

Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY SERVICES

(For services during the week, please visit our webpage)

Orthros	9:15am
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
Coffee Fellowship	12:00pm/ following Liturgy

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Fr. Theodore Ehmer
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PARISH COUNCIL

Natalia Saratsiotis, President
Jim Lekas, Vice-President
Sarah Drakopoulos, Secretary
Melanie Moye, Assistant Secretary
John Apostolou, Treasurer
Maria Spicer, Assistant Treasurer
Gray Yates, Member-at-Large

Father Theodore's Message

Before reflecting on these upcoming months, I want to thank everyone who offers their time, talent, and treasure to the support, strengthening, and flourishing of our Holy Cross Church. As members of the body of Christ, it is essential that all of work together, support one another, and love one another. I encourage us to always be reflecting upon that, especially as we enter this upcoming Lenten season!

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the springtime months of March, April, and May, we see rapidly approaching on the horizon the blessed season of Great and Holy Lent. For those of the western Christian traditions that commemorate Lent, this began for them on February 14. For us Orthodox Christians, following the ancient liturgical calendar, we begin Great Lent with Clean Monday, this year on Monday, March 18. There is a prayer in particular that we pray during Great Lent that many of us are familiar with. This prayer is attributed to St. Ephrem the Syrian and is as follows: "O Lord and Master of my life, do not permit the spirit of laziness and meddling, the lust for power and idle talk to come into me. Instead, grant me, Your servant, the spirit of prudence, humility, patience and love. Yes, Lord and King, give me the power to see my own faults and not to judge my brother. For You are blessed unto the ages of ages. Amen."



We will first pray that prayer at the Great Compline the evening of Monday, March 18, the first day of Great Lent and I encourage you to attend that service if you can! This Lenten prayer of St. Ephrem is only prayed during weekday services, thus, if we are only present on Sunday Divine Liturgies, we won't hear this prayer liturgically. However, that does not mean that this important Lenten prayer should not be a part of our lives. I remember when I first moved to Georgia when Presvytera Stacey and I were dating many moons ago. When I arrived with the moving truck, the very first stop was to her parents' home in Marietta. It was February; thus, it was sometime right around the beginning of Lent. One thing I tend to notice in a house are the things on the refrigerator; many people put pictures, notes, magnets, and other interesting momentos there. It is a bit of a reflection of the things that are important to them. One thing I very clearly remember on my future in-law's refrigerator was a piece of paper with the Prayer of St. Ephrem on it, hanging there front and center with a magnet. Now, at this time, I was not an Orthodox Christian or even a catechumen (yet!) - but for some reason this prayer caught my attention for multiple reasons, especially the content of the prayer and the placement of the prayer in such a prominent place. I also like to think that maybe it served as a nice reminder that it was Lent as one was about to approach the refrigerator and find something extra tasty (i.e. non-fasting) inside! Kidding aside, this prayer made an impression on me and it did so by its being present in such a prominent place. If one had their eyes open, truly paying attention, it would be impossible to not meditate upon the holy words of this timeless prayer. This can and should be the case for all of us.

Even if we aren't able to attend Great Compline, the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, or other weekday Lenten services, this prayer should be prominent in our lives, especially during Great Lent. Perhaps it might mean taping it onto the front of the refrigerator, on the mirror in the bathroom, or faithfully praying it with our morning and evening prayers. Maybe it could be a goal to memorize it and pray as a family or with your children? Wherever it may be- the repetition of this prayer during the holy days of Great Lent serves to commune with our God in prayer, to entreat Him for the fruitful things spoken of in the Prayer of St. Ephrem, and to instruct us on how we should live our lives as Orthodox Christians in a way that is beneficial unto our salvation. We hear the petition often Εὐλογητός εἶ, Κύριε, διδάξόν με τα δικαιώματά σου. Blessed are you O Lord, teach me your statutes/commandments/rules of life.

This is one of the most important aspects of prayer - to instruct us in those things we should be praying for, in the way for us to live as Orthodox Christians, as people walking and being shaped in the Way. The faithful prayerful repetition of the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem from day to day assists us in that. We as people of the 21st century are so accustomed to immediacy, automation and efficiency in our day to day lives. Immediate food delivery, ChatGPT, Wikipedia, Google Translate, one could go on and on. This is not the reality of the growth in Christ, however. It takes patience and endurance- as Jesus said, with "endurance/patience, you will gain your lives." (Luke 21:19) Faithfully praying the holy words, being instructed and molded by these holy words, fruit will be born - it may not be tomorrow, or the next day, but it will come. I pray that we all have a good, blessed, holy, and fruitful Lenten season. Καλή Σαρακοστή, a good 40 days to us all!

With love in Christ's Service,



Fr. Theodore



Fr. Theodore was the guest speaker at the Western Conference Philoptochos Tea at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Mobile, Alabama. We thank Father Matthew and Presvytera Emily Carter and Sarah Kalaris, Philoptochos President, for their generous hospitality during their visit.



Father Theodore presented the Archangel Michael recipients with their medals. Congratulations to Jim Lekas and Gray Yates! We are so proud of the work you do for Holy Cross. AXIOI!



Schylar Johnson and Malachi Burden were blessed as they officially became Catechumens. May the Lord bless their path to His Holy Orthodox Church!



Father Theodore with the newly elected 2024 Parish Council members

(From left):

Sarah Drakopoulos, Maria Spicer, Gray Yates, Melanie Moye, John Apostolou, Natalia Saratsiotis, and Jim Lekas.

A Note from the Parish Council President

Natalia Saratsiotis, President | natalia.saratsiotis@gmail.com

Fr. Theodore and Fellow Parishioners,

I am honored to be your Parish Council President once again, and I hope and pray that I continue to put Holy Cross first above everything else. Thank you to both Charles Glotzbach and Maria McCluskey for the time they served on the Parish Council. Even though you are off the council, we know that you will still be involved in many other things here at Holy Cross. I sincerely appreciate John Apostolou, Sarah Drakopoulos and Gray Yates for their continuing service to be on the Parish Council. I am excited that Jim Lekas and Maria Spicer have decided to come back and serve on the Parish Council as well. All of us together are destined to do great things for Holy Cross with the grace of God.

We have many wonderful opportunities at church where you can serve and use your talents. Whether you are new to Holy Cross or you have been here for years, there is a place for you. For those of you who are new to Holy Cross and may need some guidance, please do not hesitate to call me. I am more than happy to help you find "your fit" here at Holy Cross.

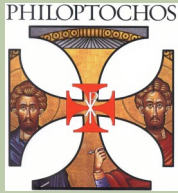
Are you interested in learning how to make prosforo? This is one way you can give your talents to the church. With the help of my mother, I would like to offer a class on how to make prosforo. This is a beautiful gift you can offer to the church. We invite everyone to come! Please let me know if you are interested. I am not sure of the date; however, once I know who is interested, we can come up with something.

Great Lent starts March 18th this year. There are many incredible ways to get involved during this time. I have emailed a list to all the parishioners with all the different ways they can assist during Great Lent. The list varies from decorating the icon with flowers, preparing Lenten meals, being a reader during the services and more. If you don't feel like you can do it alone, ask a friend and do it together! If you are unsure about what each item entails, contact me and I will be happy to explain. Also, during this time, Father Theodore will have many opportunities to attend services throughout Great Lent and Holy Week. Take advantage of these services that are listed on the last three calendar pages of the Quarterly Bulletin. Did you know that you can always go online to view our calendar: www.holycrossga.org?

I don't have the words to express my gratitude to Father Theodore, Presvytera Stacey and their two precious boys for all they have done to help grow Holy Cross into the parish that we have become. The countless hours that Father Theodore puts into having services for us, administering confessions, blessing our homes, teaching classes on Orthodoxy and much more are immeasurable. Please be respectful of his time off with family, as well as his office days. We know that emergencies can arise; however, if possible, please kindly schedule appointments in advance, during office days if possible, so he can plan accordingly. Holy Cross is blessed to have Father Theodore for his spiritual guidance to our Parish Council, to the members of Holy Cross and to those seeking Orthodoxy in their lives.

I pray that Great Lent and Holy Week will be a time of spiritual growth for us and our community, and that everyone has a joyous Pascha!

In Christ's love,
Natalia Saratsiotis



Our Mission:

To promote charitable, benevolent and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

Dear Holy Cross,
It is my pleasure to serve this next year as president. I wish to thank Sarah who previously led us as president with such dedication and everyone who supported her efforts. I also look forward to working with all of you providing your dedication and input towards continuing our missions.

Your Sister in Christ,
Cleo Bennette

As we approach Great Lent, we would like to encourage all of our members to give their time and talents to help with the preparations for Holy Week and Pascha.

We also would like to invite all eligible parishioners to join Philoptochos! Don't forget to send in your 2024 membership dues!

We continued the celebration of the New Year and St. Basil, celebrated on Jan. 1st, with the traditional blessing and cutting of the Vasilopita! Axios (worthy!) to everyone, who received the extra blessing of finding the coin! Thank you to everyone who baked a Vasilopita and to all of the leaders of the various ministries we enjoy at Holy Cross; everyone's involvement is crucial in the functioning of our Holy Cross family!



National Wear Red Sunday

February is American Heart Health month and Philoptochos members and parishioners participated in "Go Red For Women" to help raise awareness for the No.1 cause of death for women: cardiovascular disease. In efforts to support heart health, some parishioners signed up for the Cantrell Center 5k on



2024-2025 Philoptochos Board

- President: Cleo Bennette
- 1st VP: Helen Vardy
- 2nd VP: Emily Dermatas
- Treasurer: Maria Bronisevsky
- Secretary: Beth Zoumberis
- Member at Large: Denna Bradford
- Advisor: Sarah Drakopoulos

Youth

Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf
Youth Ministry Directors
schwartzecn@yahoo.com

Hello Holy Cross Families,

Come join us for our upcoming activities!

Saturday, March 16: Baking Basics with Joanna!

After the Saturday of Souls Service, Parish House

Sunday, April 21: Strawberry Picking at Elliot Farms after Greek School.

4761 Holley Road, Lizella Georgia

Sunday, May 19: Family Hike at Dauset Trails or High Falls and last day of Sunday School

Love in Christ, Cheryl and Erick



St. Nicholas Day Festivities at Holy Cross



On January 28, with bellies full of Tacos, the Youth gathered to clean up our neighborhood park, Tattnall Square, and then hustled on the soccer field.



Sunday School Happenings!



The Macon Rocks outing was such a fun activity! ➡



Holy Cross Bible Study all are welcome!



The Greek Dance group held a Taco Bar fundraiser for traditional costumes that was a great success! Thank you everyone who donated and helped us with the event!

Godparent Sunday

On the Sunday after the Great Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, we honor the special relationship we have with our Godfamily.



Holy Cross Nativity Pageant 2023





20's/30's
Interested in organizing an outing, contact Christina Danforth



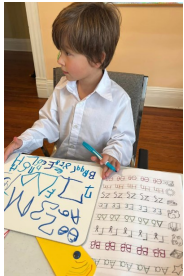
40's/50's
Interested in organizing an outing, contact David or Beth Zoumberis



The Young Adult Ministry enjoyed an evening filled with a house blessing and a potluck supper at Christina's home.



The Not-So-Young Adult Ministry enjoyed board games after church!



We are pleased with the progress our Greek School students have made. We will showcase the youth with a Greek Independence Day Celebration on 3/24. They will present traditional poems, tributes and costumes. Don't forget to attend Greek School with Δασκάλα Μαρία!















A beautiful day at the Cantrell Center 5K Run and Walk on February 24th!

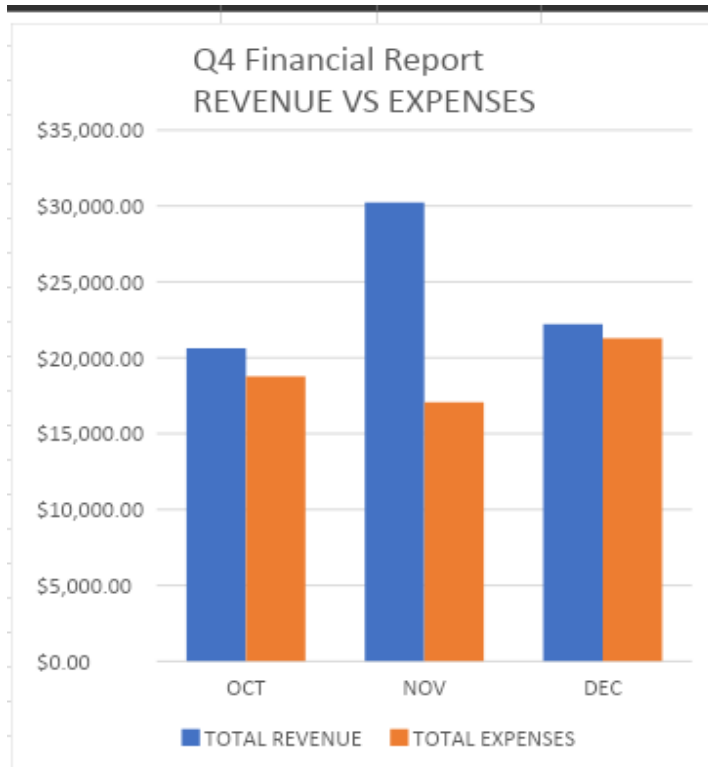


OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2024

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 25th	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week MARCH 3rd	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare MARCH 10th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 17th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 24th	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 31st	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent APRIL 7th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 14th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 21st	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 28th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY MAY 3rd	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! MAY 5th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

QUARTER 4 FINANCIAL REPORT



	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 20,629.65	\$ 30,242.22	\$ 22,200.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 18,767.80	\$ 17,078.13	\$ 21,292.74
NET/DEFICIT	\$ 1,861.85	\$ 13,164.09	\$ 907.72

Thank you for all your contributions and continued support toward the growth and future of our Parish!

Please visit our web page at:
www.holycrossga.org

The Offering link will give you all the options available for any financial giving.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

CLEO BENNETTE, EMILY DERMATAS, ROZA HARRIS, CRISTINA LEKAS,
KATHYE PATRAS, CHERYL STEFANIS & KIKI VASIOPOULOS

In 2015, we launched Project Agape Phase I: Church Furnishings, Project Agape Phase II: Iconostasis/ icons and Flooring (2018) and Project Agape Phase III: Church Lighting (2019).

With God's grace and love, we are now preparing to launch Project Agape Phase IV: Iconography (Spring 2024). More details will follow. What an exciting time for Holy Cross!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

4TH QUARTER

TASSIE CANTRELL, SPYROS DERMATAS, CHARLES GLOTZBACH & BETH ZUMBERIS

Stewardship : 2023

For the year ending 2023 our Holy Cross Parish is blessed with 96 families in good standing. Of these, we had the following contributing:

Committed Stewards for 2023: **45 Family Units**

Additional Contributing Stewards for 2023: **41 Family Units**

Stewardship : 2024

So Far for the 1st QTR of 2024:

Committed Stewards in the First Qtr of 2024: **35 Family Units**

Additional Contributing Stewards: **31 Family Units**

Stewardship is a big part of our personal Christian journey. We want to thank those who have already sent in their Stewardship Commitment Trifold and are dedicated to seeing Holy Cross continue to meet its financial obligations and continue the mission of doing God's work and helping those in need. In many ways, it is also an expression of the deep appreciation and love we have for Fr. Theodore and all the good works and progress Holy Cross is making.

If you are not certain whether you have sent in your Stewardship Commitment Trifold for 2024, **please** check and see and submit it as soon as possible. This is fundamental to be able to plan and meet our missions for the year.

If you have any questions re: stewardship commitment, please feel free to ask anyone on the Stewardship Committee. You may also, always talk with Theodore. Stewardship is a significant way of putting your Faith into Action and part of your spiritual journey. Do it with love and a cheerful heart! God Bless You!

Online Giving is available through **Venmo: @HolyCrossMacon** and/or **CashApp: \$HolyCrossMacon**

BUILDING COMMITTEE

JIM LEKAS, ALEX SARATSIOTIS, DAVID ZUMBERIS

1: We received quotes and the trees and bricks have been removed in the courtyard area and along the cement wall in the grassy area by the back building. This should enhance the beauty of the grounds. The council has voted and approved this project which is taking place now.

2: We are awaiting quotes for the paint chipping and peeling on the South inside wall of the church that could be due to condensation buildup within the wall itself. Thanks to everyone involved and their feedback and thanks be to God for our beautiful church!



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE
MARCH 29 & MAY 28, 2024
3PM—7PM | PARISH HOUSE
Give Blood • Give Life



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QR CODE TO
SCHEDULE YOUR
APPOINTMENT
TODAY!
PLEASE CONSIDER
SIGNING UP AND
DONATING BLOOD!

PC ON DUTY, EPISTLE READERS & FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

DATE	PC MEMBER ON DUTY	GREEK READER	ENGLISH READER	FELLOWSHIP HOST
March 3	John Apostolou	Kostas Iakovidis	René Esquivel	Rodica Cazacu
March 10	Maria Spicer	Aleca Hortman	Beth Zoumberis	Helen Vardy
March 17	Sarah Drakopoulos	George Saratsiotis	Isabelle Saratsiotis	Tassie Cantrell
March 24	Melanie Moye	Pete Tsamolias	Bryan Gordy	Maria Mahoney
March 31	Gray Yates	Kostas Iakovidis	Nadia Cazacu	Presvytera Stacey Ehmer
April 7	Natalia Saratsiotis	Aleca Hortman	Mike Cantrell	Philoptochos Lenton Luncheon
April 14	Jim Lekas	George Saratsiotis	Richard Stewart	Toula Tsamolias
April 21	John Apostolou	Pete Tsamolias	Cheryl Schwartzkopf	Katerina Iakovidis
April 28	Maria Spicer	Kostas Iakovidis	Charles Glotzbach	Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon
May 5	Sarah Drakopoulos	Aleca Hortman	Diana Cazacu	Parish Council Pascha Luncheon
May 12	Melanie Moye	George Saratsiotis	Panos Drakopoulos	Maria Bronisevsky
May 19	Gray Yates	Pete Tsamolias	Cleo Bennette	Sarah Drakopoulos
May 26	Natalia Saratsiotis	Kostas Iakovodis	Sarah Drakopoulos	Maria McCluskey

BIRTHDAYS, NAME DAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you would like your birthday, Name Day, and/or anniversary listed in our weekly bulletins or if there is a correction that needs to be made, please email the office and we will add it to our master list. Please email office@holycrossga.org for any corrections.

March

3.02 *Chad Ridley (N)
 3.10 *Andrew Adams (B)
 3.11 *Steve Douglas (B)
 3.13 *Anne Gordy (B)
 3.14 *Chloe Goss (B)
 3.17 *Norman Adams (B)
 *Alexa Economopoulos (N)
 *Alexia Passias (N)
 3.19 *Paige Crouse (B)
 3.20 *Henry Gordy (N)
 3.21 *Pete Nicholas (B)
 3.23 *Mary Hornbaker (B)
 *Theo Drakopoulos (N)
 3.26 *Charles Glotzbach (B)
 *Katerina Iakovidis (B)
 3.28 *Mary Katherine Saratsiotis (B)
 *David Needham (B)
 3.30 *Mikey Cantrell (B)
 *Lucas Lekas (B)
 *Peter Tsamolias (B)
 *Joan Cabral (B)

*Antigone Mihalakis (B)
 *Sofia Danforth (B)
 *Christine Sprouse (B)
 4.24 *Beth Zoumberis (N)
 *Caroline Elizabeth Saratsiotis (N)
 *Elizabeth Saratsiotis (N)
 *Tony Bennette (B)
 *Maggie Elizabeth Bennette (N)
 4.25 *Maria and Greg Spicer (A)
 *Elizabeth Saratsiotis (B)
 4.26 *Nadia-Gabriela Cazacu (B)
 *Tony Kallergis (B)
 4.29 *George Lane (B)
 *Eleni Saratsiotis (B)
 *Maria Murphy (B)
 *Wyatt Jason Morris (N)
 4.30 *Despina Passias (B)
 *Mina Stewart (N)

*George Stefanis (N)
 *Georgios Tarasidis (N)
 *George Benjamin Davis (N)
 *George Iakovidis (N)
 *Tennessee George Morris (N)
 *Norberto Hernandez (N)
 *George Gordy (N)
 5.08 *Alyssa Syribeys (B)
 5.10 *Rebekah Bradford (B)
 *Marianna and Justin Lane (A)
 *Amanda Isidora Smith (N)
 5.12 *Katina Cacavias (B)
 *Tom Zdrakas (N)
 5.14 *Jennifer Kangas (B)
 5.19 *David Lee Bradford (B)
 5.21 *Denna Bradford (N)
 *Eleni Adams (N)
 *Eleni Dermatas (N)
 *Eleni Saratsiotis (N)
 *Kostas Iakovidis (N)
 *Helen Vardy (N)
 *Peyton Constantine Ward (N, B)
 5.22 *Ana-Maria Filimon (B)
 *Steve & Cyndi Douglas (A)
 5.23 *David Zoumberis (B)
 5.26 *Cleo and Tony Bennette (A)
 *Erzebet Santon (B)
 *Emmy Young (B)
 5.27 *Steve Bede Douglas (N)
 5.28 *Brad Perry (N)
 5.29 *Nick Dermatas (B)
 5.30 *Bessie Andros (B)
 *Emmy Emmelia Young (N)

May

5.01 *Taylor Zoumberis (B)
 5.03 *Tennessee Morris (B)
 *Dragos Filimon (B)
 *Mary Klaire Zoumberis (B)
 5.04 *Sarah Drakopoulos (B)
 *Maria Mahoney (B)
 5.05 *Theo Drakopoulos (B)
 *Stacey Goss (N)
 *Chloe Goss (N)
 *Tassie Cantrell (N)
 5.06 *Beth and David Zoumberis (A)
 *Paul Vrahiotes (B)
 *Georgia Karras (N)
 *George Drakopoulos (N)
 *Richard George Stewart (N)
 *George Saratsiotis (N)
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 *George Lane (N)
 *George Cazacu (N)

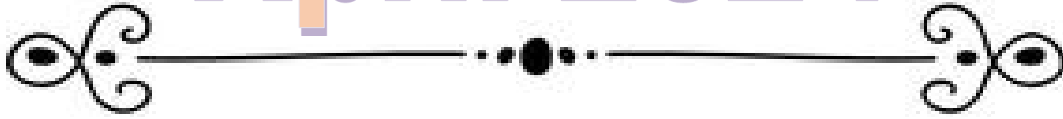
April

4.04 *Eleni Dermatas Evans (B)
 *Cheryl Stefanis (B)
 4.06 *Aleca Hortman (B)
 *Stephanie Lord (B)
 4.08 *John Santon (B)
 4.10 *Jim Lekas (N)
 4.11 *Effie Morris (B)
 4.12 *Christine Nicholas (B)
 4.13 *Betty & Spencer Maxwell (A)
 4.15 *Leo Economopoulos (N)
 4.16 *Mary Monika Robinson (B)
 4.17 *Tim Murphy (B)
 4.18 *Cornelius Chiorescu (B)
 4.19 *Georgia Karras (B)
 4.21 *Mina Stewart (B)

March 2024

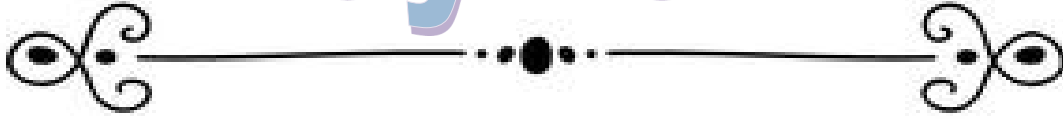
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3 Sunday of the Prodigal Son 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School/Greek Dance	4	5	6 6:30pm Choir Practice	7	8	9 Saturday of Souls 8:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service 11:00am-7:00pm Spring Fling
10 Judgment Sunday Daylight Saving Time 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship 12:30pm General Assembly 12:45pm Youth Greek School	11	12 Philoptochos Pre- Lenten Social Gathering. 6pm	13 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class 7:30 pm Choir Practice	14	15 6:30 Parishioner Movie & Pizza Night	16 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service 11:30 am Youth Event: Baking with Joanna
17 Forgiveness Sunday St. Alexios - Our Bishop's Name Day 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship 1:00pm Forgiveness Vespers	18 Start of Great Lent 6:00pm Great Compline	19 Parish Council Meeting 6:30 pm	20 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion	21	22 6:00pm 1st Salutations to the Theotokos	23 Saturday of Souls 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service
24 Sunday of Orthodoxy 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Greek School Presentation 12:30pm Fellowship 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible	25 Greek Independence Day Annunciation of the Theotokos 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy And Doxology	26 6:00pm Great Compline	27 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion 7:30 pm Choir Practice	28	29 3:00-7:00pm Blood Drive 6:00pm 2nd Salutations to the Theotokos	30 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
31 Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School/ Greek Dance		Fasting Guide as prescribed by the Church:	<i>This color denotes a Strict Fast Day (basically, vegan/dry eating)</i>	<i>This color denotes an Oil +Wine permissible Fasting day, yet still vegan</i>	<i>This color denotes a Fish permissible Fasting Day, but without meat and dairy products</i>	<i>This color denotes a Cheese permissible Fasting Day, but without meat products</i>

April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00pm Great Compline	3 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion	4	5 6:00pm 3rd Salutations to the Theotokos	6 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
7 Sunday of the Holy Cross 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Philoptochos Lenten Luncheon 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible Study 5:00pm Pan-Orthodox Vespers and Lenten Meal	8	9 6:00pm Great Compline	10 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion	11	12 6:00pm 4th Salutations to the Theotokos	13 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
14 Sunday of St. John Climacus 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm St. John Oratorical Festival 12:45pm Fellowship 1:30pm Adult Greek School/Greek Dance	15	16	17 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion	18 The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete 5:00pm Orthros & Great Canon	19 6:00pm Akathist Hymn	20 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
21 Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship 12:30pm Usher Meeting with Parish Council 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible Study 2:00 pm Youth Event	22	23 St. George (commemorated Bright Monday) 6:00pm Great Compline	24 5:45pm 9th Hour & Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7:00pm Light Lenten Meal & Spiritual Book Discussion	25 Mark the Apostle and Evangelist	26	27 Lazarus Saturday 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm-3:00pm Youth Retreat with Lenten Pancakes 3:00pm Great Vespers
28 Palm Sunday 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Palm Sunday Luncheon 12:45pm Adult Greek School/Greek Dance 7:00pm Bridegroom Service	29 Holy Monday 7:00pm Bridegroom Service	30 Holy Tuesday 7:00pm Bridegroom Service				
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			1 Holy Wednesday 9:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:00pm Orthros of Holy Thursday & Holy Unction	2 Holy Thursday 9:30am Vespers Liturgy 6:00pm 12 Gospels—Passion Service	3 Holy Friday 9:30am Royal Hours 3:00pm Apokathilosis 7:00pm Epitaphios Service	4 Holy Saturday 9:30am Vespers Liturgy 11:00pm Anastasi – Resurrection Service
5 Great and Holy PASCHA 12:00pm Agape Vespers 1:00pm Pascha Picnic	6 Bright Monday St. George 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	7	8 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	9	10 Life-Giving Font of the Theotokos <div style="background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> St. Photios / OCMC (St. Augustine) </div>	11
12 Thomas Sunday Mother's Day 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School/Youth Greek Dance	13	14	15 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	16	17	18 4:00pm Chant Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
19 Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy/ Sunday School (Last Day) 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible 2:00pm: Youth Event	20	21 Sts. Constantine & Helen 9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy	22 5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class	23	24	25
26 Sunday of the Paralytic 9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Fellowship 12:45pm Adult Greek School/Greek Dance	27 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	28 3:00-7:00pm Blood Drive 6:00pm Great Vespers	29 Mid-Pentecost 4:30pm Orthros 5:30pm Divine Liturgy 6:30pm Adult Study Class	30	31	
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