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**Twenty-Sixth Sunday after  
Pentecost**

*undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit; her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.*

**Prokeimenon. Grave Mode.  
Psalm 149.5,1**

**The saints shall rejoice in glory.  
Verse: Sing to the Lord a new song.**

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19

**Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.**

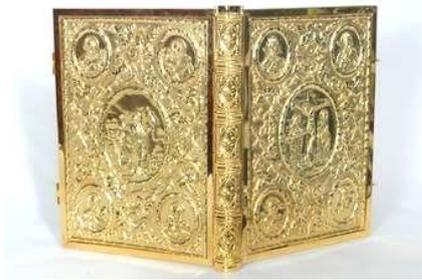
*By Thy Cross Thou didst abolish death; to the thief Thou didst open Paradise; Thou didst transform the myrrh-bearers' lamentation, and didst order Thine Apostles to preach that Thou art risen, O Christ our God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.*

**Seasonal Kontakion. Mode 4.**

*The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and*

Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the

most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.



### **The Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21**

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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### **Word of the week – Reflection St. Iakovos Tsalikis (Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>)**

Saint elder Iakovos Tsalikis was among the holiest Elders, who lived in Greece the past decades. His holiness is acknowledged by almost all Greeks and thousands of faithful from the rest world. His entire holy life and the miracles he worked and is still working today, place him among the biggest recent Saints of the Orthodox Christian Religion.

Fr. Iakovos Tsalikis was born in Livisi, Asia Minor on November 5, 1920. He was one of nine children that his mother Theodora gave birth to. His father Stavros was taken captive by the Turks in the catastrophe of Asia Minor, when the Greeks lost the war. The father was later released and joined his family in Greece. Because of the difficult times in which the Elder's family lived only three of the nine children lived beyond infancy.

Young Iakovos lived through the upheaval of the Orthodox Christian population of Asia Minor in 1922. Initially the family settled in the village of Saint George in Amfissa, where the living conditions were appalling. In fact, the conditions there were close to starvation. In 1925, the family moved to Farakla in Northern Evia, Greece. The Elder Iakovos was educated in the village Church School of Saint Paraskevi.

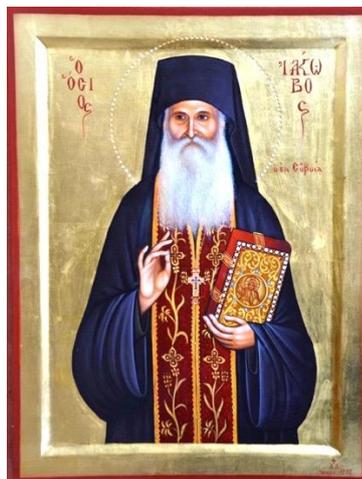
Young Iakovos expressed from a young age an inclination for monastic life. He was known as the monk in the village because of his monastic practices of fasting and prayer. While still a young boy he had a visitation from Saint Paraskevi, who revealed to him in detail the religious life that he would follow in his life.

His fervor for the Church from a young boy was so profound that he learned by heart the whole text of the Divine Liturgy at age seven. He became seriously ill at the age of fifteen but survived. The Second World War broke out five years later. His health was impaired again during the war and he lost his mother in 1942. During the German occupation of Greece, he and many of his fellow villagers were taken prisoners by the Germans. They were taken to the village Strofilia. He and his fellow Greeks suffered terribly during the German occupation of Greece and later with the civil war that broke out with the communists. He was drafted into the Greek army in 1947 and was discharged in 1949. In 1949 his father passed on to eternal life.

The Elder's sister got married in 1951. The same year elder Iakovos decided to enter the monastic life. He chose to enter the Monastery of Saint David in Evia, which at that time had only three monks. The conditions at the Monastery were

very difficult at the beginning. The Monastery had been almost abandoned and the monks that lived there did not do anything to improve the facilities. Because of these difficulties that he encountered the Elder returned to Farakla for a while. He returned to the Monastery again and was tonsured a monk on November 31, 1952. The following month, he was ordained a deacon on the 17th of December in Halkida and two days later he was ordained a priest. He was chosen to be the Abbot of the Monastery of Saint David in 1975. But prior to this the Elder had become well known and beloved by the faithful in that part of Evia. The faithful would visit the Monastery for the sacrament of confession and for pastoral counseling. The number of faithful Christians visiting the Monastery increased drastically and the income of the community was increased dramatically to the point where many improvements were made to the Monastery.

*From Monastiriaka*





## Liturgical Schedule for this week

<b>Saturday</b> <i>November 28</i>	<b>10:00 am</b> <b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Liturgy &amp; Memorial</b> <b>Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday</b> <i>November 29</i>	<b>9:00 am</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Matins</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b>



### Announcements:

- **Happy name day** to Katie Mironidis (St. Catherine – Nov. 25th).
- **Happy birthday** to Peter Boilard (Nov. 22nd), Gregory Downie (Nov. 24th), and Michael Rapsomanikis (Nov. 27th).
- **The Nativity Fast** began last Sunday. Please see the calendar for the fasting rules.
- **No Bible study this Thursday!**
- **School snack drive:** Please bring individually-wrapped snacks for the local schools.



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