

St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & 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.

(Reading courtesy of Holy Transfiguration Monastery, Brookline, MA)

Apolytkion

Panteleimon, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

Kontakion

O Champion and Martyr of God, imitating the Merciful and bearing from Him the grace of healing, cure our spiritual ills by your prayers, and set free from the temptation of the eternal enemy those who ceaselessly cry out, "Save us, O Lord."

Ss Constantine & Helen

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7th Sunday of Matthew

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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 his touch, You came unto the Virgin (woman), bestowing the gift of life. You who have risen from the dead, Lord glory to You. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Ke tropon metohos (St. Phocas) Tone 4
Becoming a partner with the Apostles in way of life and successor to their thrones, O God-inspired Saint, in the active life you found an entrance to contemplation. Hence you rightly expounded the word of truth, and you shed your blood in struggling for the faith, O Hieromartyr Phocas. Intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls. (Translation by 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. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Kontakion Tone 7
Prostasia ton Hristianon
O protection of Christians that can not be put to shame, mediation to the Creator immovable. Do not over look, the pleading voices of those in sin, but be in time as a kind one to our help, who in faith cry out to You: Hasten to intercede and be quick to beseech. You who always protect, Theotokos, those who honor You. (Translation as sung by the Choir)

Epistle Reading Romans 15:1-7
BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 9:27-35
At that time, as Jesus passed on from there, 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.

Announcements

Today

✘ SUN, 7/23– 7th Sunday of Matthew;

This Week

✘ THU, 7/27– St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr & Healer: Orthros 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.; Tran/Lazaros Wedding 2 p.m.

✘ SUN, 7/30– 8th Sunday of Matthew

⇒ The 2017 Greek Festival on August 26-27 at McCoy Pavilion is fast approaching. If you have not volunteered to help out, please do so right away by seeing Austin or Anita Higashi (HoloholoMom@gmail.com). Please invite friends, family, even co-workers to help out.

⇒ Greek Festival posters are available in the Social Hall after church or the office. We encourage everyone to take a few and put them up in their neighborhoods.

⇒ The festival is a massive undertaking and while we appreciate the many that volunteer for the two festival days, there is a lot of work to be done on Friday, August 25th and Monday, August 28th. If you can spare the time on those days please contact Austin at 636-5651 or Info@GreekFestivalHawaii.com. For tickets, see Larissa Seneres.

To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.