

# Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

FALL 2023 QUARTERLY BULLETIN



# Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

*(For services during the week, please visit our webpage)*

Orthros	9:15am
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Coffee Fellowship	12:00pm/ following Liturgy

## PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ehmer  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

Natalia Saratsiotis, President  
Gray Yates, Vice-President  
Charles Glotzbach, Secretary  
Sarah Drakopoulos, Assistant Secretary  
Maria McCluskey, Treasurer  
John Apostolou, Assistant Treasurer  
Melanie Moye, Member-at-Large

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# Father Theodore's Message

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him"; John 3:16-17*

*"The Lord said: 'If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" Mark 8:34*

I have included here two readings from the gospels that we hear on successive weekends during the Divine Liturgy surrounding the Elevation of the Holy Cross (September 14, our parish's name day). The first we hear on the Sunday before the Holy Cross and the second we hear on the Sunday after the Holy Cross. The Church did not place these readings where they are by accident or happenstance but in a very deliberate manner. The first quotation is from the Gospel of John and are some of the most beloved and quoted words of Holy Scripture, because it shows the immense love that God has for us. We must never lose sight of that or be entirely discouraged in our lives. God loves us and desires to gather us as a hen would gather her brood under her wings, as it says in Holy Scripture.

Yet, the one who truly believes in these words of the Lord follows what He instructs us to do as this is demonstrative of our believing in Him. Belief is not simply a "yes, I believe Jesus is the Lord" and continuing with one's existence as they did before. Belief leads to action. And in the case of our belief in Jesus, if we truly believe that He is our Lord, God, and Savior, we ought to do those things He instructs us to do. This is obviously to our benefit: He is our Creator; we are the Creation. He knows what is best for us, what is life-giving for us, what is salvific for us.

We see this present in the second quotation from Holy Scripture: to come after Jesus (meaning to follow Him), He teaches us to do the following: deny, take up, follow. Here, Jesus is giving us the roadmap to what it means to follow Him, to live in Him as one who truly believes in Him. This is not simply some sort of power trip on the part of our Lord, no, it is Him teaching us the Way to Life. When we deny ourselves (and engage in the ascetical life of the Church), we allow ourselves to be loosed from the misuse of our bodies and to not be selfishly enslaved to our own desires. In turn, this allows us to lift up our crosses, our daily struggles whatever that might be, for them to be transfigured in Him and to be given true perspective. Living the ascetical life of the Church, our crosses no longer become too heavy, but become a place of potentiality and growth. And having lifted our crosses, the entirety of our lives to be transfigured in Him, we truly can follow Him as believers. As we say every single Divine Liturgy, "let us commit ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God," we say this not in a passive manner, but in a very real and tangible manner. We can do this in our Holy Cross parish - liturgically (through active participation in the Divine Services and through engaging our spiritual life day to day through prayer and fasting), communally (through the smaller groups, Bible Study, coffee fellowship, etc), through service to one another (the upcoming Greek Festival is a perfect example!), and so much more. When we live actively in the Church, we actively deny, take up, follow, and truly become believers in the God who sent His Only-Begotten Son for us and for our salvation out of his never-exhausting love for His creation.

As we begin this new ecclesiastical year on September 1st and rapidly come to the commemoration of the Lord's Holy Cross, let this serve as a reminder of our Lord's love for us and an imploring to manifesting that love in our own lives and the lives of our families. God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you at the Divine Services!

With love in Christ's Service,



Fr. Theodore





On August 5, Fr. Theodore attended the Great Vespers at Holy Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church, Marietta Georgia in celebration of their parish's Feast Day!



In celebration of Father's Day but especially in honor of the 5th anniversary (6/15) of Fr. Theodore's faithful and humble service to the Holy Cross community, the Parish Council, members of church leadership, and Presvytera Stacey presented Fr. Theodore with a surprise gift of a set of vestments. Axios (worthy!), Fr. Theodore, and may you wear them well (when they arrive) as you serve at Christ's Holy Altar!



Our Delegates with His Eminence Metropolitan Alexis and Fr. Theodore at the 2023 Clergy Laity Conference in Tarpon Springs, Florida.



We were blessed with a visit of the Panagia Prosioutissa Icon from Atlanta. Pictured with the Parish Council and Jimmy Caras on August 20.



Fr. Theodore honored Presvytera Stacey; the National Sisterhood of Presvyteres patrons are Sts. Mary and Martha, commemorated on June 4th!

# A Note from the Parish Council President

Natalia Saratsiotis, president | [natalia.saratsiotis@gmail.com](mailto:natalia.saratsiotis@gmail.com)

Fr. Theodore and Fellow Parishioners,

As summer is coming to an end, we now begin the New Ecclesiastical year. Many good things have happened at Holy Cross this year. Leaders in our community met together to discuss the upcoming calendar year, and I am excited to say, that Holy Cross continues to grow...Glory to God! Also, many thanks to Father Theodore and Presvytera Stacey for their continued support and leadership.

This past summer has been busy for everyone. Three of our GOYAns attended St. Stephen's Camp, the youth had an overnight Campout Retreat, and we were all able to fellowship at Kathy Patras' house for the End-of-Summer BBQ. Many of our age-based groups took a break over the summer, but hopefully, they will start again soon.

I want to give a big thank you to our Building Committee: Jim Lekas, Alex Saratsiotis and David Zoumberis. Anytime there is a problem, or something needs to be fixed, these guys are always on the job. They never tell me no, and for that, I am appreciative. If you happen to see them, please be sure to thank them for all the hard work they are doing to ensure that our church remains beautiful.

The Festival Committee has been working hard with preparations. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped with both the Pastitsio and Spanakopita. If you are able to help with Dolmades on September 30<sup>th</sup>, please join us. Please plan on helping this year with setting up the festival, working during the festival and cleaning up after the festival. We need EVERYONE...including you for the festival (October 20-22)! If you are unsure where you can help, contact one of the festival chairmen: Harry Bennette, Mike Cantrell, Jim Lekas, David Zoumberis or myself. For more information, visit our website ([www.holycrossga.org/greek-festival](http://www.holycrossga.org/greek-festival)).

Another important date to mark on your calendar is November 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have our fall General Assembly to discuss the budget for 2024 as well as nominate new members on the parish council. We will have four positions available. Many thanks to Gray Yates, Maria McCluskey, Charles Glotzbach and Sarah Drakopoulos who have served the past two years (or more). I appreciate everything you have done for Holy Cross and for our Parish Council. If you are interested in being a part of the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Theodore and/or myself to discuss the roles and responsibilities of being a Parish Council member.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cross Dive is this month, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to check out the webpage for more information and how to purchase your ticket ([www.holycrossga.org/cross-dive](http://www.holycrossga.org/cross-dive)). Thank you to the committee that has been working hard to ensure that everything is as perfect as it can be and that a good time will be had by all! If you have a high school student (boy or girl), please make sure they register (deadline was September 1<sup>st</sup>).

Holy Cross is looking for parishioners who are looking for something to do during the day. If you find that you have time on your hands where you can give to Holy Cross one day a week for 3-4 hours, please contact me. This person would answer phone calls, meet contractors, make copies, etc. I thank you in advance for your assistance.

Lastly, I invite all of you to visit our webpage ([www.holycrossga.org](http://www.holycrossga.org)). We have been adding new features and have been working to make it more appealing. Check out the welcome videos from Fr. Theodore (both in Greek and English) on the home page.

I wish you all a wonderful Ecclesiastical year and I hope and pray for nothing but the best for you and your family!

In Christ's love,

Dear Fr. Theodore and Holy Cross Parishioners,

As our summer comes to an end we welcome fall with many blessings around our community. Three of our members were able to attend the Clergy-Laitly Conference in Tarpon Springs, Florida this summer. They participated in workshops and conferences about Philoptochos and learned about the many exciting things that happen in other communities around our Metropolis.

Our first meeting of the ecclesiastical year will be the week of September 17th on Zoom. I will send out information the week before. This is an important meeting as we will present some new information, share information about our outreach programs and vote on fundraisers for the rest of the year.

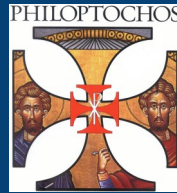
We are welcoming new and returning members! If you need more information, please contact a board member or fill out the membership form and let us know!

If you join now, we will waive the dues until February 2024. As one of the smaller chapters in this Metropolis, I am proud and humbled by the work we do. Please consider being a part of this wonderful group of women.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Sarah Drakopoulos



We honored Agios Phanourios on August 27th. Phanouropita is a simple cake that is made and offered on this day.



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Blessing of the new Philoptochos Board for 2023-2025. Pictured from L to R are: Rodica Cazacu, Denna Bradford, Emily Dermatas, Sarah Drakopoulos, Fr. Theodore, Cleo Bennette, Maria Bronisevsky and Beth Zoumberis.



Our Delegates from Clergy Laitly joined Hunger Fight to package 12,000 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for those in need in the Tampa Bay area. They attended workshops and conferences presented by members of the National Philoptochos about the work that we are doing around the world and at home in our local communities.

### We are the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society...

- WHEN PHILOPTOCHOS SEES PAIN AND SUFFERING, WE STRIVE TO OFFER COMFORT.
- WHEN PHILOPTOCHOS SEES HUNGER, WE ASPIRE TO OFFER SUSTENANCE.
- WHEN PHILOPTOCHOS SEES DESPAIR, WE SEEK TO OFFER HOPE.

#### Our Mission:

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

"Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of god to him." ...Proverbs 3:37

GOD BLESS OUR NEW CATECHUMENS AND MAY THEIR JOURNEY TOWARDS CHRISMATION BE BLESSED!



CJ Newberry, Bobbie Ice, & Jace Johnson

### GRADUATES



Congratulations to our High School and Higher Ed graduates (from L-R) are Elijah Schwartzkopf, Theo Drakopoulos, Luke Zoumberis, and Daniel Filimon.

Not pictured are George Iakovidis and Alexandra Stefanis. We pray good strength and God's protection in all of their endeavors!

*Congratulations and God Grant you many years!*

# Youth

Presvytera Stacey Ehmer  
Youth Ministry Director  
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Three of our GOYAns went to St. Stephen's Summer Camp at the Diakonia Retreat Center this summer. There they were able to share their faith and have a whole lot of fun with other Orthodox Christians from around the Metropolis of Atlanta!



July 30th, Blessing of Students and Educators

Blessed New Church Year! We've had a busy summer and we're looking forward to starting the 2023-2024 Sunday School Year on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17th! I'm excited to share we've added a third Sunday School class this year (see note with grade breakdown and teachers)! Our Holy Cross Youth will be learning about Church History, using a curriculum by "Dr. Pat's Orthodox Super Sunday School". Praying for a Good and Blessed Beginning to our students and teachers for a fruitful year!

Also - our 2nd Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive is SATURDAY, SEPT. 9th! This event is for you! Yes, YOU! Parents, be sure to bring swimsuits, towels, beach chairs, life vests, soccer balls, and sand toys - I'm looking forward to spending the day together! We will beach play, have the special Blessing of the Waters, witness the Male and Female 9th-12th graders race down the beach and into the water in pursuit of Christ's Cross, and then feast on dinner together! Sign up ASAP if you haven't already! Our church website has lots of info as well as the link to the registration page.

I always like to reiterate, if you have ideas for outings, events, activities, or service projects for our Holy Cross Youth, please let me know! Fresh ideas and brainstorming are always welcome and wanted!

Introducing our 2023-2024 Sunday School Teachers! (THANK YOU, TEACHERS!)

Pre-K - 1st: Maria Murphy & Helen Vardy  
2nd - 5th: Maria Spicer (Presv Stacey as sub)  
6th - 12th: Gray Yates

Elections were held on August 27; our 2023-2024 GOYA Leadership Officers are: Isabelle Saratsiotis, Mary Katherine Saratsiotis, and Carter Zoumberis! This trio will work with their GOYA advisor Sofia Lekas.

## COMING UP:

### SEPTEMBER:

9/9: 2nd Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive  
9/10: Parish-wide field trip to see My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3  
9/17: 1st Day of Sunday School Agiasmo and Kickoff

### OCTOBER:

Date TBD: Mercer Bears Women's Soccer Game  
10/14: Grounds Clean-up Day  
10/20-22: Greek Festival Volunteering Opportunities

### NOVEMBER:

Date TBD: Service Project with Daybreak  
11/12: 3rd Annual HC Youth Sponsored Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour

### DECEMBER:

12/3 St. Nicholas Day Celebration & Service Project  
12/? : Nativity Pageant

Great fun with our youth at Rigby's followed by delicious Mexican with 20 of us on the shady patio at EJ's!



Some of our Holy Cross youth beautifully decorated the church to honor the Mother of God in preparation for her Dormition.



2023-2024 GOYA Leadership Council from L to R: Sofia Lekas, Carter Zoumberis, Mary Katherine and Isabelle Saratsiotis.



**PARISHIONER REFLECTIONS...**

SUBMIT YOURS TO [SDRAKOPOULOS31@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SDRAKOPOULOS31@GMAIL.COM) AND WE WILL FEATURE IT IN THE NEXT QUARTERLY BULLETIN!

This amazing miracle appears on tomato grown in my little garden Blessed by Father Theodore . Every day God perform miracles in objects where you do not expect . Devote yourself to prayer being thankful for the gods miracles .



This photo was submitted by Milijana Hansee along with her reflection of the blessings we receive from God each day. This tomato was grown in her garden and when she cut it, she found this beautiful cross inside! She has taken many photos of images just like this one and they are amazing.



Koliva made by some of our parishioners to commemorate their loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord on the Saturday of the Souls before Pentecost. May their memories be eternal!



The Saint Photini Handmaidens have been busy helping our ushers at church on Sunday!



My heart is full of love and gratitude to the WONDERFUL parishioners and children of our Holy Cross Community. You showed up, in this terrible heat, shovels in hand, and In an hour and a half, accomplished what would have taken me at least two weeks.

~ submitted by Kathy Patras



A beautiful picture with two of our favorites... Mina Stewart and Luke Zoumberis!



## A night of faith and fellowship on the Lake

Our youth participated in a Pentecost Themed Church Campout, which was held at Kathye's home on Lake Tobesofkee. It was a wonderful event and everyone had so much fun! Thank you Kathye, Fr. And Presvytera and all of the adults who made it happen.



## Community End of the Summer BBQ

Even with the heat, humidity, and a comically-timed downpour, we had a GREAT time at the End of Summer Holy Cross Family BBQ! The food was delicious and the company was even better. Many thanks to Kathye for her hospitality in sharing her home and to the Parish Council for organizing it!





**20's/30's**

Interested in organizing an outing, contact Fr. Theodore or Presvytera Stacey Ehmer

Young Adult Ministry gathering downtown at Parish



**40's/50's**

Interested in organizing an outing, contact David or Beth Zoumberis



Not-So-Young Adults met up at the City of Centerville Food Truck celebration on June 3rd.

**More happenings in our community...**

Macon Bacon parish-wide family outing this summer! A great time was had by all!



**SOCIAL 60s+ GROUP!**



Social 60s+ GAME Night, fun was had by all! Thanks to Kathy Patras for hosting the event.



Working with our newest chant/choir apprentice Theo along with Jessica (Webb) who are learning the hymns and chants from Emily and her beautiful choir.

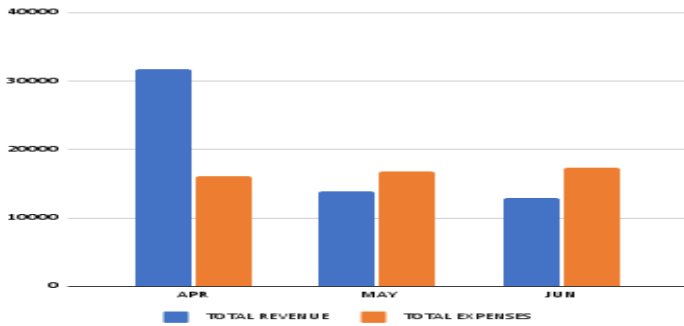


HAVEN'T MARKED YOUR CALENDAR YET? STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND DO IT NOW! JUST A FEW REMINDERS:

- ⇒ If you have not committed to work in a booth during the festival, contact a Booth Chairman today (see list on Bulletin Board in Parish House)
- ⇒ Although the festival starts Friday, we need all hands on deck Thursday setting up. Please plan on attending.
- ⇒ Be sure to check the weekly bulletin for cooking days and work parties.

# QUARTER 2 FINANCIAL REPORT

Q2 Financial Report  
REVENUE VS EXPENSES



	APR	MAY	JUN
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 31,720.37	\$ 13,920.94	\$ 12,842.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 16,077.73	\$ 16,848.76	\$ 17,292.22
NET/DEFICIT	\$ 15,642.64	\$ (2,927.82)	\$ (4,449.27)

Please note these values do not include reserves from Festival Account

Thank you for all your contributions and continued support toward the growth and future of our Parish!

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The Offering link will give you all the options available for any financial giving.

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Maria McCluskey 2023 PC Treasurer

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

CLEO BENNETTE, EMILY DERMATAS, ROZA HARRIS, CRISTINA LEKAS,  
KATHYE PATRAS, CHERYL STEFANIS & KIKI VASILOPOULOS

We are still awaiting approval from His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios. We are hoping to have some new and exciting news soon!

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE- 2ND QUARTER

TASSIE CANTRELL, SPYROS DERMATAS, CHARLES GLOTZBACH & BETH ZOUMBERIS

For the Quarter ending **June 30, 2023**, our Holy Cross Parish is blessed with **73 Family Units** that have participated in our **Stewardship Ministry**, with **45 Pledged** and **28 Contributing** (*but non-pledged*).

- Average Pledge Amount for the **45 Family Units**: **\$ 3,263**
- Median Pledge Amount for the **45 Family Units**: **\$ 1,034**
- Total **Family Units** on our Stewardship Ministry contact list: **122**
- Total **Family Units** contributing and/or in good standing in 2022: **94**

Yours in Christ,  
**Stewardship Committee**

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

JIM LEKAS, ALEX SARATSIOTIS & DAVID ZOUMBERIS

The building committee has been working on plans to pave the grassy area behind the church sometime soon. More information coming soon!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX CROSS DIVE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

HOSTED BY

## HOLY CROSS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF MACON

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATLANTA INTER-ORTHODOX PARISH ASSOCIATION (AIOPA)

- FELLOWSHIP ON THE BEACH AT LAKE TOBESOFKEE
- CROSS DIVE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
- BBQ DINNER AT THE UPPER PAVILLION
- HOTEL BLOCK FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH US SUNDAY MORNING



PURCHASE YOUR TICKET TODAY!

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APPOINTMENT  
TODAY!  
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# EPISTLE READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

DATE	GREEK READER	ENGLISH READER	FELLOWSHIP HOST
September 3	Pete Tsamolias	René Esquivel	Christina Danforth
September 10	Kostas Iakovidis	Beth Zoumberis	Parish Council
September 17	Aleca Hortman	Isabelle Saratsiotis	Georgia Saratsiotis
September 24	George Saratsiotis	Bryan Gordy	Tassie Cantrell
October 1	Pete Tsamolias	Nadia Cazacu	Danai Esquivel
October 8	Kostas Iakovidis	Mike Cantrell	Eleni Adams
October 15	Aleca Hortman	Richard Stewart	Mariana Filimon
October 22	George Saratsiotis	Cheryl Swartzkopf	NO COFFEE HOUR (FESTIVAL)
October 29	Pete Tsamolias	Charles Glotzbach	Sarah Drakopoulos
November 5	Kostas Iakovidis	Diana Cazacu	Marcela Chiorescu
November 12	Aleca Hortman	Panos Drakopoulos	Thanksgiving Potluck
November 19	George Saratsiotis	Cleo Bennette	Sarah Drakopoulos & Joanna Patronis
November 26	Pete Tsamolias	Sarah Drakopoulos	OPEN

## BIRTHDAYS, NAME DAYS, & ANNIVERSARIES

*If you would like your birthday, Name Day, and/or anniversary listed in our weekly bulletins or if there is a correction that needs to be made, please email the office and we will add it to our master list. Please email [office@holycrossga.org](mailto:office@holycrossga.org) for any corrections.*

### September

9.01 \*Betty Maxwell (B)  
\*Susan Sanders (N)  
\*Paulina & James Stone (A)  
9.03 \*Stacey and Henry Goss (A)  
\*Basil Ehmer (B)  
9.04 \*Presvytera Kaliopé Vastakis (B)  
\*Stephanie "Hermione" Lord (N)  
9.05 \*Bob McCluskey (B)  
9.06 \*Lisa & David Needham (A)  
9.07 \*Kassiani Andros (N)  
9.08 \*Diana-Maria Cazacu (N)  
\*Ana-Maria Filimon (N)  
9.09 \*Joachim Ehmer (N)  
\*Ron & Christine Sprouse (A)  
\*Anne Gordy (N)  
9.10 \*Dominic Economopoulos (B)  
9.11 \*Evelynn Zoumberis Neault (N)  
9.12 \*Paula Cacavias (B)  
9.13 \*Mike Nicholas (B)  
\*Greg Spicer (B)  
\*Cornelius Chiorescu (N)  
\*Aristides Paul Vrahiotes (N)  
\*Arti Passias (N)  
9.14 \*Holy Cross GOC (N)  
\*Maggie Bennette (B)  
9.15 \*Christian Morris (B)  
\*Nikitis Zoumberis (N)  
9.17 \*Sofia Lekas (N)  
\*Sofia Danforth (N)  
\*Sophia Zajac (N)  
9.18 \*Hazel & Bob Dunbar (A)  
9.22 \*Kassiani Andros (B)  
\*Hazel Dunbar (B)  
9.23 \*Paulina Stone (N)  
\*Alexia Passias (B)  
9.25 \*Bryan & Juliana Gordy (A)  
9.27 \*Bryan Gordy (B)  
9.28 \*Luke Zoumberis (B)  
9.29 \*Father Theodore Ehmer (B)

### October

10.02 \*Daniel Filimon (B)  
10.03 \*Mandi Saratsiotis (B)  
\*George Saratsiotis (B)

\*Mary and Lee Hornbaker (A)  
\*James Morris (B)  
\*Vivi Iakovidis (B)  
10.04 \*Mike Cantrell (B)  
10.08 \*Marina Deskins (B)  
10.10 \*Toula and Pete Tsamolias (A)  
10.11 \*Mandi and Alex Saratsiotis (A)  
\*Melanie Moyer (B)  
\*Tony Zoumberis, Sr. (B)  
10.12 \*Marianna Lane (B)  
10.13 \*Maria & Barry Mahoney (A)  
10.16 \*Evelynn Zoumberis Neault (B)  
10.17 \*Rodica & George Cazacu (A)  
\*Indie Day Morris (B)  
10.18 \*Lucas Lekas (N)  
\*Luke Zoumberis (N)  
\*Norm Adams (N)  
\*Lukas Esquivel (N)  
10.19 \*Milijana Hansee (N)  
\*Paul & Tammy Vrahiotes (A)  
10.20 \*Chloe & Sean Morris (A)  
10.21 \*Michael Drakopoulos (B)  
\*Juliana Gordy (B)  
10.22 \*Aaron Nicholas Vrahiotes (B)  
10.23 \*Danny McBride (B)  
10.24 \*Chrissy Zdrakas (B)  
\*Gloria Dixon (B)  
10.25 \*George Cazacu (B)  
10.26 \*David Zoumberis (N)  
\*Dimitris Saratsiotis (N)  
\*James Anthony Bennette (N)  
\*Jimmy Cacavias (B & N)  
\*Toula Tsamolias (N)  
\*Dimitris Karras (N)  
\*Georgia and Dimitris Karras (A)  
\*Paulina Stone (B)  
\*Demetri Kostakis (N)  
\*Washington Morris (N)  
10.28 \*Andreas Tsamolias (B)  
10.29 \*Harry Bennette (B)  
\*Patsy Zoumberis (B)  
\*Hannah Kostakis (B)  
10.30 \*Roza Harris (B)  
10.31 \*Tammy Vrahiotes (B)  
\*Nicholas & Pamela Poulos (A)  
\*Mike & Tammi Cantrell (A)

### November

11.01 \*Beth Zoumberis (B)  
\*Milijana Hansee (B)  
11.02 \*Toula Tsamolias (B)  
11.03 \*Eleni Grace Esquivel (B)  
11.04 \*James Stone (B)  
11.08 \*Fr. Michael Vastakis (N)  
\*Sarah Drakopoulos (N)  
\*Michael Drakopoulos (N)  
\*Mike Cantrell (N)  
\*Mikey Cantrell (N)  
\*Mike Nicholas (N)  
\*Angelika Passias (N)  
\*Logan "Michael" Wells (N)  
11.12 \*Marissa Goss (N)  
\*Anthony Nicholas Odom (B)  
11.15 \*Maria Spicer (B)  
\*Barry Mahoney (B)  
11.16 \*Matthew Deskins (N)  
11.18 \*John Paul Syribeys (B)  
11.24 \*Rodica Cazacu (B)  
11.25 \*Kathye Patras (N)  
\*Irene Ray (N)  
\*Sophia Cantrell (B)  
\*Mary Katherine Saratsiotis (N)  
\*Katina Cacavias (N)  
\*Katerina Iakovidis (N)  
11.26 \*Mary Gordy (B)  
\*George Gordy (B)  
\*Maria Bronisevsky (B)  
11.27 \*Patsy & Nikitis Zoumberis (A)  
11.28 \*Irene and Sam Ray (A)  
\*Mariana Filimon (B)  
\*Tammi Cantrell (B)  
11.29 \*Natalia Saratsiotis (B)  
\*Natalia Lane (B)  
11.30 \*Danai Esquivel (B)  
\*Andrew Adams (N)  
\*Andreas Tsamolias (N)  
\*Daniel Filimon (N)

# September 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Ecclesiastical New Year	2
3 <b>13th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:30pm Bible Study	4 <b>LABOR DAY</b> OFFICE CLOSED	5 YAM Trivia Night 7pm	6 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Choir Practice	7 5:30pm Great Vespers	8 <b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	9 10am-6pm 2nd Annual PanOrthodox Cross Dive @ Lake Tobesofkee  (Purchase ticket online: <a href="http://www.holycrossga.org/cross-dive">www.holycrossga.org/cross-dive</a> )
10 <b>Sunday before Holy Cross</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship	11	12	13 6:00pm Great Vespers For the Holy Cross followed by refreshments in the Parish House	14 <b>Elevation of the Holy Cross Our Parish's Name Day</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	15	16 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
17 <b>Sunday after Holy Cross</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School (after Communion) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:30pm Bible Study <b>First Day of Sunday School</b>	18	19 7:30pm Stewardship Meeting	20 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study	21	22	23 <b>The Conception of St. John the Baptist</b>
24 <b>1st Sunday of Luke</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School (after Communion) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study & Greek School	25	26 <b>St. John the Theologian</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	27 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study	28	29	30 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
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<p>1</p> <p><b>2nd Sunday of Luke</b>            9:15am Orthros            10:30am Divine Liturgy            Sunday School (after Communion)            12:00pm Fellowship            12:45pm Adult Greek School</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>5:45 pm Vespers            6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday of Luke</b>            9:15am Orthros            10:30am Divine Liturgy            Sunday School (after Communion)            12:00pm Fellowship            12:45pm Bible Study &amp; Youth Greek School</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>            OFFICE CLOSED</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>5:45pm Vespers            6:30pm Adult Study Class</p>	12	13	<p>14</p> <p>9:00pm Parish Yard Workday (Bring Your Own Tools)            4:00pm Chant Class            5:00pm Great Vespers</p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</b>            9:15am Orthros            10:30am Divine Liturgy            Sunday School (after Communion)            12:00pm Fellowship            12:45pm Adult Greek School</p>	16	17	<p>18</p> <p><b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b>            5:30pm Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Festival Set-up</p>	<p>20</p> <p><b>11am-9pm</b>  <b>16th Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>11am-9pm</b>  <b>16th Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival</b></p>
<p>22</p> <p><b>6th Sunday of Luke</b>            8:00am Orthros            9:15am Divine Liturgy  <b>11am-4pm</b>  <b>16th Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival</b></p>	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>5:30pm Great Vespers            6:30pm Adult Study Class</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>St. Demetrios</b>            9:30am Orthros            10:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p><b>OXI Day</b></p>
<p>29</p> <p><b>7th Sunday of Luke</b>            9:15am Orthros            10:30am Divine Liturgy            Sunday School (after Communion)            OXI Day Commemoration            12:00pm Fellowship</p>	30	31				
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			1 5:45 pm Vespers 6:30pm Choir Practice	2	3	4
5 <b>5th Sunday of Luke</b> <b>Fall Back One Hour</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School (after Communion) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School	6	7	8 <b>Archangels Michael &amp; Gabriel</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	9 <b>St. Nektarios</b> 5:30pm 9th Hour & Divine Liturgy	10 <b>St. Arsenios of Cappadoeia</b> <b>VETERANS DAY OBSERVED</b> OFFICE CLOSED	11 <b>VETERANS DAY</b> Archangel Michael Awards @ the Cathedral (Atlanta, GA)
12 <b>8th Sunday of Luke</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School (after Communion) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:15pm Fall General Assembly (and Youth Greek School)	13	14 <b>Apostle Philip</b> 5:30pm 9th Hour & Divine Liturgy	15 <b>Start of the Nativity Fast</b> 5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	16 <b>St. Matthew the Evangelist</b>	17	18 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
19 <b>9th Sunday of Luke</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School (after Communion) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School	20 9p-1230a Vigil for the Entrance of the Theotokos (Great Vespers, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy)	21 <b>Entrance of the Theotokos</b>	22	23 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> OFFICE CLOSED	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 <b>St. Katherine</b>
26 <b>13th Sunday of Luke</b> 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Bible Study  No Sunday School or Greek School	27	28	29 5:30pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	30 <b>St. Andrew the First Called</b> 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy		
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