

Saint Kyriakos was born in Corinth to the priest John and his wife Eudokía. His constant reading of the Holy Scriptures awakened in him a love for the Lord, and made him long for a pure and holy life. When he was not yet eighteen, Kyriakos was deeply moved during a Church Service by the words of the Gospel: “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24). After visiting the holy places, Kyriakos lived for several months at a monastery not far from Sion, in obedience to the Igoumen Abba Eustorgios. Later he made his way to the wilderness Lavra of Saint Euthymios the Great. Saint Euthymios tonsured him into the monastic schema and placed him under the guidance of Saint Gerasimos who ordered him to live in a cenobitic monastery with the brethren. The young monk easily fulfilled his monastic obediences: he prayed fervently, he slept little, and ate food only every other day, sustaining himself with bread and water. It was customary for the monks to go into the Rouva wilderness during Great Lent, and return to the Monastery on Palm Sunday. Seeing the young monk's strict abstinence, Saint Gerasimos decided to take him along with him. Every Sunday Saint Gerasimos imparted the Holy Mysteries to his disciple. After the repose of Saint Gerasimos, the twenty-seven-year-old Kyriakos returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymios, who was no longer among the living. Father Kyriakos asked for a solitary cell and there he devoted himself to ascetical contests in silence, speaking only to the monk Thomas. But Thomas was sent to Alexandria where he was consecrated as a bishop, and Saint Kyriakos spent another ten years in complete silence. At the age of thirty-seven, he was ordained to the diaconate.

Saint Kyriakos withdrew to the Monastery of Saint Khariton. After several years, he was ordained as a priest, serving in this obedience for eighteen years. Saint Kyriakos provided great help to the Church in the struggle with the spreading heresy of Origenism. By prayer and by word, he brought the wayward back to the true path, and strengthened the Orthodox in their faith. When he reached the age of seventy, Kyriakos went to the Natoufa wilderness, taking his disciple John with him. Saint Kyriakos returned to the Monastery two years before his death and settled once more in Saint Khariton's cave. Until the end of his life the Elder preserved his courage, and prayed with fervor. He was never idle, he either prayed or he worked. Before his blessed repose, Saint Kyriakos summoned the brethren and blessed them all. He fell asleep in the Lord, having lived for 109 years.

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Friend of the Bridegroom: “He must increase, but I must decrease.”(John 3:30)



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Sunday, Sept 29th 14th Sunday after PNTCST /Tone 5/ Ven. Kyriakos the Anchorite

9:30 am Youth Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Monday, Sept 30th Eve of the feast of the Protection of the Holy Mother of God

6:00 pm Vespereal Liturgy

Wednesday, Oct 1st Hieromartyr Cyprian, Martyr Justina & Martyr Theoctistus

5:00 pm AA Meeting

Friday, Oct 4th Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

6:00 pm Akathist

7:00 pm Catechumen Class

Saturday, Oct 5th Martyr Charitina of Amisos

2:00 pm Thomas Sacca Chrismation

3:45 pm Altar Server Practice

5:00 pm Great Vespers followed by Confessions

Sunday, Oct 6th 15th Sunday after PNTCST /Tone 6. Glorification of St. Innocent

9:30 am Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour

Attendance/Stewardship September 22nd

Attendance: 67 Adults and 22 children 89 Total

Prayer Corner

Fr. Emil (Fr. Brian's friend)	Fr. Dcn. John Tutok
Sbdcn Joseph (Clyde)	Sbdcn George Kaschack
Sarah Crivella	Joshua & Rebecca (Fr. Bri's friends)
Mark (Cheryl's goddaughter's brother)	Patty DiGiacobbe
James Livermore	Rinehart Family
David Campbell	Barb Leis
Anna Mae Stehnach	Bill Zylka
Emily, Luke & Kiley (Jacob's family, Carrie Brown's Friends)	
William Angle	Nathan Paul Mackey
The Faculty, Teachers, and Students of Holy Trinity Orthodox Academy	
The Suffering Christians in Ukraine, Russia, & the Middle East	

Newborn: Gianna Denise and parents Allison and Jacob (Daria's niece)

Catechumens: Lucian & Lilianna Vasil, Thomas Sacca, Kelly, Carter, Emma, & Bennett Worley, Kayla, Alexander, & Cesar Ventura, Kayla, Donald, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Robert, Timothy, Melissa, Ian, Christopher, & William Cunningham, Matthew Rose, Nicky Lewis, Alexander Mackey, & Tristan Beil

Newly Departed: Barb Datish (9/19), Jean Miller (9/17), & Richard Shehadi (8/24) [Sr. Christine's father]

Birthdays: Natalie Zylka (1st), Heather Tutoki & Bennett Worley (3rd), & Fr. Brian Crivella (4th)

Anniversaries: Gary & Patricia Thompson (1st), & Clyde & Barbara McKenzie (3rd)

Candle Commemorations

Theotokos	For the Memory of George Datish Jr.
Altar	For the Memory of Alex Bolock
Christ	For the Anniversary of Clyde & Barbara McKenzie

Announcements

Choir Practice

Will be this Tuesday at the parish at 5:30pm. All are welcome to come and practice!

Agape Canister Program

There is a collection canister located at the church bookstore from The Orthodox Christian Mission Center. This agape canister program is dedicated to meeting the needs of poverty-stricken children, families, and communities throughout the world.

Charity of the Month: Northern Uganda Self Sufficiency Project

Fr. Simon's Northern Uganda Self Sufficiency Project seeks to help his people in Northern Uganda after a devastating 20 year civil war. You can learn more at <https://nussp.org/>

Bulletin Prayer List

If you'd like a name placed on the bulletin prayer list, please talk to or e-mail Nina Harvey at treasurerstjohnsorthodoxchurch@gmail.com. Names will be removed every 40 days but can be placed back on if needed.