



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council
 St. Lucian of Antioch

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

Mode of the Week: Second/Δεύτερος

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

Today, 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
 Memorial Service for reposed members of the Filimon Family at the end of the Liturgy
 Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
 12:45pm Greek School (Adults)/Youth Dance Practice
 Laying of Pine Straw (Festival Prep) after Greek School/Fellowship

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
 9:15am Divine Liturgy on the 6th Sunday of Luke
 Holy Chrismation of Chad Ridley during the Liturgy
 No Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship due to Festival
 11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 4:00pm)

Wednesday, October 25

5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Demetrios
 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Thursday, October 26

9:30am Orthros
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Demetrios the Myrrh-flowing
 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, October 29

9:15am Orthros
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 7th 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)/Adult Bible Study
 5:00pm Wedding of Daniel Smith and Amanda Lord

Wednesday, November 1

5:45pm Vespers
 6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, November 5

9:15am Orthros
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5th Sunday of Luke
 Sunday School, Philoptochos Meeting, Fellowship, Adult Greek School after Liturgy

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (10/22) George Saratsiotis, Cheryl Schwartzkopf; (10/29) Pete T., Charles G.
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (10/22) Natalia Saratsiotis; (10/29) Sarah Patronis; (11/5) Melanie Moyer
Upcoming Ushers: (10/18) Maria S.; (10/22) Nikitis Z.; (10/25) OPEN; (10/26) Cristina L.; (10/29) Charles, David Z.
Upcoming Video Operators: (10/22) Gray Y./David N.; (10/26) Joanna P.; (10/29) Christina D.; (11/5) Cristina L.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (10/22) Festival; (10/29) Sarah Patronis; (11/5) Marcela Chiorescu

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

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Κύριε ὁ Θεὸς τῶν
πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὅτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἷς
ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

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Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ
τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιοῦσθαι,
ἵνα φροντίζωσιν καλῶν ἔργων
προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ.
ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς
ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ
γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας
νομικὰς περιίστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ
ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. Αἰρετικὸν
ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν
νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι
ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ
ἀμαρτάνει, ὢν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν
πέμψω Ἄρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν,
σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς
Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα
παραχειμάσαι. Ζηναῖον τὸν νομικὸν καὶ
Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα
μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ
καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων
προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας
χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι.
Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες.
Ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν
πίστει. ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.
Ἀμήν.

*Blessed are You, O Lord God of our
fathers.*

*Verse: For You are righteous in all
You did for us.*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter to
Titus. (3:8-15)*

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Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I
desire you to insist on these things,
so that those who have believed in
God may be careful to apply
themselves to good deeds; these are
excellent and profitable to men. But
avoid stupid controversies,
genealogies, dissensions, and
quarrels over the law, for they are
unprofitable and futile. As for a man
who is factious, after admonishing
him once or twice, have nothing
more to do with him, knowing that
such a person is perverted and
sinful; he is self-condemned. When I
send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do
your best to come to me at
Nicomopolis, for I have decided to
spend the winter there. Do your best
to speed Zenas the lawyer and
Apollon on their way; see that they
lack nothing. And let our people
learn to apply themselves to good
deeds, so as to help cases of urgent
need, and not to be unfruitful. All
who are with me send greeting to
you. Greet those who love us in the
faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (8:5-15)

Holy Fathers of the 7th Ec. Council

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην·
Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπείρειν τὸν
σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπείρειν αὐτὸν ὁ
μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν, καὶ
κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ
κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ
τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ
ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ
τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι
ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν
γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν
ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει·
Ὁ ἔχων ὄτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων
δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· Τίς
εἶη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· Ὑμῖν
δέδοται γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας
τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς,
ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες
μὴ συνιῶσιν. Ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολή· ὁ
σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ
παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσὶν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἶτα
ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον
ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ
πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς
πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς
δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ
ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν
καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς
τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ
ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ
πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου
πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ
τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῆ, οὗτοί
εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ
ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ
καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ὁ ἔχων ὄτα
ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

The Lord said this parable: "A sower
went out to sow his seed; and as he
sowed, some fell along the path, and
was trodden under foot, and the birds
of the air devoured it. And some fell on
the rock; and as it grew up, it withered
away, because it had no moisture. And
some fell among thorns; and the thorns
grew with it and choked it. And some
fell into good soil and grew, and yielded
a hundredfold." And when his disciples
asked him what this parable meant, he
said, "To you it has been given to know
the secrets of the kingdom of God; but
for others they are in parables, so that
seeing they may not see, and hearing
they may not understand. Now the
parable is this: The seed is the word of
God. The ones along the path are those
who have heard; then the devil comes
and takes away the word from their
hearts, that they may not believe and be
saved. And the ones on the rock are
those who, when they hear the word,
receive it with joy; but these have no
root, they believe for a while and in
time of temptation fall away. And as for
what fell among the thorns, they are
those who hear, but as they go on their
way they are choked by the cares and
riches and pleasures of life, and their
fruit does not mature. And as for that in
the good soil, they are those who,
hearing the word, hold it fast in an
honest and good heart, and bring forth
fruit with patience." As he said these
things, he cried out, "He who has ears
to hear, let him hear."

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Bulletin for the week of October 15, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Eleni and Norm Adams

Video: Cristina L.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek), Richard Stewart (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Mariana Filimon

PC Member On-Duty: John Apostolou



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (+787)

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

- + The Holy Hieromartyr Lucian, Presbyter of Greater Antioch (+311)

This Saint was from Samosata, the son of pious parents. He established a catechetical school in Antioch, and taught the correct doctrines of the Faith and made clear the parts of the divine Scriptures that were difficult to understand. He edited the Old Testament translation from the Hebrew tongue, and published it in an excellent edition, free from every heretical corruption and interpolation. He travelled to Nicomedia to strengthen the faithful there in their contests for Christ, and was accused before Maximinus, with whom he conversed openly. When he had made a defence of the Christian Faith, he was condemned to imprisonment where, in 311, he died of hunger and thirst.

- + Our Devout Father Sabinus the Bishop (+760)

- + Our Devout Father Barsus the Confessor, Bishop of Edessa (+378)

- + Our Devout and God-bearing Father Evthymios the New of Ancyra (+889)

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 (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

- Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Ότε κατήλθες, Second Mode):

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 102)

- Hymn of the Holy Fathers (Υπερδεδοξαμένους εἰ, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

- 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.

- Kontakion of the Memorial Service (Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, Plagal 4th Mode):

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

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

O Protection of Christians that never fails, 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. (Greek Text found in large hymnal on pg. 224)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (10/15—No Fasting): John 20:11-18; Titus 3:8-15; Luke 8:5-15

Monday (10/16—No Fasting): Philippians 2:12-15; Matthew 27:33-54

Tuesday (10/17—No Fasting): Romans 9:18-33; Luke 9:23-27

Wednesday (10/18—Luke the Evangelist—Strict Fast): Colossians 4:5-11, 14-18; Luke 10:16-21

Thursday (10/19—No Fasting): Acts 2:14-21; Luke 9:49-56

Friday (10/20—Strict Fast): II Timothy 2:1-10; Luke 10:1-15

Saturday (10/21—No Fasting): II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 7:1-10

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, Jackie

Prayers for those recently reposed:

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., Julieta L.

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Peter of Damascus on the fruits of endurance: "Endurance is like an unshakeable rock in the winds and waves of life. However the tempest batters him, the patient man remains steadfast and does not turn back; and when he finds relief and joy, he is not carried away by self-glory: he is always the same, whether things are hard or easy, and for this reason, he is proof against the snares of the enemy."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

October 18: Norm Adams, Lukas Esquivel, Lucas Lekas, Luke Zoumeris

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

October 16: Evelyn Zoumeris Neault

October 17: Indie Day Morris

October 21: Michael Drakopoulos, Juliana Gordy

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 17: Rodica and George Cazacu

October 19: Paul and Tammy Vrahiotes

October 20: Chloe and Sean Morris

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

Announcements:

* **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 next Philoptochos meeting is schedule for after Liturgy on Sunday, November 5.

* 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 and this week due to Festival Preparations.)

* **GREEK FESTIVAL (this Friday through Sunday!): OUTSTANDING BALANCES: If you have any outstanding bills for the festival (program ads, festival apparel, raffle ticket money, etc.), please turn that into Natalia Saratsiotis by today, October 15th.** Natalia prefers not to be handling outstanding balances during the festival. Also, all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned by today as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact her. **PINE STRAW PARTY:** After Liturgy, Fellowship, Greek School (Adults) today, October 15th, we will have a Pine Straw party. Please bring yard gloves and a change of clothes. **SET-UP:** We need all hands on deck on THIS Thursday, October 19th. We will be putting up tents in the morning and then in the afternoon, we will be setting up booths. AS A REMINDER...after you set up your booth, please help out in another area. There are lots of other things that need to be done.

* **General Assembly** coming soon: Sunday, November 12 after the Divine Liturgy.

* **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.