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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

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

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.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης 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!

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
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 8th 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 Saratsiotic; (10/29) Sarah Patronis; (11/5) Melanie Moe

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.; (11/3) Cristina L.

Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:
(10/22) Festival; (10/29) Sarah Patronis; (11/5) Marella Chiorescu
Epistle Reading

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.
Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.

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

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. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the Lord. Amen.

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

Holy Fathers of the 7th Ec. Council

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 that which 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 which fell into good soil and grew, yielding a hundredfold." The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (8:5-15)
The Holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council (+787)

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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 doctrine 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 doctrine. 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!” (Stump before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 102)

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