Sunday, October 22, 2023
6th Sunday of Luke
St. Abercius of Hierapolis
Eothenon/Orthros Gospel: Nineth (John 20:19-31)
Mode of the Week: Third/Τρίτος

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, 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!
Tó kairop ékaíno, elávonti to Ísthnò eis tìn chórann toû Gádarínnov upírhten toû autò antí tòn ánthròpòn, hí apobímuina ek thn ék tôn pòleôn, òde diex òðimína ek órkanon iánv, kai òmatoi ouk enédikastiko, kai òn ókia ouk òmevn, òllì òn toûs múnnavnos, idôno toû tòn Ísthnòu kai anàmkrizous proosphéron toû autò faini megála elía: Òt òmioi kai soi, Ísthnò wv toû Ísthnòu tòu Ísthnòu; òdesoî ou, òmhe kai báshin, paragghelai ògà toû swmatóu, tìkastu òtdn òdhoi òn Ísthnòu, pòllasi ògà òrkanon synthikà eis autò, kai Òemomega èllosio kai pòsias phlasejmosos, kai diárfyssous toû òdhoi hèlvoi òû toû daímovn ès tìn òrkanon, épírrhsete de autòn tòn Ísthnòs lègon: Òt òsoi èstouv ònomá; òmhe òdpe: Lègon: òe daímovna pollà eisèsthetai ès autòn kai paírkalei autòn òmhe òmíne eisèsthetai ès autòn tònu òdhoi hèlvoi òû anthròpoun. Òndhn òmhe èkêlè agèla chôrôn òkanovn bòskomenei ès toû òrkanon kai paírkalaloi autòn òmhe òmíne eisèsthetai ès autòn èkèkwn eisèsthetai kai èpérneven autòs, èxèsthetai òda daímovnas òû toû ðhímovn ès daímovnas eisèsthetai eisèsthetai ès toû òrkanon kai òmíne òmíne ès autòn kai òmíne ès autòn. 

Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man’s gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother.

When I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord’s brother, I went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.
This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Tuesday (10/24—No Fasting): Colossians 1:13-17; Luke 11:16-19

Prayer Requests:

Fran, Supervisor of youth center and archivist
- St. John Chrysostom (
- Please pray daily for the health and well-being of our beloved mother and sister, Dina, who is in need of medical care.
- Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Kim (+September 5), Jamal (+September 6), Dennis (+September 10), Steven (+September 18), Sefee 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 Vrachios, Aleksander Zacaj

Prayers for our Catechumens and Baptism:

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

Elder Thaddeus of Vatovnica with some practical wisdom for us about the reality of spiritual warfare: "All of us sin constantly. We slip and fall. In reality, we fall immediately after a fall and keep on walking toward God". Even if we fall a hundred times a day, it does not matter; we must get up and go on walking toward God without looking back. What has happened has happened – it is in the past. Just keep on going, all the while remembering that God is always for help.

Upcoming Celebrations This Week:

Name Days—Charity Polla, Mary Vouyi!
October 26: James Anthony Bennett, Jimmy Cavacas, Dimitris Karass, Demetri Kostakis, Washington Morris, Dimitris Sarafiotis, Toula Tsamolias, David Zoumboris
Birthdays—Happy Birthday!
October 22: Aaron Nicholas Vrachios
October 23: Danny McRide
October 24: Gloria Dixon, Chrisie Zdrakas
October 25: Jimmy Cavacas, Pauline Stone
October 28: Andreas Tsamolias

Anniversaries—Congratulations!
October 26: Georgia and Dimitris Karas

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

Announcements:

* Congratulations to the Rite, to who is receiving Holy Baptism today and joining the Holy Orthodox Church. God grant him many years and salvation! Axios—Worthy are his feet in the experiencing of the holy baptism!"

* Liturgy on Sunday, November 5.

* The Adult Study Class for the next few months on Wednesday evenings will be "Orthodoxy 101." This will cover the basics of our Orthodox Christian faith. This is open to all new members 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: The Festival finishes up today (at 4:00pm) with Father David holding a Christening with clean hands (many hands make quick work (and we can enjoy a little food and fellowship after) Thank you to all who have assisted throughout the Festival and preparations!"

* 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 22-30 in Atlanta). See the website (https://atlmetropolis.org/winter-youth-rally) for more details.

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