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Sunday, October 1, 2023
2nd Sunday of Luke
St. Romanos the Melodist
Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Fourth/Πλ. του Τετάρτου

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Upcoming Schedule

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
Honoring of our Church Musicians at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Dance Practice

Wednesday, October 4
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, October 8
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2nd Sunday of Luke
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)

Monday, October 9
Columbus Day—Office Closed

Wednesday, October 11
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Saturday, October 14
9:00am Parish Clean-Up (Festival Prep)
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, October 15
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Bible Study (Adults)/Youth Dance Practice

Wednesday, October 18
5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist

Thursday, October 19
9:00am Greek Festival Set-Up

Friday, October 20
11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 9:00pm)

Saturday, October 21
11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 9:00pm)

Sunday, October 22
8:00am Orthros
Holy Chrismation of Chad Ridley during the Liturgy
11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 4:00pm)

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (10/8) Kostas Iakovidis, Mike Cantrell; (10/15) Aleca Hortman, Richard Stewart
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (10/8) Maria McCluskey; (10/15) John Apostolou; (10/22) Natalia Saratioskis
Upcoming Ushers: (10/8) OPEN; (10/11) Cleo B., Sarah P.; (10/15) Eleftherios A.; (10/18) Sarah P.
Upcoming Video Operators: (10/8) David Z.; (10/15) Natalia S.; (10/22) Gray Y./David N.; (10/26) Joanna P.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (10/8) Eleni Adams; (10/15) Mariana Filimon; (10/22) Festival

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

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.
Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75)

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (6:31-36)

2nd Sunday of Luke

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."
Greek Orthodox Church

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ehmer
Metropolitan of Atlanta

Dear Parishioners,

This week's readings are:

- **Tuesday (10/3 – No Fasting):** Acts 17:15-34; Luke 1:74-19
- **Thursday (10/5 – Fasting):** Ephesians 5:25-33, 6:1-4; Luke 7:17-30
- **Friday (10/6 – Wine + Oil):** 1 Corinthians 4:15-16, John 20:22-23
- **Saturday (10/7 – No Fasting):** 1 Corinthians 15:39-45; Luke 5:27-32

Prayer Requests:

- **Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish),** Panteleimon (+February 18), Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeanne, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelhanas, Denna, Brian, Vassos, Zacharias, Spyros, Maria, Bobbi, Chad, CJ, Ethan, Jace, Jessica, Nate and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

An exegesis of the teaching of St. Dionysios the Areopagite, commemorated this week on October 3: “Unknowing or ignorance, or error, or evasiveness, or ignorance or absence of knowledge as ordinarily understood, but rather the realization that no finite knowledge can fully know the Infinite One, and that therefore He is only truly to be approached by agnosia, or by that which is beyond and above knowledge.”

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

**This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:**


**Monday (10/2 – No Fasting):** I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 6:24-30

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Prayers for those recently repose:

- James (+August 14), Dorothy (+August 20), Mourn (+August 23), Sedky (+August 25), Kim (+September 5), Jamal (+September 6), Dennis (+September 10), Steven (+September 16), Jeffie Sue (+September 21), Raymond (+September 23), Georgia (+September 24)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

- Maggie B., Hannah K.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

- Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glazobach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrathiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

- Bobbie, Chad, CJ, Ethan, Jake, Jessica, Nate and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

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Announcements:

- **Greek School** will be starting today for the adults! The Youth and Adult classes will alternate weeks with one another (i.e. October 8 is a youth class). The classes will last from 12:45pm to 1:30pm. On days that there is a Greek School class, there will be Bible Study (thus, if you are a parent of a Greek School student, you’re invited to attend Bible Study!)

- **Church Choir Practice:** This Wednesday at 6:30pm following Vespers in the Church.

- **Philoptochos:** If you have not paid your dues for 2023, please do so as soon as possible. If you would like to join Philoptochos, let us know! We are always welcoming new families!

- **The Adult Study Class** for the next few months on Wednesday evening will be “Orthodoxy 101.” This will cover the basics of our Orthodox Christian faith. This is open to both newcomers and those in the Church. Classes will last from 6:30pm to 7:30pm and be on Wednesdays (with the exception of the first Wednesday of each month.)

- **GREEK FESTIVAL:** This year’s festival is Friday through Sunday, October 20-22. Please see the bulletin for October 19 for set-up—lots of help is always needed! Please refer to the bulletin email for more festival info and links. Preparation dates: Pastry packaging (October 13 at 8am). We are asking each family to sell 5 books for the Raffle Drawing. Please see Natalia to get your tickets if you have them already. If you are a parent of someone who would like to volunteer to work at the festival, please direct them to our festival webpage or contact Cheryl Schwartzkopf.

- **Youth:** Winter Youth Rally registration is now open (for 7th to 12th graders, December 27-29 in Atlanta). See the website (https://atlmetropolis.org/winter-youth-rally) for more details.

**Shut-In:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church for any reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.