Sunday, May 28, 2023

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council
St. Eutychius of Melitene
Eothisin/Orthros Gospel: Tenth (John 21:11-14)
Mode of the Week: Plagal Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

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.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Upcoming Schedule

Today, May 28
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council
12:30pm Intro to Orthodoxy Meeting in the Church

Monday, May 29
Memorial Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30
7:00pm Young Adult Outing (Reboot in Downtown Macon)

Wednesday, May 31
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class

Friday, June 2
6:00pm Not So Young Adult Outing (Centerville/Warner Robins)

Saturday, June 3
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

Sunday, June 4
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on Holy Pentecost
12:00pm Kneeling Vespers
   Coffee Fellowship after the Vespers in the Parish House

Wednesday, June 7
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class

Friday, June 9—Saturday, June 10
TBA
2-Day Vacation Overnight Camping for the Youth

Saturday, June 10
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, June 11
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

Wednesday, June 14
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class

Saturday, June 17
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 Fellowship Hosts: (6/4) Tassie Cantrell; (6/11) Amanda Lord; (6/18) Presvytera Stacey Ehmer

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**

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us. (Psalm 89)

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

In those days, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, 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 Miletus he sent to Ephesus 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. 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, that they may have my joy evermore."

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

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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, glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. I have manifested my 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.

**Verse:** For You are righteous in all You did for us. (Psalm 89)

**St. John 17:1-13**

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. 

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

**Sunday (5/28—No Fasting):**

**Monday (5/29—No Fasting):**
Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-57

**Tuesday (5/30—No Fasting):**

**Wednesday (5/31—Wine, Oil):**
Acts 23:11-13; John 16:25-26

**Thursday (6/1—No Fasting):**

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

**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, Selden, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Lia, Liz, Ray, Raymond, Marina, Effi, Christina, Ashley, Foster

**Prayers for those recently reposed:**
Fr. Angelo (+April 20), Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 2)

**Prayers for expecting mothers:**
Katina B.

**Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:**
Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Kneeling 17; John 21:14-25

**Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:**
St. Irenaeus of Lyons (+130) speaking truth to us on where we should not seek truth: "One should not seek among others the truth that can be easily gotten from the Father. 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."

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**Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:**

- Sunday of the 38th Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea

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

- *Hymn of the Ascension* (Ἄνελήφθης εν δόξῃ, 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* (Ἀναστάσις ἡ ἁλώσια, 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)

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**Upcoming Celebrations This Week**

**Name Days—Chronicon Polia, Many Years?**
- May 28: Brad Perry
- May 30: Athens, Eleni, Young
- June 1: Justin Lane

**Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**
- May 29: Nick Dermatas
- May 30: Besse Andros
- June 1: Vasiliki
- June 2: Leo Economopoulos

**Anniversaries—Congratulations!**
- June 1: Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf

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**Prayers of our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:**
Nate, Chad, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

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**Bulletin for the week of May 28, 2023**

**Uskups on Duty:** Sarah Drakopoulos, Charles Glotzbach

**Altar Servers:** All Adult/Youth Servers

**Cell:** 770-295-0290

**Office Days:** Tuesday through Friday: call or email Fr. for appointment

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**Knowing One Another**

**Sunday of the 38th 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, but rather a philosopher. This heresy led to the recognition of our graduates to Sunday June 11. 

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**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 pray that he can visit with kinsmen, friends, and 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. Come to the kids’ graduation camping! at Kathye’s at Lake Tobe June 9-10. More details to come. Let Pres. 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 doing our Intro to Orthodox/Introduction Class online by Zoom meeting every other week (next meeting is today after the Divine Liturgy in person). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

- **YOUTH:** We are still working on the Kneeling Vespers for the Feast Day of Pentecost.

- **YM (20’s & 30’s):** our next social gathering is at Reb Altoe’s in Centerville! on Monday May 30 at 7pm. Let Presv. Stacey know if you can join us!

- **There is still no kneeling** during the Divine Liturgy through Pentecost. We’ll get 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 (fun trucks and entertainment.) Please see Beth Zoubiers for more details!

- **This coming Saturday is a Saturday of the Souls (Παρασκευή) 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 loves ones to be prayed for.**