



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, January 21, 2024

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

St. Maximos the Confessor

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

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, January 21</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 12th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion 40-Day Memorial for Eve McElrath at the end of the Liturgy Blessing of the New Parish Council Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek School (Adult) 1:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday, January 24</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Gregory the Theologian 6:30pm Adult Study Class: Orthodoxy 101 in the Library
<i>Saturday, January 27</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, January 28</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 15th 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 1:45pm Youth Clean-Up Service Project/Sports/Playground Day
<i>Tuesday, January 30</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs
<i>Wednesday, January 31</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class: Orthodoxy 101 in the Library
<i>Thursday, February 1</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord (Υπαπαντή)
<i>Friday, February 2</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
<i>Saturday, February 3</i>	4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, February 4</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Godparents Sunday Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion Trisagion for Chuck Samuel Ray at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek School (Adult)
<i>Wednesday, February 7</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Theodore the Commander 6:30pm Adult Study Class: Orthodoxy 101 in the Library

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (1/28) Kostas Iakovidis/Charles Glotzbach; (2/4) Aleca Hortman, Diana Cazacu  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (1/28) Secretary; (2/4) Assistant Secretary; (2/11) Member at Large  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (1/24) Cristina L; (1/27) Maria S; (1/28) Cheryl+Eric S; (1/30) Eleni+Norm A; (1/31) Melanie M  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (1/28) Cristina L; (1/30) Cristina L; (2/2) Joanna P; (2/4) Natalia S; (2/11) David Z  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (1/28) Danaí Esquivel; (2/4) Parish Council; (2/11) Cleo Bennette; (2/18) Despina Passias

### 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

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 Κολασσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς  
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῇ,  
ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ  
φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ.  
Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς  
γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος,  
ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν  
ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἣν  
ἔρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς  
υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας· ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς  
περιπατήσατέ ποτε ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν  
αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς  
τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν,  
βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ  
στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς  
ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν  
παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς  
πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι  
τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς  
ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος  
αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ  
Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία,  
βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος,  
ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν  
πᾶσι Χριστός.

*Pray and return to the Lord Your  
God.*

*Verse: In Judah God is known;  
His name is great in Israel.*

*(Psalm 75)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter  
to the Colossians. (3:4-11)*

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Brethren, when Christ who is our  
life appears, then you also will  
appear with him in glory. Put to  
death therefore what is earthly in  
you: fornication, impurity,  
passion, evil desire, and  
covetousness, which is idolatry.  
On account of these the wrath of  
God is coming upon the sons of  
disobedience. In these you once  
walked, when you lived in them.  
But now put them all away; anger,  
wrath, malice, slander, and foul  
talk from your mouth. Do not lie  
to one another, seeing that you  
have put off the old nature with  
its practices and have put on the  
new nature, which is being  
renewed in knowledge after the  
image of its creator. Here there  
cannot be Greek and Jew,  
circumcised and uncircumcised,  
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free  
man, but Christ is all, and in all.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

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

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ,  
εἰσερχομένου τοῦ Ἰησοῦ εἰς  
τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ  
δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ  
ἕστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ  
ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ  
ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ  
ιδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς·  
Πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε  
ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ  
ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς  
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἰς δὲ ἐξ  
αὐτῶν, ιδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη,  
ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς  
μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν,  
καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον  
παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ  
εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς  
ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ  
ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· Οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα  
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα  
ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν  
ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν  
τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἀλλογενὴς  
οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ·  
Ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις  
σου σέσωκέ σε.

At that time, as Jesus  
entered a village, He was  
met by ten lepers, who  
stood at a distance and  
lifted up their voices and  
said: "Jesus, Master, have  
mercy on us." When He  
saw them He said to them,  
"Go and show yourselves to  
the priests." And as they  
went they were cleansed.  
Then one of them, when he  
saw that he was healed,  
turned back, praising God  
with a loud voice; and he  
fell on his face at Jesus's  
feet, giving Him thanks.  
Now he was a Samaritan.  
Then said Jesus: "Were not  
ten cleansed? Where are  
the nine? Was no one found  
to return and give praise to  
God except this foreigner?"  
And He said to him: "Rise  
and go your way; your faith  
has made you well."

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### Bulletin for the week of January 21, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos / Charles Glotzbach

Video: David Zoumberis Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Pete Tsamolias (Greek); Richard Stewart (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Cristina Lekas

PC Member On-Duty: Natalia Saratsiotis



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout Father Maximos the Confessor (+662)

*The divine Maximos, who was from Constantinople, sprang from an illustrious family. He was a lover of wisdom and an eminent theologian. At first, he was the chief private secretary of the Emperor Heraclius and his grandson Constans. When the Monothelite heresy became predominant in the royal court, out of hatred for this error the Saint departed for the Monastery at Chrysopolis (Scutari), of which he later became the abbot. When Constans tried to constrain him either to accept the Monothelite teaching, or to stop speaking and writing against it - neither of which the Saint accepted to do - his tongue was uprooted and his right hand was cut off, and he was sent into exile where he reposed in 662. At the time only he and his few disciples were Orthodox in the East.*

+ The Holy Martyr Neophitos of Nicea (+305)

+ Our Devout Father Zosimas, Bishop of Syracuse in Sicily (+662)

+ The Holy Martyrs Eugene, Valerian, Candidus, and Aquila (+303)

+ The Synaxis in honor of St. Irene at the Holy Church of St. Irene in Constantinople

+ The Holy Four Martyrs in Tyre

+ Our Devout Father Neophitos, the Prosmonarios of the Monastery of Vatopedi (+14<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ Our Devout Mother Brigid of Kilbride, Ireland (+6<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 (Εξ ύψους κατήλθες, 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. Maximos (Ορθοδοξίας οδηγέ, Plagal of the Fourth Mode):

Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.

- 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.

- Kontakion of the Memorial Service (Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servant, and forgive every sin she has committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

- The Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord (Ο μήτραν, First Mode):

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity. (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 250)

## Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

### This Week's Daily

#### Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

**Sunday (1/21—No Fasting):** John 21:14-25; Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 17:12-19

**Monday (1/22—No Fasting):** II Timothy 1:3-8; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

**Tuesday (1/23—No Fasting):** Philippians 3:20-21, 4:1-3; Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-5

**Wednesday (1/24—Strict Fast):** Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 14:22-34

**Thursday (1/25—St. Gregory the Theologian—No Fasting):** John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 10:9-16

**Friday (1/26—Strict Fast):** I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 22:2-14

**Saturday (1/27—No Fasting):** John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 19:9-16

### Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, 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, Colin, Mitch, Rinne

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

Efthalia (+December 17)

### 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. Gregory the Theologian**, honored this week on January 25: “All who have lived according to God still live unto God, though they have departed this life. For this reason, God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, since He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living (cf. Mt. 22:32).”

“We needed an Incarnate God, a God put to death, that we might live. We were put to death together with Him, that we might be cleansed; we rose again with Him because we were put to death with Him; we were glorified with Him, because we rose again with Him.”

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

#### Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

January 21: Gray Maximos Yates  
January 24: Cyndi “Xenia” Douglas, Cheryl Schwartzkopf  
January 25: Greg Spicer

#### Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

January 23: Christina Danforth  
January 27: Tony Zoumberis, Jr.

#### 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:

\*Please see the email that was sent on how to schedule a **House Blessing**. Dates/times are arranged by area (Macon, Warner Robins, etc.) If you need help, please contact Fr. Theodore.

\* Next Sunday, January 28th, there will be a youth sponsored luncheon. The goal is to raise money for youth costumes for the performance being held on March 24th as well as future festivals to come. If you would like to sign up to bring part of the luncheon please sign up using this link that Antigone set up for our youth: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A4A62BA5FBC52-47235091-greek#/>

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

\*As a reminder, the **Bookstore** is open on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00!

\*The **Spring Fling** will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 11am-7pm. We are asking all Young Adults and Not-So-Young Adults to save this date on your calendar. More information to come. Also, the dates for the **17th Annual Central Georgia Greek Festival** have been set: October 25-27, 2024. Please save this date!

\* **Not-So-Young-Adults:** please save the date for the upcoming event on Saturday, February 24: the Cantrell Center 5k.

\* **YOUTH:** Clean-up Service Project and Sports/Playground Day at Tattnall Park directly after Greek School next Sunday, January 28. Rock climbing coming in February, more info to come!

\* **Greek Dancing** for the youth and young adults will resume on Sunday, February 25th and will take place once a month. As we get closer to the festival, we will kick it in to high gear and add more practice dates. Please be on the look out for a sign up in the coming weeks!