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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

3rd Sunday of Luke
 St. Pelagia of Antioch

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Seventh (John 20:1-10)

Mode of the Week: First/Πρώτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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>Thursday, October 12</i>	6:00pm Bridal Shower for Amanda Lord (All Invited, in Parish House) 7:30pm Planning Committee Meeting
<i>Friday, October 13</i>	8:00am Pastry Packing (Festival Preparation)
<i>Saturday, October 14</i>	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 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 Bible Study (Adults)/Youth Dance Practice Laying of Pine Straw (Festival Prep) after Bible Study/Fellowship
<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 No Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship due to Festival 11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 4:00pm)
<i>Wednesday, October 25</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Demetrios 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (10/15) Aleca Hortman, Richard Stewart; (10/22) George S., Cheryl S.
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (10/15) John Apostolou; (10/22) Natalia Saratsiotis; (10/29) Sarah Patronis
Upcoming Ushers: (10/11) Eleni+Norm A.; (10/14) Sarah P.; (10/15) Eleni+Norm A.; (10/18) Maria S.
Upcoming Video Operators: (10/15) Natalia S.; (10/22) Gray Y./David N.; (10/26) Joanna P.; (10/29) Christina D.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (10/15) Mariana Filimon; (10/22) Festival; (10/29) Sarah Patronis

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 worshipping 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

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι, ἐν Κυρίῳ· τοῖς εὐθέσι πρέπει αἰνεσις.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν, ἢ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσει καὶ πληθύνει τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσει τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

Verse: Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright. (Psalm 32)

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The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

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Brethren, the point is this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (7:11-16)

3rd Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν καλουμένην Ναῖν· καὶ συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς υἱὸς μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ' αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Μὴ κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· Νεανίσκε, σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε δὲ φόβος πάντας, καὶ ἐδόξαζον τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι Προφήτης μέγας ἠγήγερται ἐν ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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Bulletin for the week of October 8, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Cleo Bennette, Sarah Patronis

Video: David Z.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek), Mike Cantrell (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Eleni Adams

PC Member On-Duty: Maria McCluskey



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout Mother Pelagia of Antioch (+457)

This Saint was a prominent actress of the city of Antioch, and a pagan, who lived a life of unrestrained prodigality and led many to perdition. Instructed and baptized by a certain bishop named Nonnus (Saint Nonnus is commemorated Nov. 10), she departed for the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, where she lived as a recluse, feigning to be a eunuch called Pelagia. She lived in such holiness and repentance that within three or four years she was deemed worthy to repose in an odour of sanctity, in the middle of the fifth century. Her tomb on the Mount of Olives has been a place of pilgrimage ever since.

+ The Holy Virgin Pelagia (+303)

The Holy Virgin Martyr Pelagia (Πελαγία) came from Antioch in Syria and was descended from a prominent family during the reign of Emperor Numerian (282- 284). When the ruler of Antioch discovered that Pelagia was a Christian, he sent soldiers to defile her. They had surrounded her house and were about to seize her. When the Saint learned of this, she asked the soldiers to let her go and change her clothes. Lifting her hands and her eyes to heaven, she prayed fervently to God not to allow the soldiers to defile her, but that she might depart this life as a pure virgin. Then she opened a window and jumped out, sustaining fatal injuries. Thus, she delivered her pure soul to God, in order to preserve herself from being defiled by the boorish soldiers. She was just fifteen years old. Saint John Chrysostom has written a famous encomium for this Saint, in which he suggests that when Saint Pelagia threw herself out of the window, she was probably hoping to escape in that way, even though she was risking her life because of the danger she was in, and not simply because she wanted to end her life.

+ St. Taisia the Harlot of Egypt (+4th Century)

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 (Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος, First Mode):*

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 98.)

- *Hymn of St. Pelagia (Εν σοί Μήτερ, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):*

In you, O Mother, 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 Pelagia, 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. (Greek Text found in large hymnal on pg. 224)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (10/8—No Fasting): John 20:1-10; II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 7:11-16

Monday (10/9—No Fasting): I Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 9:36-38, 10:1-8

Tuesday (10/10—No Fasting): Philippians 1:8-14; Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday (10/11—Strict Fast): Acts 8:26-39; Luke 8:22-25

Thursday (10/12—No Fasting): Philippians 1:20-27; Luke 9:7-11

Friday (10/13—Strict Fast): Philippians 1:27-30, 2:1-4; Luke 9:12-18

Saturday (10/14—No Fasting): I Corinthians 15:58, 16:1-3; Luke 6:1-10

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:

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Bede the Venerable about faith: "You believe that God is one. You do well. The demons also believe, and they tremble.' (James 2:19) They alone know how to believe in God who love God, who are Christians not only in name but also in action and [way of] life, because without love faith is empty. With love, it is the faith of a Christian —without love, the faith of a demon."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

October 8: Marina Deskina

October 11: Melanie Moye; Tony Zoumberis, Sr.

October 12: Marianna Lane

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 10: Toula and Pete Tsamolias

October 11: Mandi and Alex Saratsiotis

October 13: Maria and Barry Mahoney

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

Announcements:

* We welcome and thank **Fr. John Brown** of Holy Transfiguration in Marietta for leading us in the Divine Services today!

* **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: 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 October 15th. I prefer not to be handling outstanding balances during the festival. Also, all raffle tickets (sold or unsold) need to be returned by the date as well. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. **PASTRY WORK DATE:** We will be putting together pastries on Friday, October 13th at 8:00 in the Parish House. Call all MEN and WOMEN to come out and help! There is a job for everyone! **PINE STRAW PARTY:** After Liturgy, Fellowship, Greek School (Adults) on Sunday, 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 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.

* **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.