



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, July 30, 2023

8th Sunday of Matthew

Sts. Silas, Silvan, Cresecens, Epenetus, and Andronicus

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eighth (John 20:11-18)

Mode of the Week: Grave/Βαρύς

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, July 30</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8 th Sunday of Matthew Student/Backpack Blessing for the Beginning of the New School Year at the end of the Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, August 1</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis (Beginning of the Dormition Fast)
<i>Wednesday, August 2</i>	5:30pm Great Paraklesis 6:30pm Ministries Planning Meeting
<i>Thursday, August 3</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis
<i>Saturday, August 5</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers for the Transfiguration (at Holy Transfiguration, Marietta)
<i>Sunday, August 6</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Transfiguration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, August 8</i>	5:30pm Great Paraklesis
<i>Wednesday, August 9</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Thursday, August 10</i>	5:30pm Great Paraklesis
<i>Saturday, August 12</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, August 13</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 10 th Sunday of Matthew Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy
<i>Monday, August 14</i>	6:00pm Great Vespers for the Dormition of the Theotokos
<i>Tuesday, August 15</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Dormition of the Theotokos
<i>Wednesday, August 16</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, August 19</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (8/6) Pete Tsamolias, Diana Cazacu; (8/13) Kostas Iakovidis, Panos Drakopoulos
Upcoming Ushers: (8/1) Maria S.; (8/2) Hazel D.; (8/3) Tassie C.; (8/6) Cristina and Jim L.; (8/8) Maria S.
Upcoming Video Operators: (8/1) Natalia S.; (8/6) David Z.; (8/10) Cristina L.; (8/13) Gray Y., David N.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (8/6) Sarah Drakopoulos; (8/13) Christine and Ron Sprouse; (8/20) Philoptochos

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

*Κύριος ἰσχὸν τῷ λαῷ αὐτοῦ δώσει,
Κύριος εὐλογήσει τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν
εἰρήνῃ.*

*Στίχ. Ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ, υἱοὶ Θεοῦ,
ἐνέγκατε τῷ Κυρίῳ δόξαν καὶ τιμὴν.*

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*Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόματος τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μὴ ἦ ἐν ὑμῖν σχίσματα· ἦτε δὲ κατηρτισμένοι ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῖ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ μοι περὶ ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν Χλόης ὅτι ἔριδες ἐν ὑμῖν εἰσι. Λέγω δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἕκαστος ὑμῶν λέγει· Ἐγὼ μὲν εἰμι Παύλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλώ. Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηφᾶ, ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμέρισται ὁ Χριστός; μὴ Παῦλος ἐσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἢ εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Παύλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; εὐχαριστῶ ὅτι οὐδένα ὑμῶν ἐβάπτισα εἰ μὴ Κρίσπον καὶ Γάϊον, ἵνα μὴ τις εἴπῃ ὅτι εἰς τὸ ἐμὸν ὄνομα ἐβάπτισα. Ἐβάπτισα δὲ καὶ τὸν Στεφανᾶ οἶκον· λοιπὸν οὐκ οἶδα εἴ τινα ἄλλον ἐβάπτισα. Οὐ γὰρ ἀπέστειλὲν με Χριστὸς βαπτίζειν ἀλλ' εὐαγγελίζεσθαι, οὐκ ἐν σοφίᾳ λόγου, ἵνα μὴ κενωθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

*The Lord will give strength to His
people; the Lord will bless His
people with peace.*

*Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons
of God, bring to the Lord glory and
honor. (Psalm 28)*

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*The reading is from Paul's First
Letter to the Corinthians. (1:10-17)*

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Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (14:14-22)

8th Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς πολὺν ὄχλον, καὶ ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐθεράπευσε τοὺς ἀρρώστους αὐτῶν. ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης προσῆλθον αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· Ἐρημὸς ἐστὶν ὁ τόπος καὶ ἡ ὥρα ἤδη παρήλθεν· ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ὄχλους, ἵνα ἀπελθόντες εἰς τὰς κώμας ἀγοράσωσιν ἑαυτοῖς βρώματα. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· Οὐ χρειαν ἔχουσιν ἀπελθεῖν· δότε αὐτοῖς ὑμεῖς φαγεῖν. οἱ δὲ λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· Οὐκ ἔχομεν ὧδε εἰ μὴ πέντε ἄρτους καὶ δύο ἰχθύας. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Φέρετέ μοι αὐτούς ὧδε. καὶ κελεύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνακλιθῆναι ἐπὶ τοὺς χόρτους, λαβὼν τοὺς πέντε ἄρτους καὶ τοὺς δύο ἰχθύας, ἀναβλέψας εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν εὐλόγησε, καὶ κλάσας ἔδωκε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τοὺς ἄρτους οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ τοῖς ὄχλοις. καὶ ἔφαγον πάντες καὶ ἐχορτάσθησαν, καὶ ἦραν τὸ περισσεῦον τῶν κλασμάτων δώδεκα κοφίνους πλήρεις. οἱ δὲ ἐσθίοντες ἦσαν ἄνδρες ὡσεὶ πεντακισχίλιοι χωρὶς γυναικῶν καὶ παιδίων. Καὶ εὐθέως ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσῃ τοὺς ὄχλους.

At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

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Bulletin for the week of July 30, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Charles Glotzbach, David Zoumberis

Video: Gray Y./David N. Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek), Charles Glotzbach (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Kathy Patras



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Apostles among the Seventy: Silas, Silvan, Crescens, Epenetus, and Andronicus (+1st Century)

Saint Silas was a companion and fellow laborer of the Apostle Paul: "And Paul chose Silas and departed...and he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches" (Acts 15:40-41). He later became Bishop of Corinth, and reposed in peace. Saint Silvanos became Bishop of Thessalonica, and also reposed in peace. Saint Crescents, whom Saint Paul mentions in his Second Epistle to Timothy(4:10), became Bishop of Chalcedon, and brought many to the Faith. As for him whom the Apostle of the Nations praises as "my well-beloved Epenetus, the first-fruits of Achaia unto Christ" (Roman 16:5), he became Bishop of Carthage, and after enduring many afflictions from the idolators, and bringing many of them to Christ, he departed to the Lord.

+ The Holy Martyr Juliette of Caesarea (+4th Century)

At Caesarea in Cappadocia did St. Juliette become a martyr. As she sought to recover through the courts the restitution of goods seized by an influential personage, the latter objected that, being a Christian, her cause could not be pleaded. The judge commanded her to offer sacrifice to the idols, that she might be heard. With great firmness, she refused, and being thrown into the fire, yielded her spirit to God, though her body remained uninjured by the flames. St. Basil the Great has proclaimed her praise in an excellent eulogy.

+ The Holy Martyr Rufinus of Assisi (+238)

+ Our Father among the Saints Peter Chrysologus, Archbishop of Ravenna (+450)

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 (Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ, Grave Mode):*

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy. (*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 Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Ἐπι τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, Grave Mode):*

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (7/30—No Fasting): John 20:11-18; I Corinthians 1:10-17; Matthew 14:14-22

Monday (7/31—No Fasting): I Corinthians 11:31-34, 12:1-6; Matthew 18:1-11

Tuesday (8/1—Strict Fast): Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2; Matthew 10:16-22

Wednesday (8/2—Strict Fast): Acts 6:8-15, 7:1-5, 47-60; Mark 12:1-12

Thursday (8/3—Strict Fast): I Corinthians 14:6-19; Matthew 20:17-28

Friday (8/4—Strict Fast): I Corinthians 14:26-40; Matthew 21:12-14, 17-20

Saturday (8/5—Wine+Oil): I Peter 1:1-25, 2:1-10; Matthew 15:32-39

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, 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, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelianos, Marty, Denna

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Anna (+June 11), Hines (+July 3), Clement (+July 15), Eugenia (+July 16), Dimitra (+July 19)

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Silouan the Athonite speaks to us about the Dormition Fast which begins this coming week on Tuesday, August 1: "St. Symeon of Thessalonica writes that, "The fast in August [Dormition fast] was established in honor of the Mother of God the Word; Who, foreknowing Her repose, ascetically labored and fasted for us as always, although She was holy and immaculate, and had no need for fasting. Thus, She especially prayed for us in preparation for being transported from this life to the future life, when Her blessed soul would be united through the Divine spirit with Her Son. Therefore, we also should fast and praise Her, emulating Her life, urging Her thereby to pray for us. Some, by the way, say that this fast was

instituted on the occasion of two feasts—the Transfiguration and the Dormition. I also consider it necessary to remember these two feasts—one which gives us light, and the other which is merciful to us and intercedes for us."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
None in the Records

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

July 31: Charlotte Douglas

August 2: Lee Hornbaker, Kiki Kazazakis

August 3: Georgia Saratsiotis

August 4: Dimitris Karras

August 5: Pamela Poulos

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

July 30: Emily and Spyros Dermatas, Maria and Bob McCluskey

(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.

* 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 1 after Paraklesis). Please contact Fr. Theodore for more information!

* **GREEK FESTIVAL:** Please mark your calendars for this year's festival: October 20-22. Also, please save the date for October 19 for set-up! Also, please refer to the bulletin email for more festival info and links! Preparation dates: Spanakopita (August 12) and Dolmades (September 30). We are asking each family to sell 5 books for the Raffle Drawing. Please see Natalia to get your tickets if you have not already.

* **Youth:** At the end of Divine Liturgy today is the blessing of students and teachers for the new school year. May God bless your efforts and your studies! We plan to begin Sunday School on Sunday, September 10.

* Be sure to Save the Date for the **2nd Annual Cross Dive** which will be taking place on the afternoon of Saturday, September 9. The registration is live on the Church's website. Be sure to RSVP and register your high schooler for the Dive!

* **Congratulations** to Amanda Lord who is now engaged as of last weekend to Daniel Smith of Terrell, Texas. Kala Stefana, may it be blessed!