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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 26, 2023

13th Sunday of Luke

St. Stylianos of Paphlagonia

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Third (Mark 16:9-20)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Fourth/Πλ. του Τετάρτου

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, November 26</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Stylianos (commemoration also of St. Katherine the Great Martyr) Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek School (Adults)/Youth Dance Practice
<i>Tuesday, November 28</i>	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday, November 29</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Andrew the First-Called 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Church Library
<i>Thursday, November 30</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Andrew the First-Called
<i>Saturday, December 2</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, December 3</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 14 th 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
<i>Tuesday, December 5</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Nicholas 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Church Library
<i>Wednesday, December 6</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Church
<i>Thursday, December 7</i>	6:30pm Festival Wrap-Up Meeting in the Parish House
<i>Saturday, December 9</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, December 10</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on 10 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion Blessing of the 2024 Stewardship Pledges at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy Parish Council Elections during Coffee Fellowship
<i>Tuesday, December 12</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Spyridon the Wonderworker

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (12/3) Kostas Iakovidis, Rene Esquivel; (12/10) Aleca Hortman, Charles Glotzbach
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (12/3) John Apostolou; (12/10) Charles Glotzbach; (12/17) Sarah Drakopoulos
Upcoming Ushers: (11/29) David Z.; (11/30) Eleni A., Norm A.; (12/2) Cheryl S., Erick S.; (12/3) Cristina L., Jim L.
Upcoming Video Operators: (11/30) Joanna P.; (12/3) Christina D.; (12/6) Joanna P.; (12/10) Natalia S.
Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (12/3) Rodica Cazacu; (12/10) Maria McCluskey; (12/17) Helen Vardy

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

*Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ
Θεῷ ἡμῶν.*

*Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ
Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ
ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.*

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*Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ ὑμᾶς ἐγὼ ὁ
δέσμιος ἐν Κυρίῳ ἀξίως
περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς
ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης
ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ
πραύτητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας,
ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ,
σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν
ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ
συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης· ἐν
σῶμα καὶ ἐν Πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ
ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς
κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς Κύριος, μία
πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα· εἰς Θεός
καὶ Πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ
πάντων καὶ διὰ πάντων καὶ ἐν
πᾶσιν ὑμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ
ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ
μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ
Χριστοῦ.

*Pray and return to the Lord
Your God.*

*Verse: In Judah God is
known; His name is great in
Israel. (Ps. 75)*

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*The reading is from Paul's
Letter to the Ephesians.*

(4:1-7)

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Brethren, I, a prisoner for the
Lord, beg you to lead a life
worthy of the calling to which
you have been called, with all
lowliness and meekness, with
patience, forbearing one
another in love, eager to
maintain the unity of the
Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body and one
Spirit, just as you were called
to the one hope that belongs
to your call, one Lord, one
faith, one baptism, one God
and Father of us all, who is
above all and through all and
in all. But grace was given to
each of us according to the
measure of Christ's gift.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (18:18-27)

13th Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις
προσηλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων
αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· Διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ,
τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον
κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ
Ἰησοῦς· Τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς
ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς, ὁ Θεός. τὰς
ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ
φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ
ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα
σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε·
Ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ
νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ
Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἔτι ἐν σοὶ
λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον
καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις
θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο
ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα
περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος
σφόδρα. Ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς
περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· Πῶς
δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες
εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν
τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ
κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος
εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν
βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν.
εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· Καὶ τίς
δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Τὰ
ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ
παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

At that time, a ruler came to
Jesus and asked him, "Good
Teacher, what shall I do to
inherit eternal life?" And Jesus
said to him, "Why do you call me
good? No one is good but God
alone. You know the
commandments: 'Do not commit
adultery, Do not kill, Do not
steal, Do not bear false witness,
Honor your father and mother.'"
And he said, "All these I have
observed from my youth." And
when Jesus heard it, he said to
him, "One thing you still lack.
Sell all that you have and
distribute it to the poor, and you
will have treasure in heaven; and
come, follow me." But when he
heard this he became sad, for he
was very rich. Jesus looking at
him said, "How hard it is for
those who have riches to enter
the kingdom of God! For it is
easier for a camel to go through
the eye of a needle than for a rich
man to enter the kingdom of
God." Those who heard it said,
"Then who can be saved?" But he
said, "What is impossible with
men is possible with God."

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Bulletin for the week of November 26, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos, Joanna Patronis

Video: David Z. **Altar Servers:** All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Pete Tsamolias (Greek), Sarah Drakopoulos (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Maria Bronisevsky, Joanna Patronis

PC Member On-Duty: Charles Glotzbach



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout Father Alypius the Stylite (+607)

Saint Alypius was from Adrianople of Bithynia; having lived upon a pillar for fifty-three years, he reposed about the year 607, at the age of one hundred.

+ Our Devout Father Stylianos of Paphlagonia (+6th Century)

St. Stylianos was from Paphlagonia living in the latter 6th century and early 7th century. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ with his whole heart and lived in strict asceticism. When he fell asleep in the Lord, his face shone like the sun and an angel appeared to take his soul to Glory. His prayers have worked many miracles, both during his earthly life and since. He is of special help to children who are ill and to childless couples. He is known as a protector of orphans.

+ Our Devout Father Akakios (+6th Century)

+ Our Devout Father Iakovos the Anchorite (+457)

+ Our Devout Father Nikon the “Repenter”

Saint Nikon, the son of a certain noble, was from Armenia. Forsaking his parents and homeland, he passed throughout the parts of the East, crying to all men, "Repent ye," because of which he received this name. Finally, he came to Lacedaemonia of the Peloponnesus, where he built a church in honour of Christ our Saviour. After having dwelt there many years in solitude, and having converted many from paganism, he departed to the Lord about the end of the ninth century.

+ Our Devout Father Silos, Bishop of Persia

+ The Holy New Martyr George in Chios (+1807)

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 (Εξ ύψους, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):*

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You! (*Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 126*)

- *Hymn of St. Katherine (Την πανεύφημον νύμφην, Plagal of the First Mode):*

Let us praise and extol the all-lauded Bride of Christ,* the Protectress of Sinai, divine Saint Catherine,* as the one who gives aid and her assistance to us;* for she brilliantly suppressed the impious orators,* with the sword of the Spirit.* And being crowned as a martyr,* she asks that all receive the great mercy.

- *Hymn of St. Stylianos (Στήλη ἐμψυχος, Third Mode):*

You were styled as a sturdy column * of the Church of Christ, and as pillar * of self-control, and protector of children and babes, * Stylianos, for from youth, as if bodiless, * you were practicing ascetical discipline. * Holy father now beseech Christ our God fervently, * entreating that He grant us His great mercy.

- *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 Kontakion of the Nativity of Christ (Η Παρθένος σημερον, Third Mode):*

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word * in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God. (*Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 241*)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday (11/26—Fish, Wine, Oil): Mark 16:9-20; Ephesians 4:1-7; Luke 18:18-27

Monday (11/27—Fish, Wine, Oil): I Timothy 1:1-7; Luke 19:37-44

Tuesday (11/28—Fish, Wine, Oil): I Timothy 1:8-14; Luke 19:45-48

Wednesday (11/29—Strict Fast): I Timothy 1:18-20, 2:8-15; Luke 20:1-8

Thursday (11/30—St. Andrew—Fish, Wine, Oil): Matthew 4:18-23; I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:35-51

Friday (12/1—Strict Fast): I Timothy 4:4-8; Luke 20:19-26

Saturday (12/2—Fish, Wine, Oil): Galatians 3:8-12; Luke 12:32-40

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Evthalia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Betty, 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, Brian, Vassilios, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Kathy, Bill, Virginia, Karl

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Jackie (+October 21)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Hannah K., Julieta L., Muryah S.

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

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia, commemorated this coming Saturday, December 2: “Man seeks joy and happiness in heaven. He seeks what is eternal far from everyone and everything. He seeks to find joy in God. God is a mystery. He is silence. He is infinite. He is everything. Everyone possesses this inclination of the soul for heaven. All people seek something heavenly. All beings turn towards Him, albeit unconsciously. Turn your mind towards Him continually. Learn to love prayer, familiar converse with the Lord. What counts above all is love, passionate love for the Lord, for Christ the Bridegroom. Become worthy of Christ's

love. In order not to live in darkness, turn on the switch of prayer so that divine light may flood your soul. Christ will appear in the depths of your being. There, in the deepest and most inward part, is the Kingdom of God.”

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

November 30: Andrew Adams, Daniel Filimon, Andreas Tsamolias

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

November 26: George Gordy, Mary Gordy

November 28: Tammi Cantrell, Mariana Filimon

November 29: Natalia Lane, Natalia Saratsiotis

November 30: Danai Esquivel

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

November 27: Pasty and Nikitis Zoumberis

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

Announcements:

* **Philoptochos:** The Philoptochos is collecting 2T-4T clothing, baby wash and lotion, jackets of all sizes, and stuffies as a Nativity Almsgiving opportunity supporting the work of The Kolbe Center (our local crisis pregnancy center) and the Outreach Program of the Macon-Bibb Sheriffs Dept. Please contact Presvytera Stacey for more information.

* **Orthodoxy 101** will take place this Wednesday evening at 6:30pm in the Church Library after the Great Vespers. The topic will be “The Orthodox understanding of Salvation.” Zoom link is available for anyone who would like to join digitally, please contact Fr. Theodore for more info!

* The facilitator of the bookstore, Cristina Lekas, is very graciously offering to open the **Holy Cross Bookstore** during the week. On Wednesday afternoons, the bookstore will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. At the same time, the Church will be open for lighting candles/prayer/etc.

* **Christmas Card/Poinsettias:** If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia "In Memory of" or "In Honor of", please fill out the form that was sent by email and turn in your payment to Natalia Saratsiotis. Deadline is December 17th!

* **Festival:** Chairman follow-up meeting will be December 7th at 6:30pm in the Parish House. For anyone that has suggestions for improvements to the Festival, please contact Natalia Saratsiotis.

* **Save the Date—Blessing of the Animals** will take place once again this year—Saturday, December 16 (the Feast of St. Modestos) at 3:00pm in the Church Courtyard!

* **Youth:** Nativity (Christmas) Pageant will be taking place on Sunday, December 17 at the end of the Divine Liturgy. More information coming soon!

* Please see your email for the **2024 Coffee Fellowship sign-up**. Thank you in advance to those who provide for our fellowship after the Divine Liturgy!