**HOLY CROSS**
**GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**
Sunday, February 4, 2024

15th Sunday of Matthew
St. Isidore of Pelusium / Godparent Sunday
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Second (Mark 16:1-8)
Mode of the Week: Second / Δεύτερος

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**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!**

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Brethren, it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (22:35-46)

At that time, a lawyer asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ‘You are my Lord, say David, Χριστός, τοῦ τοιούτου τοῦ Κυρίου μου’?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

• Our Devout Father Isidore of Pelusium (+440)
• Martyr Abramius, Bishop of Arbeil

This Saint was from Alexandria and was a disciple of Saint Theodosius the Studite (+868). He was from Alexandria and was a disciple of Saint Theodosius the Studite (+868). He was appointed as his deputy by the local religious authorities. During the imprisonment of Bishop Ioannis of Arbela, he wrote many epistles replete with divine grace, wisdom, and much 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):

• Hymn of the Meeting of the Lord (Χαίρε κυρίων, First Mode): Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Hymn of the Resurrection. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 212)

• Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Ο ράφως το τάφος, Second Mode): When you descended unto Death, O Lord, who are Immortal, Life put Hades to death, by the lighting of Your Divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ, Giver of life, glory to You!” (Sung after the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 102)

• Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσαν Κύριε, First Mode): Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your Holy Church. We pray before Your throne, O Lord, that You may delivere us from evil who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

• The Kontakion of the Meeting of the Lord (Ο μήτρα, First Mode): You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon. When You came, and You were presented, O Christ our God. Now we pray, You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord. (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 250)

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Prayers for expecting mothers:

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Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

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