



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, June 11, 2023

Sunday of All Saints

The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas  
 Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)

Mode of the Week: First/Πρώτος

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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 Committee Meeting
<i>Monday, June 12</i>	Beginning of the Apostles Fast (until June 29)
<i>Wednesday, June 14</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Thursday, June 15</i>	7:00pm 60+ Game Night at Kathy Patras' House
<i>Saturday, June 17</i>	3:00pm Church Safety Training 5:00pm Great Vespers 7:00pm Parish Outing at Macon Bacon Baseball Game
<i>Sunday, June 18</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Wed, June 21-Sat, June 24</i>	Fr. Theodore and Parish Representatives at Clergy-Laity in Tarpon Springs, Florida
<i>Sunday, June 25</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, June 27</i>	4:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday, June 28</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Thursday, June 29</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul
<i>Saturday, July 1</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, July 2</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (6/18) Kostas Iakovidis, Isabelle Saratsiotis; (6/25) Aleca Hortman, Bryan Gordy  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (6/14) Hazel D.; (6/17) Hazel D.; (6/18) Jim L., David Z.; (6/25) Cheryl and Erick S.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (6/18) Cristina L.; (6/25) Gray Y./David N.; (6/29) Cristina L.; (7/2) Natalia S.  
**Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:** (6/18) Presvytera Stacey Ehmer; (6/25) Aleca Hortman; (7/2) Amanda Lord

### 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

Θαυμαστός ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.  
Στίχ. Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

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Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραζαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτριῶν· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα Κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρεῖττόν τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

God is wondrous in His saints.  
Verse: Bless God in the churches.  
(Psalm 67)

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The reading is from Paul's Letter to the  
Hebrews. (11:33-40, 12:1-2)

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Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

## Sunday of All Saints

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ Μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρὸς μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς· ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσηταί με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν καὶ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. Ὁ φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἴδου ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμεν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. καὶ πᾶς ὅς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίαν ἢ ἀδελφούς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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### Bulletin for the week of June 11, 2023

**Ushers on Duty:** Cleo Bennette, Maria Spicer

**Video:** David Z.

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

**Epistle Readers:** Pete Tsamolias (Greek), Beth Zoumberis (English)

**Fellowship Host (Thank You!):** Natalia Saratsiotis



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Sunday of All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood.

Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today.

+ The Holy Apostles Bartholomew and Barnabas (+1<sup>st</sup> Century)

+ Synaxis of the Archangel Michael in Adein on the Holy Mountain and the Revelation of the Hymn "Axion Estin" to a monk on Mount Athos (+10<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The New Hiero-Martyr Luke the Surgeon of Simferopol and Crimea (+1961)

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 (Εξ ύψους, Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You! (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Hymn of All Saints (Των εν όλω τω κόσμω, 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

- 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.

- The Kontakion of All Saints (Ὡς ἀρχαίς της φύσεως, Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

- Communion Hymn (Αγαλλάσθε, δίκαιοι, εν Κυρίω):

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright. Alleluia. (Psalm 32)

## Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

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

**Sunday (6/11—No Fasting):** Matthew 28:16-20; Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

**Monday (6/12—Fish, Wine, Oil):** Romans 2:28-29, 3:1-18; Matthew 6:31-34, 7:9-11

**Tuesday (6/13—Fish, Wine, Oil):** Romans 4:4-12; Matthew 7:15-21

**Wednesday (6/14—Strict Fast):** Romans 4:13-25; Luke 4:22-30

**Thursday (6/15—Fish, Wine, Oil):** Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 8:23-27

**Friday (6/16—Strict Fast):** Romans 5:17-21, 6:1-2; Matthew 9:14-17

**Saturday (6/17—Fish, Wine, Oil):** Romans 3:19-24; Matthew 7:1-8

### 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:

Stanley (+April 24), Adrienne (+May 3)

### Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B., Maggie 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, Jace and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

### Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

**St. Gregory Palamas (+1359)** on the beauty and importance of humility: "Whereas humility is the virtue of the good angels, and defeats any human evil that comes upon fallen mankind. Humility is the chariot by which we ascend to God, like those clouds which are to carry up to God those who would dwell for endless ages with Him, as foretold by the apostle: "We shall be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17). Humility is the same as such a cloud. It is formed by

repentance, releases streams of tears; brings out the worthy from among the unworthy and leads them up to unite them with God, justified by His free gift for the gratitude of their free disposition."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

All Saints: Isabelle Saratsiotis

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

June 12: Matthew Deskins

June 16: Henry Goss

June 17: Chrissy Holland

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

June 11: Jennifer and Adam Kangas

June 12: Elizabeth and Tony Zoumberis

(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 will recognize our graduates today at the end of the Divine Liturgy! We sincerely thank Kathy Patras for hosting our 2-day Vacation Church Camp Out in her yard this weekend! Movie matinee and lunch coming up in July.

\* 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 next Saturday, June 17 at 3:00pm). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

\* The **Apostles Fast** begins tomorrow (the eighth day after Pentecost) and lasts until the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29). As the ancient canons say—"And you after celebrating Pentecost, feast one week, then start fasting, because it is necessary that we rejoice with the gift granted to us from God (the Holy Spirit), to fast after rejoicing.

\* The new **Philoptochos Board** will be sworn in at the end of the Divine Liturgy today:  
President: Sarah Drakopoulos, First Vice President: Cleo Bennette, Second Vice President: Emily Dermatas, Treasurer: Maria Bronisevsky, Secretary: Beth Zoumberis, Corresponding Secretary: Rodica Cazacu, Member at Large: Denna Bradford. May God bless their faithful service to this very important ministry!

\* The first **60+ Group Get-Together** (a game night) will be this coming Thursday, June 15 at 7:00pm at Kathy Patras's House. RSVP with Kathy!