



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, January 15, 2023

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 + St. Paul of Thebes

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Nineth (John 20:19-31)  
 Mode of the Week: Plagal Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, January 15</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Thursday, January 19</i>	7:00pm Not-So-Young-Adult Get Together (Society Garden, Macon)
<i>Sunday, January 22</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Wednesday, January 25</i>	5:00pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Hour and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Gregory the Theologian 6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Parish House
<i>Thursday, January 26</i>	TBD Young Adult Ministry Get Together
<i>Saturday, January 28</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class in the Library 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, January 29</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Canaanite Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Monday, January 30</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Three Hierarchs
<i>Wednesday, February 1</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple 6:30pm Adult Study Class in the Parish House
<i>Thursday, February 2</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
<i>Sunday, February 5</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (beginning of the Triodion) Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion One Year Memorial for Sam "Chuck" Ray at the end of the Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (1/22) George Saratsiotis, Robert Ice; (1/29) Pete Tsamolias, Richard Stewart  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (1/22) Charles Glotzbach, David Zoumberis; (1/29) Charles Glotzbach, Jim Lekas  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (1/22) Gray Yates, David Needham; (1/29) Cristina Lekas; (2/5) David Zoumberis  
**Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:** (1/22) Demetri and Hannah Kostakis; (1/29) Cristina Lekas; (2/5) Denna Bradford

### Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

**To our Visitors and Guests:** We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

**Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!**

## Epistle Reading

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ  
εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.  
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι, ὁ  
Θεός μου.

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Πρὸς Κολασσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς  
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς  
φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ  
ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν  
δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη τὰ  
ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν,  
πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν  
πλεονεξίαν ἣτις ἐστὶν  
εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἧς ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ  
τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς  
ἀπειθείας· ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς  
περιεπατήσατέ ποτε ὅτε ἐζῆτε ἐν  
αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς  
τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν,  
βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ  
στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς  
ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν  
παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς  
πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι  
τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς  
ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ  
κτίσαντος αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἐνὶ  
Ἑλλῆν καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ  
ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης,  
δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα  
καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστός.

*O Lord, save Your people, and  
bless Your inheritance.  
Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O  
my God. (Ps. 27)*

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*The reading is from Paul's  
Letter to the Colossians. (3:4-11)*

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Brethren, when Christ who is  
our life appears, then you also  
will appear with him in glory.  
Put to death therefore what is  
earthly in you: fornication,  
impurity, passion, evil desire,  
and covetousness, which is  
idolatry. On account of these the  
wrath of God is coming upon the  
sons of disobedience. In these  
you once walked, when you lived  
in them. But now put them all  
away; anger, wrath, malice,  
slander, and foul talk from your  
mouth. Do not lie to one  
another, seeing that you have  
put off the old nature with its  
practices and have put on the  
new nature, which is being  
renewed in knowledge after the  
image of its creator. Here there  
cannot be Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and uncircumcised,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free  
man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ,  
εἰσερχομένου τοῦ Ἰησοῦ εἰς  
τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ  
δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ  
ἕστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ  
ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ  
ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ  
ιδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς·  
Πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε  
ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ  
ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς  
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἷς δὲ ἐξ  
αὐτῶν, ιδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη,  
ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς  
μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν,  
καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον  
παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ  
εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς  
ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ  
ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα  
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα  
ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν  
ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν  
τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς  
οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ·  
Ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις  
σου σέσωκέ σε.

At that time, as Jesus  
entered a village, He was  
met by ten lepers, who  
stood at a distance and  
lifted up their voices and  
said: "Jesus, Master, have  
mercy on us." When He  
saw them He said to them,  
"Go and show yourselves to  
the priests." And as they  
went they were cleansed.  
Then one of them, when he  
saw that he was healed,  
turned back, praising God  
with a loud voice; and he  
fell on his face at Jesus's  
feet, giving Him thanks.  
Now he was a Samaritan.  
Then said Jesus: "Were not  
ten cleansed? Where are  
the nine? Was no one found  
to return and give praise to  
God except this foreigner?"  
And He said to him: "Rise  
and go your way; your faith  
has made you well."

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### Bulletin for the week of January 15, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl and Erick Schwartzkopf

Video: Gray/David N.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek), Panos Drakopoulos (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Despina Passias



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout Father Paul of Thebes (+341)

*Saint Paul, first among hermits, was born about 227 in the Thebaid of Egypt. In 250 he fled into the wilderness because of the persecution raging at that time under Decius. Having lived a solitary life in a certain cave for ninety-one years, he reposed in 341, at the age of 114, and was buried by Anthony the Great, who had been directed thither by God several days before the Saint's repose.*

+ Our Devout Father John the Hut-Dweller (+450)

*Saint John, who was from Constantinople, was the son of illustrious parents -- Eutropius the Senator and Theodora. At twelve years of age he departed secretly from his home and went to the Monastery of the Unsleeping (see Dec. 29). Aflame with longing for his parents, he returned after six years to his father's home in the guise of a pauper and beggar. Living in a small hut at the gates of his parents' house (wherefrom he is called "hut-dweller"), he remained unknown therein for many years, and suffered mockery at the hands of those who had been his own servants. Foreknowing his death, he revealed himself to his parents, and within a few moments reposed, about the year 450.*

+ The Holy Martyr Pansophios of Alexandria (+250)

+ The Holy Virgin Martyr Secundina of Rome (+250)

+ The Holy Six Fathers of the Desert

+ The Holy Virgin Martyrs Maura and Britta in France (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Devout Ceolwulf, King of Northumbria (+710)

*By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.*

### Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pew Book):

- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Αγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις, Plagal 2<sup>nd</sup> Mode):

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You. (sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Hymn of St. John the Hut Dweller (Εκ βρέφους του Κύριου, 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

From infancy fervently you loved and longed for the Lord; \* you therefore renounced the world and every worldly delight, \* and excelled in ascetic feats. \* You set the hut you dwelt in before the gates of your parents. \* Therein, all-blessed struggler, you crushed the snares of the demons. \* And therefore, O John, Christ has glorified you worthily.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε, 1<sup>st</sup> Mode):

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross. (Greek+English)

- The Kontakion of the Presentation of Christ (Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν, 1<sup>st</sup> Mode):

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

## Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

### This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

**Sunday (1/15—No Fasting):** John 20:19-31; Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 17:12-19

**Monday (1/16—No Fasting):** Acts 12:1-11; John 21:14-25

**Tuesday (1/17—St. Anthony—No Fasting):** Matthew 11:27-30; Hebrews 13:17-21; Luke 6:17-23

**Wednesday (1/18—St. Athanasios and Cyril—Wine+Oil):** John 10:1-9; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

**Thursday (1/19—No Fasting):** Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 22:2-14

**Friday (1/20—St. Euthymius—Wine+Oil):** II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:17-23

**Saturday (1/21—St. Maximos the Confessor—No Fasting):** Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 12:8-12

### Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Irene, Valerie, Marina, Alexi, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Emmanuel, Mary, Adrienne, Kay, Helen, Nikki

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

Janice (+December 12), Cynthia (+December 25), Sharon (+December 28)

### Prayers for expecting mothers:

### Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

### Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Nate, Chad, Charlotte, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

### Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

**St. Anthony the Great (+356)**, celebrated this week on January 17 gave the following counsel: "When the same Abba Anthony thought about the depth of the judgments of God, he asked, "Lord, how is it that some die when they are young, while others drag on to extreme old age? Why are there those who are poor and those who are rich? Why do wicked men prosper and why are the just in need? He heard a voice answering him, "Anthony, keep your attention on yourself; these things are according to the judgment of God, and it is not to your advantage to know anything about them."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

January 17: Tony Bennette, Tony Economopoulos, Rene Esquivel, Rene Anthonis Esquivel, Jr., Tony Kallergis, Anthony Paul Zoumberis, Tony Zoumberis, Sr., Tony Zoumberis, Jr.

January 20: Charles Glotzbach, Effie Morris

January 21: Gray Maximus Yates

Birthdays—Happy Birthday

January 15: Kalie Crouse

January 16: Irene Ray, Caroline Saratsiotis

January 19: Wyatt Morris

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

None in the records

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

### Announcements:

\* **Shut-Ins:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

\* The Feast of **Theophany** has been celebrated along with the Great Blessing of the Waters. As is our ancient Orthodox Christian tradition, Fr. Theodore is continuing to celebrate House Blessings with the Holy Water from the feast. An email has been sent with sign-up information. You can also contact Presvytera Stacey at 770-827-7145 for assistance in signing up.

\* As a reminder, please allow the Sunday School teachers and students to precede first for Holy Communion. Thank you!

\* Fr. Theodore and family will be out of state visiting family this week from Monday to Saturday. In case of an immediate pastoral need (for example, an emergency hospital visit), please contact Fr. Theophan of St. Innocent Orthodox Church at 478-538-8161.

\* The **Not So Young Adult** group has rescheduled their outing for this coming Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm at Society Garden for trivia.

\* The **2023 Parish Council** has taken office with the following offices:

President: Natalia Saratsiotis, Vice President: Gray Yates, Secretary: Charles Glotzbach, Asst. Secretary: Sarah Drakopoulos, Treasurer: Maria McCluskey, Asst. Treasurer: John Apostolou, At Large: Melanie Moyer. May God bless the new Council and their service to Holy Cross!