

St. Stefanos Greek Orthodox Church



October 25, 2026
Liturgical Guide

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Mode

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἡγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for Martyrs Marcian and Martyrius in the Fourth Mode

Thy Martyrs, O Lord, in their courageous contest for Thee received as the prize the crowns of incorruption and life from Thee, our immortal God. For since they possessed Thy strength, they cast down the tyrants and wholly destroyed the demons' strengthless presumption. O Christ God, by their prayers, save our souls, since Thou art merciful.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου, Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν, σχόντες γάρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἐθράυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion of Saint Stefanos in the Fourth Mode

O Stephen, a crown of royalty was laid on your head for contests you courageously endured for Christ our God, as first among Martyred saints. You stood in accusation of the raging Judeans; and you saw your Savior at the right hand of the Father. We pray that you will ever entreat Him to save our souls.

Βασιλεῖον διάδημα, ἐστέφθη σὴ κορυφή, ἐξ ἀθλῶν ὧν υπέμεινας, υπέρ Χριστοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ, Μαρτύρων πρωτόαθλε, σὺ γάρ τὴν Ἰουδαίων, ἀπελέγξας μανίαν, εἶδές σου τὸν Σωτῆρα, τοῦ Πατρὸς δεξιόθεν, Αὐτὸν οὖν ἐκδυσώπει αἰεὶ, υπέρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Second Mode

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

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παρίδῃς ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι. Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἥ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

Epistle Reading:

Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 103.24,1.

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20.

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Προκείμενον. Fourth Mode. ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 103.24,1.

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.

Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.

τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα Πρὸς Γαλάτας 2:16-20.

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἃ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἐμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῇ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὃ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῇ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

GOSPEL READING
6th Sunday of Luke
The Reading is from Luke 8:26-39

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 8:26-39

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκεῖνῳ, ἐλθόντι τῷ Ἰησοῦ εἰς τὴν χώραν τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν, ἣτις ἐστὶν ἀντίπερα τῆς Γαλιλαίας. ἐξελθόντι δὲ αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ἀνὴρ τις ἐκ τῆς πόλεως, ὃς εἶχε δαιμόνια ἐκ χρόνων ἱκανῶν, καὶ ἱμάτιον οὐκ ἐνεδιδύσκετο καὶ ἐν οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔμενεν, ἀλλ' ἐν τοῖς μνήμασιν. ἰδὼν δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἀνακράξας προσέπεσεν αὐτῷ καὶ φωνῇ μεγάλῃ εἶπε· τί ἔμοι καὶ σοί, Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου; δέομαί σου, μὴ με βασανίσῃς. παρήγγειλε γὰρ τῷ πνεύματι τῷ ἀκαθάρτῳ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου. πολλοῖς γὰρ χρόνοις συνηρπάκει αὐτόν, καὶ ἐδεσμεῖτο ἀλύσει καὶ πέδαις φυλασσόμενος, καὶ διαρρήσων τὰ δεσμὰ ἡλαύνετο ὑπὸ τοῦ δαίμονος εἰς τὰς ἐρήμους. ἐπηρώτησε δὲ αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· τί σοί ἐστιν ὄνομα; ὃ δὲ εἶπε· λεγέων· ὅτι δαιμόνια πολλὰ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς αὐτόν· καὶ παρεκάλει

αὐτὸν ἵνα μὴ ἐπιτάξῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς τὴν ἄβυσσον ἀπελθεῖν. ἦν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἀγέλη χοίρων ἱκανῶν βοσκομένων ἐν τῷ ὄρει· καὶ παρεκάλουν αὐτὸν ἵνα ἐπιτρέψῃ αὐτοῖς εἰς ἐκείνους εἰσελθεῖν· καὶ ἐπέτρεψεν αὐτοῖς. ἐξελθόντα δὲ τὰ δαιμόνια ἀπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου εἰσῆλθον εἰς τοὺς χοίρους, καὶ ὥρμησεν ἡ ἀγέλη κατὰ τοῦ κρημνοῦ εἰς τὴν λίμνην καὶ ἀπεπνίγη. ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ βόσκοντες τὸ γεγενημένον ἐφυγον, καὶ ἀπήγγειλαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν καὶ εἰς τοὺς ἀγρούς. ἐξῆλθον δὲ ἰδεῖν τὸ γεγονός, καὶ ἦλθον πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ εὖρον καθήμενον τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἅψ' οὗ τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξεληλύθει, ἱματισμένον καὶ σωφρονοῦντα παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, καὶ ἐφοβήθησαν. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτοῖς οἱ ἰδόντες πῶς ἐσώθη ὁ δαιμονισθείς. καὶ ἠρώτησαν αὐτὸν ἅπαν τὸ πλῆθος τῆς περιχώρου τῶν Γαδαρηνῶν ἀπελθεῖν ἀπ' αὐτῶν, ὅτι φόβῳ μεγάλῳ συνείχοντο. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐμβὰς εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ὑπέστρεψεν. ἐδέετο δὲ αὐτοῦ ὁ ἀνὴρ, ἅψ' οὗ ἐξεληλύθει τὰ δαιμόνια, εἶναι σὺν αὐτῷ· ἀπέλυσε δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· ὑπόστρεφε εἰς τὸν οἶκόν σου καὶ διηγοῦ ὅσα ἐποίησέ σοι ὁ Θεός. καὶ ἀπῆλθε καθ' ὅλην τὴν πόλιν κηρύσσων ὅσα ἐποίησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς.

The Lords Prayer in our St.Stefanos Family Languages:

GREEK

Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου· ἐλθέτω ἡ
βασιλεία σου· γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά
σου, ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς· τὸν
ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν
σήμερον· καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφελήματα
ἡμῶν, ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφίεμεν τοῖς
ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν· καὶ μὴ εἰσενέγκῃς
ἡμῶς εἰς πειρασμόν, ἀλλὰ ρῦσαι ἡμῶς
ἀπὸ τοῦ πονηροῦ.

SPANISH

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre, venga a
nosotros tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad
en la Tierra como en el Cielo, danos
hoy nuestro pan de cada día, y perdona
nuestras ofensas, como también
nosotros perdonamos a los que nos
ofenden, no nos dejes caer en la
tentación, y líbranos del mal.

ROMANIAN

Tatăl nostru care ești în ceruri,
sfințească se numele Tău, vie
împărăția Ta, facăse voia ta, precum
în cer așa și pe pământ. Pâinea
noastră cea de toate zilele, dă-ne-o
nouă astăzi și ne iartă nouă greșelile
noastre precum și noi iertăm
greșiților noștri și nu ne duce pe noi
în ispită ci ne izbăvește de cel rău.

ENGLISH

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy Name. Thy
Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on
Earth, as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and
forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Choir Hosting Coffee Hour

The choir will be hosting coffee hour on Sunday, October 25th, right after DivineLiturgy. Please support the choir by coming and making a free will offering. All are welcome! We are also always looking for new choir members! Come and sing with us! We rehearse 9:15 am in the education building, right before Divine Liturgy! Come, support and show your appreciation for the choir!

Festival Meeting October 25th

On Sunday, October 25th, we will have a Festival Meeting after the Divine Liturgy. This meeting focuses on optimizing the festival's profitability, operational flow, and guest experience while strengthening community engagement and church stewardship. Key operational priorities include resolving entrance/exit bottlenecking, refining volunteer and committee structures, maintaining strict financial controls, and reviewing past performance to eliminate inefficiencies. To maximize revenue, the plan targets both non-food streams (sponsorships, ads, merchandise) and boosted food and beverage sales, such as encouraging higher-value indoor Taverna dining over the outdoor Gyro booth. Finally, targeted outreach aims to drive daily

Operational Finances:

- Flagship Operation Checking: \$16,864.37
- Greek Fest Money Market Acct: \$33,329.43
- Project Legacy Money Market Acct: \$30,000.00
- Flagship Equity LOC: \$276,999.08

Project Legacy Finances

- Stifel Endowment Acct: \$53,900.02

attendance, focusing on local schools and businesses on Friday, extended evening entertainment on Saturday, and local churches and families on Sunday. We will also discuss leveraging the upcoming Valentine's Day and Super Bowl weekend to cross-sell baked goods and pre-made dishes like pastitsio and moussaka.

What You Do Not Know About Diabetes Can Hurt You!

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER:

- 1) Donating Online by Scanning the QR Code with your phones camera.
- 2) Submit Pledge Card and/or Donation to the Church Office.
- 3) Speak with a committee member about Estate Planning, Stock Transfer, and other donations of Appreciated Assets.
- 4) Donate your Time & Talent. If you have expertise in any area and would like to assist in these endeavors, please contact the office at office@ststefanos.org or 727-345-8235.



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Ministry Volunteer Opportunities to Consider!

The following volunteer opportunities within our Ministries and Administration are currently open and we are in need of Volunteers:

- Sunday School Teachers and Substitute Teachers
 - Reading Ministry (Organizing Epistle Readers and readings during services)
 - Media Ministry members (Live Stream)
 - Outreach Ministry
 - Adult Catechism
 - Website and App Management
 - Investment Committee (Endowment, Financial Advisement on investments)
 - Any New Ministry ideas are welcome as well!
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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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3) Request to swap the icon to our St. Stefanos logo.

4) Now it will appear and function as a custom app on your device! This will keep you updated and engaged with our Community!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Hope and Joy Choir Hosting Coffee Hour Festival Meeting	26 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	27	28 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Doxology for Oxi Day 6:00PM Paraklesis 7:00PM Thirty Steps To Heaven	29 5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids 6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens 7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults	30 9:00AM Philoptochos Baking 10:30AM Prayer Group	31
1 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Nursing BP Check Philoptochos Coffee Hour & Artoclacia	2 Daughters of Penelope Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3	4 6:00 p.m. Paraklesis 7:00 p.m. 30 Steps to Heaven	5 5:45 pm Kefi Dance Kids 6:00 pm Kefi Dance Teens 7:30 pm Kefi Dance Adults	6 10:30AM Prayer Group	7 6:00 p.m. Great Vespers (Tarpon Springs)
 Strict Fast  Fish Allowed  Dairy Allowed  Wine and Oil Allowed						

Please help our Food Pantry by donating the following Items:

Canned meat (including Vienna sausage, spam, chicken, tuna, spam), Cereal, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, PB&J, Rice, Instant mashed potatoes, Canned Fruit & Vegetables, Ramen noodles, Soup, Oatmeal, Mac and Cheese.

Our Food Pantry distributes food to people from the greater St. Petersburg Area on the third Saturdays of the month!



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