HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Sunday after the Holy Cross
St. Sophia and her daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love
Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, September 17
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday after the Holy Cross
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion (blessing to take place after Liturgy in the Sunday School classrooms)
Memorial Service for departed family members of the Saratsiotis Family at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship and Bible Study in the Parish House after Liturgy

Tuesday, September 19
7:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 20
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Sunday, September 24
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 1st Sunday of Luke and the Feast of St. Thekla the Great Martyr
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Greek School (Youth)/Bible Study (Adults)
3:00pm Not-So-Young-Adult Hike at Amerson Park in Macon

Tuesday, September 26
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist
6:45pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 27
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Saturday, September 30
8:30am Festival Preparations (Dolmades and Property Clean-Up)
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 1
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2nd Sunday of Luke and the Feast of St. Romanos the Melodist
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School

Wednesday, October 4
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (9/24) George Saratsiotis, Bryan Gordy; (10/1) Pete Tsamolias, Nadia Cazacu
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (9/24) Melanie Moye; (10/1) Gray Yates; (10/8) Maria McCluskey
Upcoming Ushers: (9/20) OPEN; (9/24) Cristina and Jim L.; (9/26) Joanna F.; (9/27) OPEN; (9/30) David Z.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (9/24) Tassie Cantrell; (10/1) Dania Esquivel; (10/8) Eleini Adams

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 τον 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!

και η σο τον ορο σουν κατα βαρβάρους δωρούμενος καὶ τον σ σον φυλάττων δια το Σταυρο σου πολίτευμα.
Epistle Reading

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.
Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God. (Psalm 27)

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Mark (8:34-38, 9:1)

Sunday after the Holy Cross

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ After-Feast of the Elevation of the Holy Cross
+ The Holy Martyr Sophia and her daughters: Faith, Hope, and Love (+126)
+ The Holy Martyr Agathoclia (+230)
+ The Holy Martyrs Maximos, Theodotos, and Asclepiodote
+ The Holy Saint Lucia (Lucy) and her son, the martyr Germinianos (+303)
+ The Holy Martyr Theodota (+230)
+ The Holy 100 Martyrs of Palestine (+310)
+ The Holy Martyr Charalambo, Pantoleon, and those with them
+ The Holy Hieromartyrs Heracleides and Myron, bishops of Tamasus, Cyprus (+1st Century)
+ The intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.


- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώστε Κύριε, First Mode):
- Kontakion of the Memorial Service (Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, Plagal 4th Mode):
- Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Ο πυρός τις κεφαλέων Σταυρόν, Fourth Mode):
- Prayers for expecting mothers:


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Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kathalina, Collins, Dimitrios, Georgios, Pavlos, Jim, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Andy, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelennas, Denna, Brian, Sue, Vassilios

Prayers for the departed:

- Rose (+August 6), James (+August 14), Dorothy (+August 20), Mourn (+August 23), Sedky (+September 1), Kim (+September 5), Jamal (+September 6), Jafa (+September 10)

Prayers for Military Personnel and their families:

Maggie B., Hamah K.

Prayers for the Deceased:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrhiotes, Alekzander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Students:

- Prayers for the Catechumens and Students at the Greek School
- Room: Sunday School after Father concludes with the Divine Liturgy.
- Students and teachers will be starting NEXT Sunday, September 24 (youth class will begin on September 24 and adult class on October 1).
- Please speak with or contact Maria Brons for a schedule to register and reserve your book for the class.

* The Not So Young Adult Group is planning a hike at Amerson Park next Sunday, September 24 at 3:00pm for some fellowship. Please contact Beth Zoumberis for more information!

* GREEK FESTIVAL: This year’s festival is Friday through Sunday, October 20-22. Please save the date for October 19 for set-up—lots of help is always needed! Please refer to Bulletin email for more festival links and information. Preparation dates: Dolmades (September 30 at 9:00am) and Pastry packaging (October 13 at 8:00am). We asking each family to sell 5 books for the Raffle and Drawing. Please see Natalia to get your tickets if you have not already. If you know of someone who would like to volunteer to work at the festival, please direct them to our festival webpage or contact Cheryl Schwartzkopf.

* 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.