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Sunday, January 22, 2023

15th Sunday of Luke

+ St. Timothy the Apostle

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Tenth (John 21:1-14)

Mode of the Week: Grave/Βαρυς

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, January 22</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 15 th 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 th 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>	6:45pm Young Adult Ministry Get Together (Sofia Lekas' Home)
<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
<i>February 8-9, 2023</i>	Fr. Theodore at Clergy Meetings at the Diakonia Center
<i>February 10, 2023</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Haralambos

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (1/29) Pete Tsamolias, Richard Stewart; (2/5) Aleca Hortman, Angelika Passias
Upcoming Ushers: (1/29) Charles Glotzbach, Jim Lekas; (2/5) TBD; (2/12) TBD
Upcoming Video Operators: (1/29) Cristina Lekas; (1/30) Cristina Lekas; (2/1) Natalia Saratsiotis; (2/2) Cristina L.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (1/29) Cristina Lekas; (2/5) Denna Bradford; (2/12) Maria McCluskey

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

*Κύριος ἰσχὺν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ
δώσει, Κύριος εὐλογήσει τὸν λαὸν
αὐτοῦ ἐν εἰρήνῃ.*

*Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ, υἱοὶ
Θεοῦ, ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν
καὶ τιμὴν.*

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*Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ Θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶ Σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

*The Lord will give strength to
His people; the Lord will bless
His people with peace.*

*Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you
sons of God, bring to the Lord
glory and honor. (Ps. 28)*

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*The reading is from Paul's First
Letter to Timothy. (4:9-15)*

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Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (19:1-10)

15th Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Ἱεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτηει ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστὶ, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι δι' ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μέναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσῆλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· Ἴδου τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστίν· ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Bulletin for the week of January 22, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Charles Glotzbach, David Zoumberis

Video: Gray/David N. Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek), Robert Ice (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Demetri and Hannah Kostakis



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Apostle Timothy, disciple of St. Paul (+97)

The Apostle Timothy, who was from Lystra of Lycaonia, was born of a Greek (that is, pagan) father and a Jewish mother. His mother's name was Eunice, and his grandmother's name was Lois (II Tim. 1:5). He became the disciple of the Apostle Paul when the latter first preached there, and he followed St. Paul during the whole period of the Apostle's preaching. Afterwards, Timothy was consecrated by him as first Bishop of the church in Ephesus. Under the supervision of John the Evangelist, who governed all the churches in Asia, he completed his life as a martyr in the year 97. He was stoned to death by the heathens, because, as some surmise, he opposed the festival held in honor of Artemis (Diana). The Apostle Paul's First and Second Epistles to Timothy were written to him.

+ The Holy Devout Martyr Anastasios of Persia (+628)

Saint Anastasios was a Persian by race, the son of a Magus, and a soldier in the Persian army in the days of Chosroes II, King of Persia, and Heraclius, Emperor of New Rome. The Saint's Persian name was Magundat. When Chosroes captured Jerusalem in the year 614 and took the Precious Cross away captive, Magundat heard the report of the miracles that came to pass through the Cross of our salvation. Being of a prudent mind, perplexed that an instrument of torture should be so highly honored by the Christians, yet seized with longing to learn their Faith, he diligently sought out instruction in the whole divine dispensation of Christ: His Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection. When he learned what he sought to know, his soul was filled with wonder and joy. Withdrawing to the Holy City, he was baptized by Saint Modestus, Patriarch of Jerusalem, and became a monk, receiving the new name of Anastasios. As we read the lives of the Saints and the accounts of the holy Martyrs, his heart was kindled with love for them to such a degree that he prayed to be counted worthy of a martyr's end like unto theirs. Finally, unable to contain his longing, he left his monastery. Encountering certain Persian Magi at Caesarea, he rebuked them for their delusion. Since Palestine was still held in the captivity of the Persians, he was taken before the Persian ruler, questioned, beaten, and imprisoned. He was then taken with other captives to Persia, where, after many tortures, refusing to espouse again the error of his fathers, he was hanged up by one hand, strangled with a noose, and beheaded.

+ The Holy Martyrs Manual, George, Peter, Leo, Sionios, Gabriel, John, Leo, Parodos, and other 377 in Adrianople

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 (Κατέλυσας τω Σταυρώ σου, Grave Mode):

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy. (sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Hymn of St. Timothy (Χρησιότητα εκδιδαχθείς, 4th Mode):

Having learned kindness, and being always steady and sober, vested with a good conscience as befits a priest, you drew out from the Chosen Vessel the secrets of God. And having kept the faith, you have finished the fair race, O Hieromartyr Timothy. Intercede with Christ our God, entreating Him to save our souls.

- Hymn of St. Anastasios (O Μάρτυς σου Κύριε, 4th Mode):

Your Martyr, O Lord, was worthily awarded by You * the crown of incorruption, in that he contested for You our immortal God. * Since he possessed Your power, he defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at his fervent entreaties, save our souls.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε, 1st 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 (O μήτραν παρθενικήν, 1st 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 (1/22—No Fasting): John 21:1-14; I Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Monday (1/23—No Fasting): Philippians 3:20-21, 4:1-3; Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-5

Tuesday (1/24—No Fasting): Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 22:35-46

Wednesday (1/25—St. Gregory the Theologian—Wine+Oil): John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 10:9-16

Thursday (1/26—No Fasting): II Corinthians 1:21-24, 2:1-4; Matthew 25:14-30

Friday (1/27—Wine+Oil): John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 10:9-16

Saturday (1/28—No Fasting): Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Luke 6:17-23

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:

Cynthia (+December 25), Sharon (+December 28), Louis (+January 16)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotis, 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. Gregory the Theologian (+390), celebrated this week on January 25 gave the following counsel: "Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."

St. Ephraim the Syrian (+373), celebrated this week on January 28: "When you begin to read or listen to the Holy Scriptures, pray to God thus: "Lord Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart so that I may hear Thy words and understand them, and may fulfill Thy will." Always pray to God like this, that He might illumine your mind and open to you the power of His words. Many, having trusted in their own reason, have turned away into deception."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
January 24: Cyndi Xenia Douglas, Cheryl Schwartzkopf
January 25: Greg Spicer

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

January 22: Cheryl Schwartzkopf

January 23: Christina Danforth

January 27: Tony Zoumberis, Jr.

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.

* **Philoptochos News:** Interested in becoming a member of Philoptochos? Stewardship forms have been emailed out to all parishioners and are now being collected for the year 2023. Please complete the stewardship form and turn it in along with your money to Christina Danforth, Philoptochos Treasurer. Please make checks payable to Philoptochos or pay through Venmo: @HolyCross-Philoptochos.

* **Blood Drive:** Thank you to those who were able to give blood earlier this month. Please mark your calendar for the next few drives: March 2nd, May 24th and July 19th. Not able to give blood but wish you could help? We are looking for volunteers to help out with the drive (meeting the American Red Cross to open the doors, setting up the main room, etc.), please contact Natalia.

* The **Young Adult Ministry** will be meeting this Thursday, January 26th, at 6:45pm for a Potluck Dinner, House Blessing and Game Night at the home of Sofia Lekas. Please contact Sofia (478.972.3202) or Presvytera Stacey (770.827.7145) if you can come and what you will be bringing. More details along with the address in an upcoming Facebook post.