Sunday, January 28, 2024
15th Sunday of Luke
St. Ephraim the Syrian
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)
Mode of the Week: First /Πρώτος

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Upcoming Schedule

Today, January 28
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 15th Sunday of Luke
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
12:45pm Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
1:45pm Greek School (Youth)/Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, January 30
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs

Wednesday, January 31
5:30pm Vesper
6:30pm Adult Study Class: Orthodoxy 101 in the Library

Thursday, February 1
5:00pm Great Vespers for the Meeting of the Lord (Ypsantria)

Friday, February 2
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple

Saturday, February 3
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, February 4
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on Godparents Sunday
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Triapion for Chuck Samuel Ray at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Greek School (Adult)

Wednesday, February 7
5:45pm Vespers for the Feast of St. Theodore the Commander and the Holy Prophet Zachariah
6:30pm Adult Study Class: Orthodoxy 101 in the Library

Friday, February 9
5:00pm Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Haralambos

Saturday, February 10
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, February 11
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 16th Sunday of Matthew
Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:30pm Philoptochos Meeting in the Parish House

Friday, February 16
5:00pm Vespers for the Feast of St. Theodore the Recruit

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (2/4) Aleca Hortman, Diana Cazacu; (2/11) George Saratsiotis, Panos Drakopoulos
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (2/4) Melanie Moye; (2/11) Gray Yates; (2/18) Natalia Saratsiotis
Upcoming Ushers: (1/30) Eleni+Norm A; (1/31) Melanie M; (2/1) David Z; (2/2) Eleni+Norm A; (2/4) Cleo B, Sarah D
Upcoming Video Operators: (1/30) Cristina L; (2/2) Joanna P; (2/4) Natalia R; (2/11) David Z; (2/18) Gray Y
Fellowship Hosts: (2/4) Parish Council; (2/11) Cleo Bennett; (2/18) Despina Pasiom; (2/25) Eleni Adams

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 και 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!
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 First Letter to Timothy. (4:9-15)  
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Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”
Ephraim's works, "and recognized, even in translation, the incisive
this he is called the "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Jerome says that his
theological teachings, constituting it an integral part of the
the poetic expression of hymnody and song a vehicle of Orthodox
beauty, but Ephraim's works "are no less admired when read in
approved writers of Greece," observing that the Greek writings,
lifetime. Sozomen says that Ephraim "Surpassed the most
multitude of sermons, commentaries, and hymns that Saint
heretical error, and praised the contests of the Martyrs. Of the
God a singular gift of eloquence, turned Bardaisan's own weapon
errors, which by their sweet melodies became popular and enticed
Ephrem then made his dwelling in Edessa, where he found many
in which Julian the Apostate was slain in his war against the
James, Bishop of Nisibis. Ephraim lived in Nisibis, practicing a
Saint Ephraim was born in Nisibis of Mesopotamia some time
Through the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have
Our Devout Mother Grace (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):
Hymn of the Holy Cross (2000 Kýrie, First Mode):
Prayer of Repentance written by St. Isaac the Syrian
A Prayer of Repentance written by St. Isaac the Syrian commemorated today: "At the door of Your compassion do I
prayer requests, contact Fr. Theodore directly at frtheodore@holycrossga.org.
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