Sunday, August 20, 2023
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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.

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Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης τὰς Βασιλείας καὶ τῶν ἔργων μαρτυρίας 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!
Brothers, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to eat and drink? Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is only Barnabas and I without apostleship among you? Yet even if others have a right to this, am I not more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.
th — ‘—, First Σώσον Κύριε’

— refused to take his advice. continued to remained obedient. kept advising , though assured them that God would forgive and provide if they When the repented of their choice, dedicated her son to from the time of his birth. , a told by that ’s prophecies were a driving force in the era after s decree first by his birth, which foreshadows s life. Hannah dedicated her son to God from the time of his birth, Eli, a who knew ’s parents and gave him religious instruction in his youth, was told by that ’s shall walk before My forever (I, 2:43). fulfilled God’s divine his birth, upon his being born as Jesus’ s will. When the had demanded a king, , though not pleased, granted them. found and enthroned the first king, , whom had selected. When the rejected their choice, assured them that God would forgive and provide if they remained obedient. kept advising Saul, though often refused to take his advice. continued to mediate between and when he anointed ’s successor, .

— Martyrs in Viza of Thrace (+304)
— Martyrs Severus and Mennon the Centurion (+304)
— Martyr Photini by the walls of Blachernae
— Martyr Lucius the Counselor (+310)
— Martyrs Hildoros and Dosai (+380)

— Martin, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, , Lynn, Dimitri, , and
— 5, 2:15, 3:1
— 21; 15;
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— 21. Please save the date for October 19 and register your high schooler (August 19: Polya, , )
— 9 at Lake ’s . Our will be hosting Orthodox Christians from around the Atlanta Metropolitan area! The registration is live on the Church’s website. Be sure to purchase your ticket (holycrossga.org/cross-dive) and register your high schooler for the !
— The and annual Lighting of the Theotokos around the Atlanta area! The registration is live on the Church’s website. Be sure to purchase your ticket (holycrossga.org/cross-dive) and register your high schooler for the!
— 2023

— the Feast commemorates:
— to God
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Upcoming Celebrations This Week
— Name Days— , Many Years! August 20: Bob Dunbar, Lincoln “Samuel” Wells August 26: Natalia Lane, Natalia Saratistos
— Birthdays— Happy Birthday! August 23: Angelika Passias August 25: August 26: Maria McCluskey

Anniversaries— Congratulations! August 20: Fr. Mike and Presvytera Kalliopi Vastakis August 24: Cristina and Jim Lekas

If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!

Prayer Requests:

— Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgios, Pavlos, , , , , , , , , , , Andrew, Heather, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 

Prayers for those recently reposed:

— Clement (+July 15), Eugenia (+July 16), Dimitra (+July 19), (+August 6), (+August 14)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

— Katina B., Maggie B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

— Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

— , Jare, and pray for those who are seeking and Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

— St. John Climacus (+649) speaks to us about the positive and meaningful aspect of repentance (metanoia): “To repent is not to look downwards at my own shortcomings, but upwards at God’s Love. It is not to look at my sin with profound sorrow but forward with trustfulness. It is to see not what I have failed to be, but what by the Grace of Christ I might yet become.”

This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Monday (8/21—No Fasting): II Corinthians 3:10-15
Tuesday (8/22—No Fasting): II Corinthians 3:15-21
Thursday (8/24—No Fasting): II Corinthians 7:1-10; Mark 1:29-35
Friday (8/25—Strict Fast): Titus 1:5-15, 2:15, 3:1-2;
Saturday (8/26—No Fasting): Hebrews 10:32-38; Matthew 20:29-34

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Prayer Requests:

— 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. so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.
— For those that are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, we are conducting our Intro to Orthodoxy/Catechumen classes (usually) online by Zoom meeting (next meeting is planned for Tuesday, August 22 at 7:00pm). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

— GREEK FESTIVAL: This year’s festival is Friday through Sunday, October 20-22. Please save the date for October 20 for set-up—lots of help is always needed! Please refer to the bulletin email for more festival info and links. Preparation dates: Dolmades (September 30) and Pastery packaging (October 13 at 8am). We are asking each family to sell 5 books for the Raffle Drawing. Please see for your tickets if you have not already purchased. Like to order Festival apparel, please do so by August 31. There are samples to be seen in the bookstore!

— Youth: Sunday School will be begin on Sunday, September 17 after Holy Communion. is still seeking a Sunday School teacher or pair of teachers. Please contact her if you feel called or inclined to assist our youth!

— Greek School will be starting on Sunday, September 24. Please see the email that was sent last week for more details!
— Be sure to Save the Date for the Annual Cross Dive which will be taking place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 9 at Lake ’s . Our will be hosting Orthodox Christians from around the Atlanta Metropolitan area! The registration is live on the Church’s website. Be sure to purchase your ticket (holycrossga.org/cross-dive) and register your high schooler for the!
— : The Panagia Panagiri will be taking place after the Divine Liturgy today! All are welcome—donations appreciated!

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