Sunday, November 12, 2023
8th Sunday of Luke
St. John the Merciful

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)
Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Second/Πλ. τον Δευτέρου

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, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

Upcoming Schedule

Today, November 12
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8th Sunday of Luke
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Honoring of our Holy Cross Veterans at the end of the Liturgy
12:30pm Fall General Assembly

Tuesday, November 14
5:30pm 9th Hour and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Philip the Apostle

Wednesday, November 15
Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Saturday, November 18
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, November 19
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9th 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

Monday, November 20
9:00am Holy Vigil (Great Vespers, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy) for the Entrance of the Theotokos

Thursaday, Nov 23/Friday, Nov 24
Office Closed—Thanksgiving

Upcoming Epistle Readers:
(11/19) George Saratsiotis, Cleo Bennette; (11/26) Petre Tsamolias, Sarah Drakopoulos

Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:
(11/19) Gray Yates; (11/26) Charles Glotzbach; (12/3) John Apostolou

Upcoming Ushers:

Upcoming Video Operators:

Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:
(11/19) GOYA/Sofia Lekas; (11/26) Maria B.; Joanna P.; (12/3) Rodica Cazanu

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

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (10:25-37)

8th Sunday of Luke

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he carried him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."
Today our Orthodox Church commemorates:

- Our Father among the Saints John the Merciful, Archbishop of Alexandria (+619)
  Saint John was born in 555 on the island of Cyprus in the city of Amathus; his father, Euphanus, was a ruler of Cyprus. The Saint was consecrated as Archbishop of Alexandria in 608. A man of exemplary uprightness, in his zeal for Orthodoxy he strove mightily to fight the many heresies among the Christians in Egypt; but above all, he was famous for his singular generosity, humility, and sympathy towards all, especially the poor. His mercy was so great that the report of it found in large hymnal on pg. 118)

- Weekly Resurrectionary Hymn (Αυξεθά λόγος, Plagal of the Second Mode): When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your incorporeal body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You! preceding and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 236)

- Hymn of St. John the Merciful (Ἐν τῷ ἡμῶν ὄνει, Plagal of the Fourth Mode): By your patience you obtained your reward, O devout Father. You persevered in your prayers without ceasing; and the poor you loved and satisfied. We entreat you, blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σῶνος Κέρας, 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.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/p. 37 in the Hymnal):

- Weekly Resurrectionary Hymn (Αυξεθά λόγος, Plagal of the Second Mode):
- Hymn of St. John the Merciful (Ἐν τῷ ἡμῶν ὄνει, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):
- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σῶνος Κέρας, First Mode):

Prayers for those recently repossessed:
Jeffie Sue (+September 21), Raymond (+September 23), Georgia (+September 24), Jackie (+October 21)

Prayers for our Catechumens and Families:

- Aria Kovaci will be making a bookstore during the week. On Wednesday afternoons, the bookstore will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. During this time, the Church will be open for praying, lighting candles, etc.

- Contribution statements have been emailed and/or mailed out to each of you. If you have not received yours, please contact Natalia McCluskey to obtain a copy for your records. A final statement will be mailed after the end of the year has closed out.

- Christmas Card/Poinsettias: If you would like to participate in the 2023 Christmas Card and/or purchase a poinsettia “In Memory of” or “In Honor of,” please fill out the form sent by email and turn in your payment to Natalia Saratsiotis.

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

- Birthdays — Happy Birthday!
  November 12: Martina Goss, Anthony Nicholas Odom
  November 15: Barry Mahoney, Maria Spicer
  November 16: Matthew Deskins
  November 18: John Paul Silyrbis

- Anniversaries — Congratulations!
  None in the Records

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

Announcements:

- Fall General Assembly TODAY after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish House. One of the main topics will be concerning iconography — Iconographer Ari Kovaci will be making a presentation during the assembly. Please plan on attending!

- Congratulations and Axioi (worthy!) to our 2023 Archangel Michael Award recipients Jim Lekas and Gray Yates! The banquet and ceremony were yesterday at the Cathedral in Atlanta.

- 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!

- Orthodoxy 101 this Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Parish House after Vespers. Topic: God, Jesus, the Holy Trinity

- The facilitator of the bookstore, Cristina Lekas, is very grateful for everyone who has shopped in the Holy Cross bookstore during the week. On Wednesday afternoons, the bookstore will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. During this time, the Church will be open for praying, lighting candles, etc.

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- Christmas Card deadline is November 15th. Christmas Poinsettia deadline is December 17th.

- Festival: Chairman follow-up meeting will be December 7th. For anyone that has suggestions for improvements to the Festival, please contact Natalia Saratsiotis.

- The Nativity Fast in preparation for Christmas begins this week on November 15 and lasts until Christmas Eve. May it be blessed and fruitful!