



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, November 5, 2023

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Sts. Galaction and Epistimi

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eleventh (John 21:14-25)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the First/Πλ. Του Πρώτου

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

Today, November 5

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion  
 Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy  
 12:30pm Philoptochos Meeting  
 12:45pm Greek School (Youth)/Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, November 8

9:30am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel  
 5:30pm Great Vespers  
 6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Thursday, November 9

5:30pm 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Nektarios  
 6:45pm Not So Young Adult Meeting (Margarita's Mercer Village)

Friday, November 10

Veterans Day—Office Closed

Sunday, November 12

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion  
 12:30pm Fall General Assembly

Tuesday, November 14

5:30pm 9<sup>th</sup> Hour and Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Philip the Apostle

Wednesday, November 15

5:45pm Vespers

Beginning of the Nativity Fast

6:30pm Adult Study: Orthodoxy 101 in the Parish House

Saturday, November 18

4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class

5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, November 19

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9<sup>th</sup> 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

9:00pm Holy Vigil (Great Vespers, Orthros, and Divine Liturgy) for the Entrance of the Theotokos

Thursday, Nov 23/Friday, Nov 24

Office Closed—Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Stylianos (commemoration also of St. Katherine the Great Martyr)  
 Coffee Fellowship and Adult Greek School after the Liturgy

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (11/12) Aleca Hortman, Panos Drakopoulos; (11/19) George Saratsiotis, Cleo Bennette

**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (11/12) Maria McCluskey; (11/19) Gray Yates; (11/26) Charles Glotzbach

**Upcoming Ushers:** (11/8AM) Eleni+Norm A.; (11/8PM, 11/9) Maria Spicer; (11/12) Cleo B., Tassie C.

**Upcoming Video Operators:** (11/8) Joanna P.; (11/9) Cristina L.; (11/12) Natalia S.; (11/19) David Z.

**Upcoming Fellowship Hosts:** (11/12) GOYA Potluck; (11/19) Sarah Drakopoulos; (11/26) Maria B.; Joanna P.

### 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

*Σύ, Κύριε, φυλάζεις ἡμᾶς καὶ  
διατηρήσεις ἡμᾶς.*

*Στίχ. Σῶσόν με, Κύριε, ὅτι  
ἐκλέλοιπεν ὁσῖος.*

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*Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται· οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτεμνόμενοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶσινται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

*You shall guard us, O Lord; You  
shall preserve us.*

*Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the  
holy man has ceased. (Ps. 11)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter  
to the Galatians. (6:11-18)*

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Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (16:19-31)

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπός τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραϊνόμενος καθ' ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. Πτωχὸς δὲ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἐπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ἅδῃ ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὁρᾷ Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακὰ· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἐνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μηδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δὲ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρὸς μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφῆτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ' ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῆ ὑπὸ τὸν ἅδῃ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῆ πεισθήσονται.

The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.' "

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### Bulletin for the week of November 5, 2023

**Ushers on Duty:** Charles Glotzbach, Jim Lekas

**Video:** Cristina L.

**Altar Servers:** All Adult/Youth Servers

**Epistle Readers:** Kostas Iakovidis (Greek), Diana Cazacu (English)

**Fellowship Host (Thank You!):** Marcela Chiorescu

**PC Member On-Duty:** Melanie Moyer



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Martyrs Galaktion and Episteme (+250)

*Saint Galaktion was from Emesa, the son of Cleitophon and Leucippe, pagans who had been instructed in piety by a certain Christian named Onuphrius and received holy Baptism. Saint Episteme, born of unbelieving parents, was baptized before she was wedded to Galaktion. After their marriage they remained in virginity and lived in separate monastic houses. Betrayed as Christians, they suffered martyrdom during the reign of Decius, about the year 250.*

+ The Holy Apostles Hermas, Patrobas, Linus, Gaius, and Philologos of the Seventy (+1<sup>st</sup> Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Dominos (+307)

+ The Holy Martyrs Timothy, Theophilos, and Theotimos (+307)

+ The Holy Martyr Dorotheos (+307)

+ The Holy Martyrs Efpsycios and Karterios (+307)

+ The Holy Martyr Silvan (+307)

+ The Holy Martyr Pamphilos (+307)

+ Our Devout Father Gregory the Confessor, Archbishop of Alexandria (+9<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Agathangelos

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Castor the Bishop

+ Our Devout Mother Odrada of Balen (+8<sup>th</sup> 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 (Τὸν ἀνάστατον Λόγον, Plagal of the First Mode):*

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, \* so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. \* Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. \* For our salvation He was pleased \* to be crucified in the flesh, \* and to undergo death, \* and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection. *(Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 114)*

- *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 fails, 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 (11/5—No Fasting):** John 21:14-25; Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 16:19-31

**Monday (11/6—No Fasting):** Hebrews 8:1-6; Luke 12:8-12

**Tuesday (11/7—No Fasting):** I Thessalonians 1:6-10; Luke 12:42-48

**Wednesday (11/8—Archangels Michael and Gabriel—Wine+Oil):** Matthew 18:10-20; Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21

**Thursday (11/9—St. Nektarios—No Fasting):** Matthew 24:42-47; Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12

**Friday (11/10—Strict Fast):** I Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 13:31-35

**Saturday (11/11—No Fasting):** II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 9:37-43

### 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

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

Steven (+September 18), Jeffie Sue (+September 21), Raymond (+September 23), Georgia (+September 24), Jackie (+October 21)

### Prayers for expecting mothers:

Maggie B., Hannah K., Julieta L.

### 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. Nektarios**, celebrated this week on November 9<sup>th</sup>: "Miracles are not impossible from a logical standpoint, and right reason does not deny them. Natural laws do not have the claim to be the only ones, nor are they threatened with being overturned by the appearance of other laws, supernatural ones, which also are conducive to the development and furtherance of creation... Miracles are a consequence of the Creator's love for his creatures."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

*Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!*

November 8: Fr. Michael Vastaskis, Mike Cantrell, Mikey Cantrell, Michael Drakopoulos, Sarah Drakopoulos, Mike Nicholas, Angelika Passias, Logan Michael Wells

*Birthdays—Happy Birthday!*

None in the Records

*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:

\* Today's **Coffee Fellowship** after the Divine Liturgy is provided by Marcela Chiorescu in memory of her father, Dumitru Decu, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 22. May his memory be eternal!

\* **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! There is a meeting today after the Divine Liturgy in the Parish House!

\* The **Adult Study Class** through the end of February on Wednesday evenings 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 last from 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Wednesdays in the Parish House.

\* **Choir Practice:** This Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Church (after Great Vespers).

\* The **Not So Young Adult** group (40's and 50's) will be having a get together this Thursday evening after the Divine Liturgy at Margarita's in Mercer Village. Please contact Beth Zoumberis for more information!

\* **YOUTH:** Our 3rd Annual Sunday School families and teachers Thanksgiving Potluck Coffee Hour is in 2 weeks, Sun. 11/12. Presv. Stacey will email signup info soon! Winter Youth Rally registration is now open (for 7th to 12th graders, December 27-30 in Atlanta). See the website (<https://atlmetroplis.org/winter-youth-rally>) for more details.

\* **Fall General Assembly** coming soon: Sunday, November 12 after the Divine Liturgy. One of the main topics will be concerning iconography—Iconographer Ari Kovaci will be making a presentation during the assembly. Please plan on attending!

\* **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. Christmas Card deadline is November 15th. Christmas Poinsettia deadline is December 17th.

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