mother Raphaela	Mary	Anthony, Mia and	Lynda
Mother	Joe A	Isabel,	Florence
Christophora	Daniel	<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b>	James
Mat Cecelia	Andrew & family	Stephanie T. <b>ANNIVS:</b>	James R
Mat Katya	Harold	None.	Vasily
Mat Dorothy	Wilhemina	<b>NAMESDAYS:</b>	Modecai
Joshua	Elizabeth	Christina F..	<b>NEWLY REPOSED:</b>
Brittany & Isaac	David		Alexander, Roma,
Gretchen	Madeline	<b>REPOSED:</b>	Helen, Arch Roman,
Peter	Shirley	Priest Matthew	Gordon
Marriane	Larry	Priest John	
Terrence	Christina	Apr Alexander	<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>
Helen	Jim & Kim	Rdr Gregory	None.
	Rachel	Daniel	
		Ada	

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE AND AFTER VESPERS AND AT ANY OTHER CONVENIENT TIME.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21:** 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour,

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25:** 8:30 Daily Matins

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26:** 8:30 Morning Prayers

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27:** Church Teachers Conference in Endicott  
6 PM Great Vespers

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28:** 9:30 Divine Liturgy and Social Hour,

**JUNE 30:** Parish Feast Day **AUGUST 8-9:** 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## Rainbow Series, Volume I - Doctrine

### The Holy Trinity

#### One God, One Father

- Fr Thomas Hopko

First of all, it is the Church's teaching and its deepest experience that there is only one God because there is only one Father.

In the Bible the term "God" with very few exceptions is used primarily as a name for the Father. Thus, the Son is the "Son of God," and the Spirit is the "Spirit of God." The Son is born from the Father, and the Spirit proceeds from the Father—both in the same timeless and eternal action of the Father's own being.

In this view, the Son and the Spirit are both one with God and in no way separated from Him. Thus, the Divine Unity consists of the Father, with His Son and His Spirit distinct from Himself and yet perfectly united together in Him.

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Lansing, New York



Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Martyr Julian of Tarsus

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### MARTYR JULIAN OF TARSUS

#### Troparion Tone 2 (Resurrection)

When You descended to death, O Life Immortal,  
You destroyed hell with the splendor of Your Godhead.  
And when from the depths You raised the dead,  
all the powers of heaven cried out://  
“O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!”

#### Troparion Tone 4 (Martyr Julian of Tarsus)

Your holy martyr Julian, O Lord,  
through his suffering has received an incorruptible crown from You, our God.  
For having Your strength, he laid low his adversaries,  
and shattered the powerless boldness of demons.//  
Through his intercessions save our souls!

#### Kontakion Tone 2 (Resurrection)

Hell became afraid, O almighty Savior,  
seeing the miracle of Your Resurrection from the tomb!  
The dead arose! Creation, with Adam, beheld this and rejoiced with You,//  
and the world, my Savior, praises You forever.

#### Kontakion Tone 2 (Martyr Julian of Tarsus)

Let us all worthily praise Julian today,  
the unconquerable pious warrior and seeker of truth;  
To him let us cry out:  
“Pray to Christ God for us all!”

#### Kontakion Tone 6 (Steadfast Protectress)

Steadfast Protectress of Christians,  
Constant advocate before the Creator;  
Despise not the cries of us sinners  
But in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith.  
Hasten to hear our petition  
And to intercede for us, O Theotokos,  
For you always protect those who honor you.

#### Prokeimenon Tone 2

The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation. (Ps 117/118:4)v: The Lord has chastened me sorely, but He has not given me over to death. (Ps 117/118:18)

#### Alleluia Verses Tone 2

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: May the Lord hear you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! (Ps 19/20:1)

v: Save the King, O Lord, and hear us on the day we call! (Ps 19/20:9)

#### Communion Hymns

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! (Ps 148:1)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

## PRAYER FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF ICONS

**Priest:** Bow your heads to the Lord. **People:** To Thee, O Lord.

**Priest:** O eternal, invisible and incomprehensible Lord, Who in ancient times, in the Old Law, commanded that in the Tent of the Testimony and Temple of Solomon there be made likenesses of the cherubim of wood, gold and embroidery, and Who now accepts images not only in remembrance of Your saving benefactions and divine manifestations to the Human race, made in honor and glory of Your most-holy Name, but also do not reject those fashioned in remembrance of and in imitation of Your holy Saints, attend to our humble prayer: Bless this (these) Icon(s) and sanctify it (them), and grant it (them) grace and power to drive out demons and to heal all infirmities:

For You are He that blesses and sanctifies all things, O Christ our God, and to You we send up glory, together with Your Father Who is without beginning, and Your Most-holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. **People:** Amen.

*The Priest shall sprinkle the icon(s) with Holy Water, saying:*

This icon is (these icons are) sanctified by the grace of the All-holy Spirit, through the sprinkling of this holy water: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen (Thrice).

*And having sprinkled it, the Priest shall cense it and venerate and kiss it.*

*The People shall sing the Troparia of the Saint or event depicted by the icon, and the Priest shall pronounce the Dismissal mentioning the Feast or Saint.*

## Martyr Julian of Tarsus, in Cilicia

Commemorated on June 21

The Holy Martyr Julian of Tarsus was born in the Asia Minor province of Cilicia. He was the son of a pagan senator, but his mother was a Christian. After the death of her husband the mother of St Julian moved to Tarsus, where her son was baptized and raised in Christian piety. When Julian reached age 18, a persecution against Christians began under the emperor Diocletian (284-305). Among those arrested was St Julian. They brought him before the governor Marcian for trial, and for a long time they urged him to renounce Christ. Neither tortures nor threats, nor promises of gifts and honors could convince the pious youth to offer pagan sacrifice and deny Christ. The holy confessor remained steadfast in his firm faith.



For a whole year they led the martyr through the cities of Cilicia, everywhere subjecting him to interrogation and tortures, after which they threw him in prison. St Julian's mother followed after her son and prayed that the Lord would strengthen him. In the city of Aegea, she besought the governor to permit her to visit the prison, ostensibly to persuade her son to offer sacrifice to idols. She spent three days in prison with St Julian, exhorting him to be strong until the end.

St Julian was again brought to stand before the governor. Thinking that the mother had persuaded her son to submit to the imperial decree, the governor began to praise her prudence. But suddenly she boldly confessed Jesus Christ, and even more fearlessly and boldly denounced polytheism. The governor then gave orders to cut off her feet, since she had accompanied her son from Tarsus. They tied the Martyr Julian into a sack, filled with sand and poisonous snakes, and threw it into the sea. The body of the sufferer was carried by the waves to the shores of Alexandria, and with reverence was buried by a certain pious Christian. The martyr's death occurred in about the year 305. Afterwards his relics were transferred to Antioch. St John Chrysostom honored the holy Martyr Julian with an encomium.

# Holy Synod of Bishops issues statement on South Carolina church killings

SYOSSET, NY [OCA]

In a statement issued Friday, June 19, 2015, the members of the Holy Synod of Bishops request the faithful to pray for the victims, families and all affected by the shootings in South Carolina.

The text reads as follows.

"The Holy Synod of Bishops of the Orthodox Church in America calls upon the faithful to offer prayers for the victims and families of the tragic shootings at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina that left nine, including the pastor and associate pastor, dead.

"This senseless tragedy affects all of us who are bound together in the quest for peace in an increasingly violent world. We stand in solidarity with all people of Faith who reject such senseless violence. The violation of sacred space with violence is unacceptable and the tragedy that led to the death of these innocent people is beyond comprehension.

"May we continue to seek and promote peace in this world, standing firm in our rejection of hatred and violence."

