



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, June 18, 2023

2nd Sunday of Matthew

The Holy Martyr Leontios

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Second (Mark 16:1-8)

Mode of the Week: First/Πρώτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, June 18</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 nd 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 rd 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 th Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, July 4</i>	Independence Day—Office Closed
<i>Wednesday, July 5</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, July 8</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, July 9</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5 th Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy
<i>Wednesday, July 12</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (6/25) Aleca Hortman, Bryan Gordy; (7/2) George Saratsiotis, Nadia Cazacu
Upcoming Ushers: (6/25) Cheryl and Erick S.; (6/28) Cristina L.; (6/29) OPEN; Assignments for July TBD
Upcoming Video Operators: (6/25) Gray Y./David N.; (6/29) Cristina L.; (7/2) Natalia S.; (7/9) Cristina L.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (6/25) Aleca Hortman; (7/2) Amanda Lord; (7/9) Tammi and Mike Cantrell

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

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι, ἐν Κυρίῳ· τοῖς εὐθέσι πρέπει αἰνεσις.

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Πρὸς Ρωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, δόξα καὶ τιμὴ καὶ εἰρήνη παντὶ τῷ ἐργαζομένῳ τὸ ἀγαθόν, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι· οὐ γὰρ ἐστὶ προσωποληψία παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. Ὅσοι γὰρ ἀνόμως ἤμαρτον, ἀνόμως καὶ ἀπολοῦνται· καὶ ὅσοι ἐν νόμῳ ἤμαρτον, διὰ νόμου κριθήσονται. Οὐ γὰρ οἱ ἀκροαταὶ τοῦ νόμου δίκαιοι παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ, ἀλλ' οἱ ποιηταὶ τοῦ νόμου δικαιωθήσονται. Ὅταν γὰρ ἔθνη τὰ μὴ νόμον ἔχοντα φύσει τὰ τοῦ νόμου ποιῇ, οὗτοι νόμον μὴ ἔχοντες ἐαυτοῖς εἰσι νόμος, οἵτινες ἐνδείκνυνται τὸ ἔργον τοῦ νόμου γραπτὸν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις αὐτῶν, συμμαρτυροῦσης αὐτῶν τῆς συνειδήσεως καὶ μεταξὺ ἀλλήλων τῶν λογισμῶν κατηγορούντων ἢ καὶ ἀπολογουμένων - ἐν ἡμέρᾳ ὅτε κρινεῖ ὁ Θεὸς τὰ κρυπτὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

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

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The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Romans. (2:10-16)

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Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (4:18-23)

2nd Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, περιπατῶν δὲ παρὰ τὴν θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶδεν δύο ἀδελφούς, Σίμονα τὸν λεγόμενον Πέτρον καὶ Ἀνδρέαν τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, βάλλοντας ἀμφίβληστρον εἰς τὴν θάλασσαν· ἦσαν γὰρ ἀλιεῖς. καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς· Δεῦτε ὀπίσω μου, καὶ ποιήσω ὑμᾶς ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ προβάς ἐκεῖθεν εἶδεν ἄλλους δύο ἀδελφούς, Ἰάκωβον τὸν τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὸν ἀδελφὸν αὐτοῦ, ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ μετὰ Ζεβεδαίου τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτῶν καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς. οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὅλην τὴν Γαλιλαίαν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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Bulletin for the week of June 18, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Jim Lekas, David Zoumberis

Video: Cristina L.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek), Isabelle Saratsiotis (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Presytera Stacey Ehmer



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Martyrs Leontios, Hypatios, and Theodoulos of Syria (+73)

This Martyr was from Greece. Being of great bodily stature and strength, he was an illustrious soldier in the Roman legions who had won many victories, and was known for his prudence and sobriety of mind. When it was learned that he gave grain to the poor from the imperial stores, and was moreover a Christian, Hadrian the Governor of Phoenicia sent Hypatius, a tribune, and Theodulus, a soldier, to arrest him. Saint Leontius converted them on the way to Tripolis in Phoenicia, where Hypatius and Theodulus were tormented and beheaded by Hadrian for their confession of Christ. Then Hadrian with many flatteries and many torments strove to turn Leontius from Christ. All his attempts failing, he had Leontius put to such tortures that he died in the midst of them, under Vespasian in the year 73.

+ The Holy Martyr Aetherios of Nicomedia (+305)

+ The Venerable Leontios the Shepherd and Monk

+ The Venerable Leontios the Myrrh-Gusher of Argos and of Dionysiou Monastery on Mount Athos (+1605)

+ Our Devout Father Amandus of Bordeaux, successor of St. Delphinus as Bishop of Bodeaux in France, Confessor (+431)

+ The Holy Martyr Alena of Brussels (+640)

+ The Holy New Hieromartyr Ioannicius, Metropolitan of Montenegro, executed by the Communists at the close of World War II (+1945)

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 (Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος, First Mode):*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your saving plan, O God who love humanity!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- *Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε, First 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 Normal Kontakion of the Theotokos (Προστασία των Χριστιανών, Second Mode):*

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (6/18—Fish, Wine, Oil): Mark 16:1-8; Romans 2:10-16; Matthew 4:18-23

Monday (6/19—Fish, Wine, Oil): Jude 1:1-25; John 14:21-24

Tuesday (6/20—Fish, Wine, Oil): Romans 7:14-8:2; Matthew 10:9-15

Wednesday (6/21—Strict Fast): Romans 8:2-13; Matthew 10:16-22

Thursday (6/22—Fish, Wine, Oil): Romans 8:22-27; Matthew 10:23-31

Friday (6/23—Strict Fast): Romans 9:6-19; Matthew 10:32-36, 11:1

Saturday (6/24—Nativity of John the Baptist—Fish, Wine, Oil): Luke 1:24-25, 57-68, 76, 80; Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4; Luke 1:1-25, 57-68, 78, 80

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), Anna (+June 11)

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:

Bobbie, Chad, CJ, Jace, Nate and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

The Nativity of John the Baptist is commemorated this coming week on June 24. The Church is rich with hymnography honoring the "Forerunner", and in particular, the following hymn points to his most important role and why we honor him so: "Watch as Elizabeth speaks with the Virgin Mary: "Why have you come to me, O Mother of my Lord? You are carrying the King; I carry His soldier. You, the One who gave the Law; I the one who lays down the Law. You the Word; I His voice, which proclaims the kingdom of heaven."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

June 19: Danny "Jude" McBride

June 24: Jessica Holland

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

June 24: Marissa Goss

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

June 24: Chrissy and Guy Holland

(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.

* Save the date for the **END OF SUMMER BBQ FELLOWSHIP** that will be held on July 29th. More info to follow.

* Fr. Theodore along with others in Holy Cross's Leadership will be attending the **Metropolis Clergy-Laity Conference** this coming week in Tarpon Springs, Florida. In particular, Fr. Theodore will be out of town from Wednesday through Saturday. Please pray for the leadership of our Church, both at the local and metropolis level this coming week!

* 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 planned for Thursday, June 29 at 5:00pm). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

* The **Apostles Fast** began this past week 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."

* **GREEK FESTIVAL:** We will be preparing Pastitsio on Friday, July 21st and Saturday, July 22nd. If you are able to help, please contact Natalia.

* Wishing all of our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, those who serve in a fatherly role a **Happy Father's Day** today! God bless you all!