



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
 St. Eutychius of Melitene

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

Mode of the Week: Plagal Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, May 28</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:30pm Intro to Orthodoxy Meeting in the Church
<i>Monday, May 29</i>	Memorial Day—Office Closed
<i>Tuesday, May 30</i>	7:00pm Young Adult Outing (Reboot in Downtown Macon)
<i>Wednesday, May 31</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Friday, June 2</i>	6:00pm Not So Young Adult Outing (Centerville/Warner Robins)
<i>Saturday, June 3</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy and Memorial Service on the Saturday of the Souls before Pentecost 4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, June 4</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Holy Pentecost 12:00pm Kneeling Vespers Coffee Fellowship after the Vespers in the Parish House
<i>Wednesday, June 7</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Friday, June 9-Saturday, June 10</i>	TBA 2-Day Vacation Overnight Camping for the Youth
<i>Saturday, June 10</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, June 11</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of All Saints Honoring of our Holy Cross Graduates at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:30pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Wednesday, June 14</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, June 17</i>	3:00pm Church Safety Training 5:00pm Great Vespers

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (6/4) George Saratsiotis, Rene Esquivel; (6/11) Pete Tsamolias, Beth Zoumberis
Upcoming Ushers: (5/31) Sarah D. (6/3a) Tassie C.; (6/3p) Maria S.; (6/4) Sarah D., Charles G.; (6/7) Melanie M.
Upcoming Video Operators: (6/3am) Joanna P.; (6/4) Natalia S.; (6/11) David Z.; (6/18) Cristina L.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (6/4) Tassie Cantrell; (6/11) Amanda Lord; (6/18) Presvytera Stacey Ehmer

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

*Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς τῶν πατέρων
ἡμῶν.*

*Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς ἐποίησας
ἡμῖν.*

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Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις, ἔκρινεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἐσπευδε γάρ, εἰ δυνατόν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπισκόπους, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ Θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γάρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἀφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρύων νουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατίθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ Θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομῆσαι καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσίου ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα· αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσι μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπηρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταὶ πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν ὅτι οὕτω κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθενούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπε· μακάριόν ἐστι μᾶλλον διδόναι ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θεὶς τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

*Blessed are You, O Lord God of our
fathers.*

*Verse: For You are righteous in all You
did for us. (Prayer of Azariah)*

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*The reading is from the Acts of the
Apostles. (20:16-18, 28-36)*

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In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.'" And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (17:1-13)

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ec. Council

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἐπάρας ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν, εἶπε· Πάτερ, ἐλήλυθεν ἡ ὥρα· δόξασόν σου τὸν υἱόν, ἵνα καὶ ὁ υἱὸς σου δοξάσῃ σέ, καθὼς ἔδωκας αὐτῷ ἐξουσίαν πάσης σαρκός, ἵνα πᾶν ὃ δέδωκας αὐτῷ δώσῃ αὐτοῖς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. αὕτη δὲ ἐστὶν ἡ αἰώνιος ζωὴ, ἵνα γινώσκωσιν σέ τὸν μόνον ἀληθινὸν Θεὸν καὶ ὃν ἀπέστειλας Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν. ἐγὼ σε ἐδόξασα ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, τὸ ἔργον ἐτελειώσα ὃ δέδωκάς μοι ἵνα ποιήσω· καὶ νῦν δόξασόν με σύ, πάτερ, παρὰ σεαυτῷ τῇ δόξῃ ἣ εἶχον πρὸ τοῦ τὸν κόσμον εἶναι παρὰ σοί. Ἐφάνέρωσά σου τὸ ὄνομα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου. σοὶ ἦσαν καὶ ἐμοὶ αὐτοὺς δέδωκας, καὶ τὸν λόγον σου τετηρήκασι. νῦν ἔγνωκαν ὅτι πάντα ὅσα δέδωκάς μοι παρὰ σοῦ εἰσιν· ὅτι τὰ ῥήματα ἃ ἔδωκάς μοι δέδωκα αὐτοῖς, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλαβον καὶ ἔγνωσαν ἀληθῶς ὅτι παρὰ σοῦ ἐξῆλθον, καὶ ἐπίστευσαν ὅτι σύ με ἀπέστειλας. ἐγὼ περὶ αὐτῶν ἐρωτῶ· οὐ περὶ τοῦ κόσμου ἐρωτῶ ἀλλὰ περὶ ὧν δέδωκάς μοι, ὅτι σοὶ εἰσι, καὶ τὰ ἐμὰ πάντα σὰ ἐστὶν καὶ τὰ σὰ ἐμὰ, καὶ δεδόξασμαι ἐν αὐτοῖς. καὶ οὐκέτι εἶμι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ εἰσὶ, καὶ ἐγὼ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι. Πάτερ ἅγιε, τήρησον αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι, ἵνα ὡσιν ἐν καθὼς ἡμεῖς. ὅτε ἤμην μετ' αὐτῶν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐγὼ ἐτήρουν αὐτοὺς ἐν τῷ ὀνόματί σου οὓς δέδωκάς μοι ἐφύλαξα, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐξ αὐτῶν ἀπώλετο εἰ μὴ ὁ υἱὸς τῆς ἀπωλείας, ἵνα ἡ γραφὴ πληρωθῇ. νῦν δὲ πρὸς σέ ἔρχομαι, καὶ ταῦτα λαλῶ ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἵνα ἔχωσιν τὴν χαρὰν τὴν ἐμὴν πεπληρωμένην ἐν αὐτοῖς.

At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

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Bulletin for the week of May 28, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos, Charles Glotzbach

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

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek), Sarah Drakopoulos (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Katerina Iakovidis

Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Sunday of the 318 Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea

The heresiarch Arius was a Libyan by race and a protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria. In 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son and Word of God, saying that He is not true God, consubstantial with the Father, but is rather a work and creation, alien to the essence and glory of the Father, and that there was a time when He was not. This frightful blasphemy shook the faithful of Alexandria. Alexander, his Archbishop, after trying in vain to correct him through admonitions, cut him off from communion and finally in a local council deposed him in the year 321. Yet neither did the blasphemous wish to be corrected, nor did he cease sowing the deadly tares of his heretical teachings; but writing to the bishops of other cities, Arius and his followers requested that his doctrine be examined, and if it were unsound, that the correct teaching be declared to him. By this means, his heresy became universally known and won many supporters, so that the whole Church was soon in an uproar. Therefore, moved by divine zeal, the first Christian Sovereign, Saint Constantine the Great, the equal to the Apostles, summoned the renowned First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was there that the shepherds and teachers of the Church of Christ gathered from all regions in the year 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God, and they composed the holy Symbol of Faith up to the seventh article (since the remainder, beginning with "And in the Holy Spirit," was completed by the Second Ecumenical Council). Thus they anathematized the impious Arius of evil belief and those of like mind with him, and cut them off as rotten members from the whole body of the faithful. Therefore, recognizing the divine Fathers as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church of Christ has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Eutychius, Bishop of Meitene (+1st Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Heliconis of Thessaloniki (+244)

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):

- *Hymn of the Ascension (Ανελήφθη εν δόξη, 4th Mode):*

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world. (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Resurrectional Hymn)

- *Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Αγγελικαί δυνάμεις, Plagal 2nd Mode):*

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You! (Sung after the Small Entrance)

- *Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Υπερδοξασμένοσ ει, Plagal 4th Mode):*

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

- *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.

- *The Kontakion of the Ascension (Την υπερ ημών, Plagal 2nd Mode):*

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (5/28—No Fasting): John 21:1-4; Acts 20:16-18, 28-36; John 17:1-13

Monday (5/29—No Fasting): Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday (5/30—No Fasting): Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13

Wednesday (5/31—Wine, Oil): Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

Thursday (6/1—No Fasting): Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33

Friday (6/2—Wine, Oil): Acts 27:1-44, 28:1; John 17:18-26

Saturday—Saturday of the Souls (6/3—No Fasting): I Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 21:14-25

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Sedky, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Fr. Angelo (+April 20), Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 3)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B.

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Irenaeus of Lyons (+130) speaking truth to us on where we should find Truth: "One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Church. For in her, as in a rich treasury, the apostles have placed all that pertains to truth, so that everyone can drink this beverage of life. She is the door of life."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

May 28: Brad Perry

May 30: Emmy "Emmelia" Young

June 1: Justin Lane

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

May 29: Nick Dermatas

May 30: Bessie Andros

June 1: Alexandra Stefanis

June 2: Leo Economopoulos

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

June 1: Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf

(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.

* **YOUTH:** We sincerely thank our Sunday School teachers, Maria, Maria, and Gray for their commitment to the kids! Note: to accommodate their schedules, we've moved the recognition of our graduates to Sunday June 11. Coming up: 2-day Vacation Overnight Church Camp (tent camping!) at Kathy's at Lake Tobo June 9-10. More details to come. Let Presv. Stacey know if you can help!

* **Philoptochos:** Board Elections took place last Sunday—thank you to those who participated!

* For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our **Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes** online by Zoom meeting every other week (next meeting is today after the Divine Liturgy in person). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

* **YAM (20's & 30's):** our next social gathering is at Reboot Retrocade in Macon on May 30th at 7pm. Let Presv. Stacey know if you can join us!

* There is still **no kneeling** during the Divine Liturgy through Pentecost. We will all kneel together liturgically for the first time since before Pascha at the "Kneeling Vespers" on the Feast Day of Pentecost.

* The next **Not So Young Adult** get together is planned for this Friday, June 2 at 6:00pm at the Center Park in Centerville (food trucks and entertainment.) Please see Beth Zoumberis for more details!

* This coming Saturday is a **Saturday of the Souls (Ψυχασάββατο)** before Pentecost with Liturgy and a memorial service. If I do not have your book with names, sheets are available in the narthex where you can record the names of departed loved ones to be prayed for.