



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

2nd Sunday of Luke

St. Romanos the Melodist

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Sixth (Luke 24:36-53)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Fourth/Πλ. του Τετάρτου

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Sunday, October 1</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 nd 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
<i>Wednesday, October 4</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Choir Practice
<i>Sunday, October 8</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 3 rd 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)
<i>Monday, October 9</i>	Columbus Day—Office Closed
<i>Wednesday, October 11</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House
<i>Saturday, October 14</i>	9:00am Parish Clean-Up (Festival Prep) 4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, October 15</i>	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
<i>Wednesday, October 18</i>	5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
<i>Thursday, October 19</i>	9:00am Greek Festival Set-Up
<i>Friday, October 20</i>	11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 9:00pm)
<i>Saturday, October 21</i>	11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 9:00pm)
<i>Sunday, October 22</i>	8:00am Orthros 9:15am Divine Liturgy on the 6 th Sunday of Luke 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 Saratsiotis
Upcoming Ushers: (10/4) OPEN; (10/8) Cleo B., Sarah P.; (10/11) Eleni+Norm A.; (10/14) 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

*Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ
Θεῷ ἡμῶν.*

*Στίχ. Γνωστός ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ
Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ
ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.*

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*Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς
Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ
Θεὸς ὅτι ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς
καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω, καὶ ἔσομαι
αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται
μοι λαός. Διὸ ἐξέλθετε ἐκ
μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε,
λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου
μὴ ἄπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι
ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς
πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι
εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει
Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας
οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας,
ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν
ἐαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ
σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος,
ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν
φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

*Pray and return to the Lord
Your God.*

*Verse: In Judah God is
known; His name is great in
Israel. (Psalm 75)*

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*The reading is from Paul's
Second Letter to the
Corinthians. (6:16-18, 7:1)*

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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

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε
ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι,
καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς
ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς
ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν
χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ
ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας
αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν
ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς
ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία
ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ
ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι.
καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν
ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν
χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ
ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα
ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν
ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν
καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε
μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται
ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ
ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι
αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς
ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς.
Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες
καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν
οἰκτίρμων ἐστίν.

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. And if
you lend to those from
whom you hope to receive,
what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to
sinners, to receive as much
again. 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."

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Bulletin for the week of October 1, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf

Video: Natalia S.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Pete Tsamolias (Greek), Nadia Cazacu (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Danai Esquivel

PC Member On-Duty: Gray Yates



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Our Devout Father Romanos, the Poet of Kontakia (+556)

Saint Romanos flourished during the reign of Anastasius (491-518). He was from Emesa of Syria, and apparently was born of Jewish parents, for a hymn written in his honour in Greek says he was "of Hebrew stock," and it has furthermore been noted that he uses many Semitic idioms in his writings. He was baptized an Orthodox Christian, and at some time became a deacon in the Church of Beirut. He was the first composer of the kontakia, the foremost of which is that of the feast of Christ's Nativity, On this day the Virgin In composing many of his kontakia. Saint Romanos was inspired by the hymns of Saint Ephraim of Syria.

- + The Holy Apostle Ananias (+1st Century)

Saint Ananias, whose name means "God is gracious," was from Damascus, where by divine revelation he was commanded to baptize the Apostle Paul (Acts 9: 10-17). He completed the course of martyrdom when he was stoned to death during the proconsulate of Lucian.

- + The Holy Martyrs Michael of the Monastery of Zovi and the 36 Holy Monks martyred with him in Sevastoupolis (+790)

- + The Holy Martyr Dominus of Thessaloniki (+4th Century)

- + The Devout John Koukouzelis the Chanter (+1360)

- + The Devout Gregory the Domestikos (+1355)

Through 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 (Εξ ύψους κατήλθες, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):*

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You! (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- *Hymn of St. Ananias (Απόστολε Άγιε, Third Mode):*

O holy Apostle Ananias, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

- *Hymn of St. Romanos (Εν σοι Πάτερ, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):*

In you, O Father, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Romanos, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

- *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 Normal Kontakion (Προστασία των Χριστιανών, Second Mode):*

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (10/1—No Fasting): Luke 24:36-53; II Corinthians 6:16-18, 7:1; Luke 6:31-36

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

Tuesday (10/3—No Fasting): Acts 17:16-34; Luke 6:37-45

Wednesday (10/4—Strict Fast): Ephesians 5:25-33; Luke 6:46-49, 7:1

Thursday (10/5—No Fasting): Ephesians 5:33, 6:1-9; Luke 7:17-30

Friday (10/6—Wine+Oil): I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 20:19-31

Saturday (10/7—No Fasting): I Corinthians 15:39-45; Luke 5:27-32

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, 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, Stelianos, Denna, Brian, Vassilios, Bessie

Prayers for those recently reposed:

James (+August 14), Dorothy (+August 20), Mounir (+August 23), Sedky (+August 25), Kim (+September 5), Jamal (+September 6), Dennis (+September 10), Steven (+September 18), 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 Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Bobbie, 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: "Unknown, or αγνώστια, is not 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."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

October 2: Daniel Filimon

October 3: Vivi Iakovidis, James Morris,

George Saratsiotis, Mandi Saratsiotis

October 4: Mike Cantrell

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 3: Mary and Lee Hornbaker

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

Announcements:

* **Greek School** will be starting today for the adults! The Youth and Adult class will alternate weeks with one another (i.e. October 8 is the youth class). The classes will last from 12:45pm to 1:30pm. On days that there is a Youth 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!)

* **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 members!

* **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 save the date 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 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.

* **Youth:** Winter Youth Rally registration is now open (for 7th to 12th graders, December 27-30 in Atlanta). See the website (<https://atlmopolis.org/winter-youth-rally>) for more details.

* **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.