

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

TONE 7 / EOTHINON 8

**THE HOLY RIGHTEOUS MARTYR PARASKEVA OF ROME
& EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

Hieromartyrs Hermolaus, Hermippus, and Hermocrates of Nicomedia



St Simeon Orthodox Church

A Parish of the

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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VISITORS WELCOME

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes you to our community this Sunday. Please join us at the coffee hour following Liturgy. The table with a **blue tablecloth** is reserved for visitors so that our clergy can meet and chat with you.

Please note that Orthodox Christians must prepare for Holy Communion through recent confession, prayer, and fasting and be at peace with everyone.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION (Tone 7)

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. PARASKEVA (Tone 1)

Showing a diligence befitting thy calling, O namesake of preparedness, thou hast gained, as thy dwelling, a faith worthy of thy name, O prize-winning Paraskeva. Hence, thou pourest forth healings and intercedest for our souls.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. SIMEON (Tone 1)

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection

ORDINARY KONTAKION (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For St. Paraskeva)

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the congregations.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians.

(3:23-4:5)

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the Law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the Law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there

is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth His Son, to redeem those who were under the Law, so we might receive adoption as sons.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Matthew)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.
(14:14-22)**

At that time, when Jesus went ashore he saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to Heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He dismissed the crowds.

HOLY OBLATIONS

Prayers are offered by **Barbara Bray, Renee & Bob Crawford and family, Nancy & Ron Nicola and family, Michael Roum and family, and all extended Bray family** in memory of Barbara's beloved husband **Randy Bray** (4-years). Memory eternal.

Prayers are offered by **John and Laura Andonian** for the health of **Glen Woshnak** on the occasion of his birthday. Many years.

Prayers are offered by **John Andonian** for the health of his wife **Laura** on the occasion of her birthday. Many years.

Prayers are offered by **Glen Woshnak** for the health of **Laura Andonian** on the occasion of her birthday. Many years.

Prayers are offered by Dennis and Angela for the health of their goddaughter **Laura Andonian** on the occasion of her birthday. Many years.

Prayers are offered by **Fr. George and Kh. Janine** for **Jeffrey and Nicole Abraham** as they celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary! May God grant them many years of health and happiness.

Prayers are offered by **Peter, Jasmine and Sophia Dabbour** as they celebrate the 2nd birthday of **Matthew and Jacob**. Many years.

Prayers are offered for **Christina Blanski, Rose Christina Lilly, Christina Andrews Worrall**, and those in our community named Christina in celebration of the **feast of St. Christina (July 24th)**. May God grant you many years.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Barbara Lebanon Relief Fund's 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held on August 22, 2026 at St Nicholas Cathedral in Los Angeles. For more information, please check the event flyer on our bulletin board and scan the QR code.



From now through the end of July, the coffee hour proceeds will be directed to an Outreach Program to provide 48 backpacks filled with school supplies to a local Santa Clarita school. Your generosity is appreciated. To donate directly, use the QR code.



We've had a few more signups for our Day at Camp (August 15). We have lots more space and would love the entire community to be there for a fun day to get to know each other better in a beautiful setting. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board and in the bulletin.

Fr. Andrew and Kh. Ruth will be in Frazier Park this week serving as session priest and kitchen volunteer at Camp St Nicholas. Please keep our children Rei, Kai, Nicholas, Mark, Leila, Elise, George and Eliana in your prayers as they travel today to attend camp.

We are updating our master record of families including birthdates, wedding dates, and patron saints. Look for a binder on the table in the back of the nave. Please update your family information

You may have noticed a change to our bulletin. At the Clergy Symposium Metropolitan Saba asked that we not use iconography on flyers or bulletins or other printed materials that might be thrown away. As such, we will no longer be printing icons in the bulletin.

Please submit your announcements and oblations to:
bulletin@scvorthodox.com by 9 P.M. on WEDNESDAY!

Join us on 1st - 4th Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. to learn more about the Orthodox Faith. Topics include Church Dogma, Theology, Holy Tradition, Scripture, Worship, Prayer, and how to apply these concepts in our lives and conscript them to our hearts.

Epistle Reading Schedule

July 26 - Kade Gray
August 2 - Sh. Mary

August 9 - David Ajalat
August 16 - Denise Gavrizescu

Upcoming Coffee Hour Sponsors

July 26 - Kh. Janine Ajalat
August 2 - Available
August 9 - Sh. Mary

August 16 - Dennis & Angela
August 23 - Nicole Abraham
August 30 - Available



Sign-Up Page: <https://tinyurl.com/SCV-Coffee> or QR above

Greeter Schedule

July 26 - David Cota (8:20-9:00; Konrad Gubran (9:00-9:40)
August 2 - Larysa Lilly (8:20-9:00); Bob Lilly (9:00-9:40)

The Martyr Paraskevi of Rome

Holy Virgin Martyr Paraskeva (Paraskevĕ) of Rome was the only daughter of Christian parents, Agathon and Politia, and from her early years she dedicated herself to God. She spent much of her time in prayer and the study of the Holy Scriptures. After the death of her parents Saint Paraskevi distributed all of her inheritance to the poor, and consecrated her virginity to Christ. Emulating the holy Apostles, she began to preach to the pagans about Christ, converting many to Christianity.

She was arrested during the reign of Antoninus Pius (138-161) because she refused to worship the idols. She was brought to trial and fearlessly confessed herself a Christian. Neither enticements of honors and material possessions, nor threats of torture and death shook the firmness of the saint nor turned her from Christ. She was given over to beastly tortures. They put a red-hot helmet on her head and threw her in a cauldron filled with boiling oil and pitch. By the power of God the holy martyr remained unharmed. When the emperor peered into the cauldron, Saint Paraskevi threw a drop of the hot liquid in his face, and he was burned. The emperor began to ask her for help, and the holy martyr healed him. After this the emperor set her free.

Traveling from one place to another to preach the Gospel, Saint Paraskevi arrived in a city where the governor was named Asclepius. Here again they tried the saint and sentenced her to death. They took her to an immense serpent living in a cave, so that it would devour her. But Saint Paraskevi made the Sign of the Cross over the snake and it died. Asclepius and the citizens witnessed this miracle and believed in Christ. She was set free, and continued her preaching. In a city where the governor was a certain Tarasius, Saint Paraskevi endured fierce tortures and was beheaded in the year 140.

Many miracles took place at the saint's tomb: the blind received sight, the lame walked, and barren women gave birth to children. It is not only in the past that the saint performed her miracles, but even today she helps those who call on her in faith.



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Camp St. Nicholas
11770 Frontier Road
Frazier Park, CA

47 Miles North of
St Simeon Church

ST SIMEON COMMUNITY DAY AT CAMP

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SATURDAY
AUGUST 15, 2026
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Cost: \$45/person. Under 12 \$30/person. Under 6 no charge.

(A Small Transaction Fee to Cover our Payment Method Servicing Fee Will Be Applied)

SCHEDULE

8:30AM Divine Liturgy for Dormition @ St Simeon
10:00 Travel to Camp for 11:00AM Arrival
11:30AM Akathist: Glory to God for All Things At Shrine
12:00PM Get Ready for Pool Party
12:30PM Lunch By Pool, Swimming, Games, Sports, Crafts
3:00PM Change Clothes, Camp Store, Rest
4:00PM Spiritual Discussion in Chapel
5:00PM Great Vespers in Chapel
6:00PM Dinner
After Dinner - Visit and Depart at Your Leisure

WHAT TO BRING?

Casual Attire
Pool Clothes and Towel
Long Pants for Vespers
Balls for Sports Activities
Board Games
Sunscreen and Hat
Reusable Water Bottle
Musical Instruments

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