



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, June 4, 2023

Holy Pentecost

St. Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople
 Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (John 20:19-23)

Mode of the Week: Festal/της Εορτής

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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
<i>Friday, June 9-Saturday, June 10</i>	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>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 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>Wednesday, June 28</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
Upcoming Epistle Readers: (6/11) Pete Tsamolias, Beth Zoumberis; (6/18) Kostas Iakovidis, Isabelle Saratsiotis Upcoming Ushers: (6/7) Melanie M.; (6/10) Sarah D.; (6/11) Cleo B., Maria S.; (6/14) Hazel D.; (6/17) Hazel D. Upcoming Video Operators: (6/11) David Z.; (6/18) Cristina L.; (6/25) Gray Y./David N.; (6/29) Cristina L. Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (6/11) Natalia Saratsiotis; (6/18) Presvytera Stacey Ehmer; (6/25) Aleca Hortman	

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

*Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν,
καὶ εἰς τὰ πέρατα τῆς οἰκουμένης τὰ ῥήματα
αὐτῶν.*

*Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ,
ποίησιν δὲ χειρῶν αὐτοῦ ἀναγγέλλει τὸ
στερέωμα.*

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Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς πεντηκοστῆς ἦσαν ἅπαντες οἱ ἀπόστολοι ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἤχος ὡσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι· καὶ ὠφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλῶσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισέ τε ἐφ' ἓνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν, καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες Πνεύματος Ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέραις γλώσσαις καθὼς τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν· γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης συνῆλθε τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἰς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐθαύμαζον λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους· Οὐκ ἰδοὺ πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ᾗ ἐγεννήθημεν, Παρθοὶ καὶ Μηδοὶ καὶ Ἑλαμίται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσήλυτοι, Κρήτες καὶ Ἀραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέραις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ Θεοῦ;

*Their proclamation went forth into all
the earth, and their words to the ends
of the world.*

*Verse: The heavens declare the glory of
God; the firmament shows the creation
of His hands. (Psalm 18)*

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*The reading is from the Acts of the
Apostles. (2:1-11)*

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When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (7:37-52, 8:12)

Holy Pentecost

Τῆ ἐσχάτῃ ἡμέρᾳ τῆ μεγάλης τῆς ἑορτῆς εἰστήκει ὁ Ἰησοῦς καὶ ἔκραξε λέγων· Ἐάν τις διψᾷ, ἐρχέσθω πρὸς με καὶ πινέτω. ὁ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμέ, καθὼς εἶπεν ἡ γραφή, ποταμοὶ ἐκ τῆς κοιλίας αὐτοῦ ρέουσιν ὕδατος ζῶντος. τοῦτο δὲ εἶπε περὶ τοῦ Πνεύματος οὗ ἔμελλον λαμβάνειν οἱ πιστεύσαντες εἰς αὐτόν· οὐπω γὰρ ἦν Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον, ὅτι Ἰησοῦς οὐδέπω ἐδοξάσθη. πολλοὶ οὖν ἐκ τοῦ ὄχλου ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον ἔλεγον· Οὗτός ἐστιν ἀληθῶς ὁ προφήτης· ἄλλοι ἔλεγον· Οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ Χριστός· οἱ δὲ ἔλεγον· Μὴ γὰρ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; οὐχὶ ἡ γραφή εἶπεν ὅτι ἐκ τοῦ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ καὶ ἀπὸ Βηθλέεμ τῆς κώμης, ὅπου ἦν Δαυὶδ, ὁ Χριστὸς ἔρχεται; σχίσμα οὖν ἐν τῷ ὄχλῳ ἐγένετο δι' αὐτόν. τινὲς δὲ ἤθελον ἐξ αὐτῶν πιάσαι αὐτόν, ἀλλ' οὐδεὶς ἐπέβαλεν ἐπ' αὐτόν τὰς χεῖρας. Ἦλθον οὖν οἱ ὑπηρέται πρὸς τοὺς ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ Φαρισαίους, καὶ εἶπον αὐτοῖς ἐκεῖνοι· Διατί οὐκ ἠγάγετε αὐτόν; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ὑπηρέται· Οὐδέποτε οὕτως ἐλάλησεν ἄνθρωπος, ὡς οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος. ἀπεκρίθησαν οὖν αὐτοῖς οἱ Φαρισαῖοι· Μὴ καὶ ὑμεῖς πεπλάνησθε; μὴ τις ἐκ τῶν ἀρχόντων ἐπίστευσεν εἰς αὐτόν ἢ ἐκ τῶν Φαρισαίων; ἀλλ' ὁ ὄχλος οὗτος ὁ μὴ γινώσκων τὸν νόμον ἐπικατάρατοί εἰσι! λέγει Νικόδημος πρὸς αὐτούς, ὁ ἐλθὼν νυκτὸς πρὸς αὐτόν, εἷς ὢν ἐξ αὐτῶν· Μὴ ὁ νόμος ἡμῶν κρίνει τὸν ἄνθρωπον, ἐὰν μὴ ἀκούσῃ παρ' αὐτοῦ πρότερον καὶ γινῶ τί ποιεῖ; ἀπεκρίθησαν καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ· Μὴ καὶ σὺ ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας εἶ; ἐρεύνησον καὶ ἴδε ὅτι προφήτης ἐκ τῆς Γαλιλαίας οὐκ ἐγγήγερται. Πάλιν οὖν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐλάλησε λέγων· Ἐγὼ εἰμι τὸ φῶς τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ περιπατήσει ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς τῆς ζωῆς.

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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Bulletin for the week of June 4, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos, Charles Glotzbach

Video: Natalia S.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek), Rene Esquivel (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Tassie Cantrell



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Holy Pentecost—Πεντηκοστή

After the Savior's Ascension into the Heavens, the eleven Apostles and the rest of His disciples, the God-loving women who followed after Him from the beginning, His Mother, the most holy Virgin Mary, and His brethren—all together about 120 souls returned from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem. Entering into the house where they gathered, they went into the upper room, and there they persevered in prayer and supplication, awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit, as their Divine Teacher had promised them. In the meanwhile, they chose Matthias, who was elected to take the place of Judas among the Apostles.

Thus, on this day, the seventh Sunday of Pascha, the tenth day after the Ascension and the fiftieth day after Pascha, at the third hour of the day from the rising of the sun, there suddenly came a sound from Heaven, as when a mighty wind blows, and it filled the whole house where the Apostles and the rest with them were gathered. Immediately after the sound, there appeared tongues of fire that divided and rested upon the head of each one. Filled with the Spirit, all those present began speaking not in their native tongue, but in other tongues and dialects, as the Holy Spirit instructed them.

+ Our Father among the Saints Metrophanes, Archbishop of Constantinople (+326)

+ Our Devout Mother Sophia of Thrace (10th Century)

+ The Holy Monk-Martyr John of Monagria in Cyprus (+761)

+ The Devout Alonios of Scetis (+5th Century)

+ The Holy Maria and Martha, sisters of Lazarus (+1st Century)

+ Holy Martyrs of Niculitsel in Romania (+320)

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 Pentecost (Ευλογητός ει, Plagal 4th Mode):

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. O Lover of mankind, glory to You. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Special Small Entrance Hymn (Υψώθητι, Κύριε, 2nd Mode):

Be exalted, O Lord, in Your power; we will sing and praise Your mighty deeds. Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

- The Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today due to it being one of the Great Feasts.

- The Kontakion of Pentecost (Ότε καταβάς, Plagal 4th Mode):

When the Most High God came down and confused the tongues, * He divided the nations. * When He distributed the tongues of fire, * He called all to unity. * And with one voice we glorify the all-holy Spirit.

- Instead of "Agios o Theos" (Όσοι εις Χριστόν, 1st Mode):

You who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ, Alleluia.

- Instead of "Axion Estin" (Μη της φθοράς, Grave Mode):

When you conceived, you experienced no deflowerment. * You lent your flesh to the Logos, through whom all things were made. * Therefore we magnify you, Virgin Theotokos, * Mother who knew no man, space and holder of your Maker, who is uncontainable and infinite.

- Communion Hymn (Το πνεύμα σου):

Your good Spirit shall guide me in the land of uprightness. Alleluia. (Psalm 142)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Pentecost Sunday (6/4—No Fasting): John 20:19-23; Acts 2:1-11; John 7:37-52, 8:12

Monday of the Holy Spirit (6/5—No Fasting): Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 18:10-20

Tuesday (6/6—No Fasting): Romans 1:1-7, 13-17; Matthew 4:23-25, 5:1-13

Wednesday (6/7—No Fasting): Romans 1:18-27; Matthew 5:20-26

Thursday (6/8—No Fasting): Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 10:16-22

Friday (6/9—No Fasting): Romans 2:14-28; Matthew 5:33-41

Saturday (6/10—No Fasting): Romans 1:7-12; Matthew 5:42-48

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Gregory Dialogos (+604) on the coming of the Holy Spirit to dwell with us: "'And my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.' My friends, consider the greatness of this solemn feast that commemorates God's coming as a guest into our hearts! If some rich and influential friend were to come to your home, you would promptly put it all in order for fear something there might offend your friend's eyes when he came in. Let all of us then who are preparing our inner homes for God cleanse them of anything our wrongdoing has brought into them."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

June 4: Mary Gordy

June 8: Presvytera Kaliope Vastakis, Kalie Crouse

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

June 5: Isabelle Saratsiotis

June 7: Chloe Morris

June 8: Alexa Economopoulos, Elizabeth Zoumberis

June 9: James Bennette

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

June 6: Danaï and Rene Esquivel

June 9: Erzebet and John Santon

(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:** To accommodate their schedules, we've moved the recognition of our graduates to next Sunday, June 11 at the end of the Divine Liturgy. This coming week: 2-day Vacation Overnight Church Camp (tent camping!) at Kathy's at Lake Tobo June 9 (5pm) until June 10 (7pm). Details are included in the flyer sent by e-mail.

* 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 on Tuesday, June 6 at 5pm). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

* There is still **no kneeling** during the Divine Liturgy today. We will all kneel together liturgically for the first time since before Pascha at the "Kneeling Vespers" which will take place after the Divine Liturgy.

* There is **no fasting** this coming week as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. The Apostles Fast begins next Monday after the Sunday of All Saints.

* **Philoptochos Elections** took place two Sundays ago. The new Philoptochos board is as follows: 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 Thursday, June 15 at 7:00pm at Kathy Patras's House. RSVP with Kathy!