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“And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch”. Acts 11:26

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW GREAT-
MARTYR PROCOPIUS OF CAESAREA IN PALESTINE**

New-martyrs Theophanes and Anastasios of Constantinople; Venerable Theophilus the myrrh-streaming of St. Basil Kelli on Athos; Procopius of Ustug, fool-for-Christ

TONE 5

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Saturday Service: Vespers 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: JJ Isaac

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE FIVE

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. PROCOPIUS THE GREAT-MARTYR IN TONE FOUR

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

APOLYTIKION FOR ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR TONE TWO

Since thou art a liberator and deliverer of captives, a help and support of the poor and needy, a healing physician of the sick, a contender and fighter for kings, O great among Martyrs, the victory-clad George; intercede with Christ God for the salvation of our souls

“And they were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26)

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ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

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 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve us and keep us from this generation.

Save me, O Lord, for the Godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (12:6-14)

Brethren, having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, and serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (9:1-8)

At that time, Jesus got into a boat, crossed over and came to His own city. And behold, they brought to Him a paralytic, lying on his bed; and when Jesus saw their faith He said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He then said to the paralytic—"Rise, take up your bed and go home." And he rose and went home. When the crowds saw it, they marveled, and they glorified God, Who had given such authority to men.

THE SYNAXARION

On July 8 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Great-Martyr Procopius and those beheaded with him: Saint Theodosia, his mother; the Twelve Women of senatorial rank; Saints Antiochus and Nicostratus the Tribunes; and Abdas and Sabbas the prison guards. Procopius was born "Neanias" of a Christian father, Christopher, and a pagan mother, Theodosia, who raised him a pagan. When Neanias matured, Emperor Diocletian brought him to his palace for military service. Diocletian ordered Neanias to go to Alexandria with a garrison of soldiers to exterminate the Christians. But, while on the road, the Lord appeared to Neanias. A glowing cross as if of crystal appeared in the air and there came a voice saying: "I am Jesus, the crucified Son of God. By this sign that you saw, conquer your enemies and My peace will be with you." Neanias made the same kind of cross and instead of going

against the Christians in Alexandria he, with his soldiers, went to Jerusalem. Being brought before the court, Neanias removed his commander's belt and sword and tossed them before the judge, thereby showing that he is only a soldier of Christ the King. After great tortures he was cast into prison where the Lord Christ, again, appeared to him, baptized him and gave him the name Procopius. One day twelve women of senatorial rank appeared before his prison window and said to him: "We also are servants of Christ." Then they were thrown into the same prison where Procopius taught them the Faith of Christ and martyrdom. For that reason, in the Orthodox marriage ritual, Procopius is mentioned along with the God-crowned Emperor Constantine and Empress Helena. Witnessing their suffering and bravery, the mother of Procopius also believed in Christ and all thirteen women were martyred, along with four other men. Procopius honorably suffered in Caesarea in Palestine and was crowned with the glorious wreath of immortality on July 8, 303.

On this day, we also commemorate the New-martyrs Theophanes and Anastasios of Constantinople; Venerable Theophilus the myrrh-streaming of St. Basil Kelli on Athos; and Procopius of Ustug, fool-for-Christ. By their intercessions, O God, have mercy on us. Amen.

Thought of the Day

Christ, invisible to the bodily eye, manifests Himself on earth clearly through His Church... The Church is the Body of Christ both because its parts are united to Christ through His divine mysteries and because through her Christ works in the world. -- St. John of San Francisco

Holy Bread is offered by:



Salma Farah and her children in memory of Kaissar Farrah and Munira Esper and all the departed of the Esper and Farah families.

Chris & Tiffany Joudi to welcome & celebrate the churching of Knight Gabriel Joudi.

David & Dalal Young in celebration of their 34th Anniversary and a Happy Birthday to David.

PJ & Jackie Ferris

Anonymous

DONATIONS

Marilyn & Ken Drahan for the health of: Bryan & Annette Haddad & family, Georgette Abraham, Marsha Chanoux, Georgette Todd.

Honoring Deacon Michael—AXIOS

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Milad & Laurice Farah congratulations to our beloved Deacon Miguel Sifuentes. God Bless you. We love you.

PJ & Jackie Ferris for the health of my Godson, Jace Gerena on his 4th Birthday! May God Grant Jace, Giselle, Alexis, German & Khr. Elizabeth—many years.

In Memory of Selma (Sally) Abraham Malooly
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FESTIVAL PRE SALE TICKETS

There are 600 pre-sale tickets, \$12000, that are outstanding. If you have not paid for tickets you received, *PLEASE* do so by this coming Sunday.

Jamie Isaac – Treasurer

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Hospital & Pastoral Visits (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.

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