

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

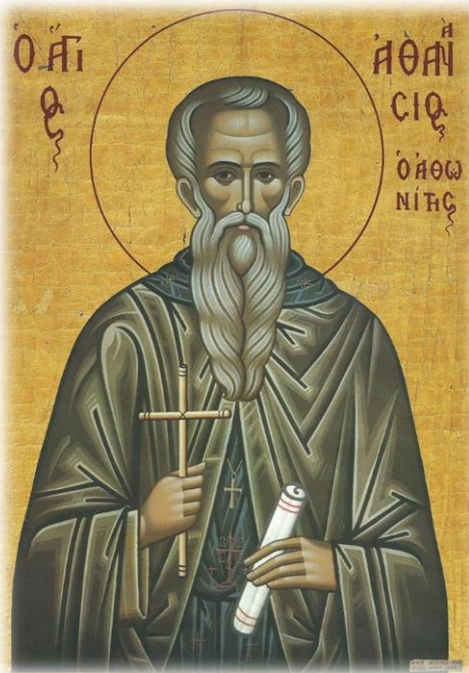
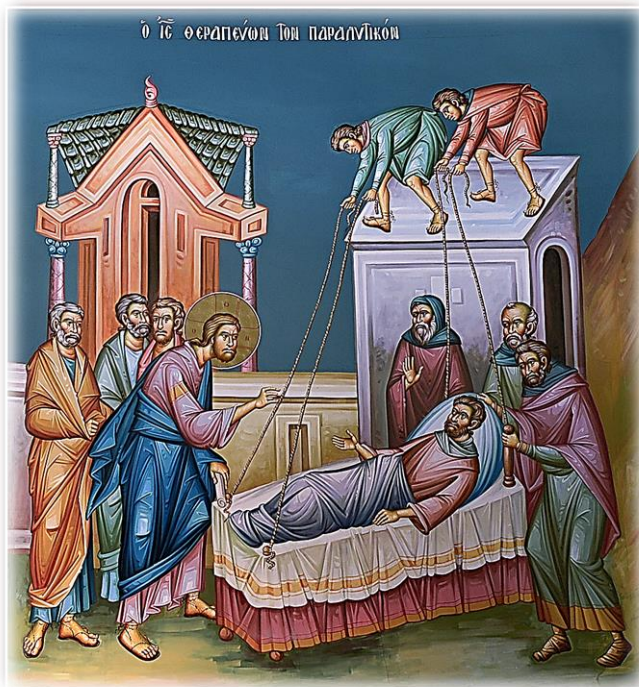
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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Mt. Athos.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. July 04 17:00 Vigil: **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages for deceased of the Overdorff Family: **+Joseph, Theresa, Jack, David, Mary** – Joan Overdorff

Sun. July 05 10:30 **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** Suffrages *pro populo*

Sat. July 11 17:00 Vigil: **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages for **+Andrew & Helen Cholock** – James & Barbara Snitzer

Sun. July 12 10:30 **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Suffrages *pro populo*



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Adult: \$1305

Candles: \$54

Peter's Pence: \$40

COLLECTION

Holy Day: \$160

TOTAL: \$1559

ATTENDANCE:

Sat. 10

Sun. 21 + 3

Holy Day: 14



SAINT ATHANASIUS had Trebizond (NE Turkey) for his homeland. He first entered the monastic life on the mountain called Kymæos or Kyminas, which is in Mysia of Bithynia, then he went to Mount Athos and founded a large monastery, which is known as the Great Lavra. He became so renowned for his virtue that from Rome, Calabria, Georgia, and elsewhere, rulers, men of wealth and nobility, abbots, and even bishops came to him and were subject to him. When the time for his departure was at hand, God revealed to him how it would take place, so that he was able to instruct his spiritual children not to be troubled when it should come to pass. A new church was being built for the sake of the many who came to him, and only the dome had not been finished. Together with six of the brethren, the Saint went to the top of the church to help the workmen. The dome collapsed, and they fell. Five were killed at once, and the Saint died three hours later. His holy body remained incorrupt and he worked many miracles after his death. He reposed about the end of the tenth century.



Failure to Understand Eastern Christianity Impoverishes the Church.

Pope Leo XIV has emphasized the value of the Eastern Catholic Churches, warning that failing to understand them is harmful to the Church. In a private audience with members of the Reunion of Aid Agencies for the Oriental Churches on June 18, Leo highlighted the great gift of the Eastern Churches in communion with Rome. He also explained that these Churches offer Catholics a rich diversity, often unknown to the wider Church. *«Yes, the Eastern Catholic Churches have a great gift to offer the entire Catholic community, which is often unaware of the diverse ecclesial traditions within its ranks,»* the pope said. *«The Christian East can only be preserved if it is understood: to lose that understanding is to impoverish the Church.»* Leo also stressed the importance of seminary formation for Eastern Catholics preparing for the clergy. He stated that this can help Catholics appreciate not only their own heritage but also that of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

«The Eastern Catholic communities preserve many of these [spiritual riches], sharing them with their brothers and sisters in the Orthodox Churches,» Leo explained. *«It is good for us to delve deeper into these treasures together with millions of our Eastern Catholic brothers and sisters, as we look forward to progress toward full unity with all the Eastern Churches.»* His remarks also included an appeal for peace in war-torn regions, particularly those where Eastern Christians are affected. *«Let us pray to Jesus, the Lord of peace, and appeal to people's consciences so that they may be moved by indignation; and may respect for humanity and a proper sense of civility be restored!»*



NEEDLESS REPETITION OR A NEEDFUL REQUEST?

Anyone who has ever attended a Byzantine Catholic or Orthodox Church knows our most repeated prayer: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.** It is a singular response to some petitions or litanies. At other times, it may be sung or chanted three, twelve, forty or even one hundred times. We hear these three words so much that the question is often asked: Is it really necessary to repeat this plea over and over again?



To give the proper answer to this question, we must carefully examine what we are actually asking for with this humble prayer. True, we are petitioning God to overlook our faults and sinfulness and be merciful to us. Seeking forgiveness (or mercy) from our Heavenly Father must always be in our hearts and on our lips. Yet constantly praying «Lord, have mercy.» means much,

much more than that. Some translations of Sacred Scripture do not exclusively use the word MERCY for the Hebrew word HESED. It is also translated as: compassion, gracious, generous, and yes, loving. In essence, then, when we pray «*Lord, have mercy.*», we are asking Him to show us His love and His goodness. We are requesting His care and His guidance. We are praying that He bestow upon us all of the things that are necessary for our salvation.

A constant prayer of «*Lord, have mercy.*» must encompass our entire being. It is not a waste of breath. On the contrary, it is a beautiful way of reminding ourselves of how dependent we are on our Creator, that «*every good and perfect gift is from above.*»

Κύριε,
ἐλέησον