



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, June 30, 2024

Sunday of All Saints

Synaxis of the 12 Holy Apostles

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: First (Matthew 28:16-20)

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, June 30</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of All Saints and the Synaxis of the Twelve Apostles Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House Bible Study 12:45pm
<i>Thursday, July 4</i>	Independence Day—Office Closed
<i>Sunday, July 7</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Matthew 40-day Memorial for Vassilios Troupos at the end of the Liturgy Doxology for Independence Day at the end of the Liturgy Coffee and Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Tuesday, July 9</i>	6:00pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Thursday, July 11</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Paisios the Athonite 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Friday, July 12</i>	4:00pm Rescheduled Youth Rigby's Outing (until 6:00pm)
<i>Saturday, July 13</i>	3:30pm Catechumen Class (Orthodoxy 201) in the Library/on Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers 6:30pm Philoptochos Social Gathering (at the McCluskey Household)
<i>Sunday, July 14</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Wednesday, July 17</i>	5:00pm Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Marina the Great Martyr 6:30pm Byzantine Chant Class (in the Chapel)
<i>Thursday, July 18</i>	5:30pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Friday, July 19</i>	8:00am Festival Prep: Pastitsio
<i>Saturday, July 20</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Prophet Elijah 11:30am Youth Baking with Joanna
<i>Sunday, July 21</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Matthew Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:30pm Festival Chairman Meeting in the Parish House 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (7/7) Aleca Hortman, Beth Zoumberis; (7/14) George Saratsiotis, Richard Stewart  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (7/7) Gray Yates; (7/14) Natalia Saratsiotis; (7/21) Jim Lekas; (7/28) John A.  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (7/7) John A., James S.; (7/10) David Z.; (7/13) Norm+Eleni A.; (7/14) Erick+Cheryl S.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (7/14) David Z.; (7/20) David N.; (7/21) Cristina L.; (7/25) Joanna P.  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (7/7) Helen Troupos/Memorial; (7/14) Georgia Saratsiotis; (7/21) Patsy Zoumberis

### 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

Θαυμαστός ὁ Θεὸς ἐν τοῖς ἁγίοις αὐτοῦ.  
Στίχ. Ἐν ἐκκλησίαις εὐλογεῖτε τὸν Θεόν.

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Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, οἱ ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων· ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοῦ νεκροῦ αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμpanίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον, περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι, ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος, ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσι καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ Θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσι. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἀμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

God is wondrous in His saints.  
Verse: Bless God in the churches.  
(Psalm 67)

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The reading is from Paul's Letter to the  
Hebrews. (11:33-40, 12:1-2)

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Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (9:36, 10:1-8)

Sunday of All Saints/Synaxis of the Apostles

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἰδὼν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς ὄχλους ἐσπλαγχνίσθη περὶ αὐτῶν, ὅτι ἦσαν ἐκλελυμένοι καὶ ἐρριμμένοι ὡς πρόβατα μὴ ἔχοντα ποιμένα. τότε λέγει τοῖς μαθηταῖς αὐτοῦ· ὁ μὲν θερισμὸς πολὺς, οἱ δὲ ἐργάται ὀλίγοι. δεήθητε οὖν τοῦ κυρίου τοῦ θερισμοῦ ὅπως ἐκβάλῃ ἐργάτας εἰς τὸν θερισμὸν αὐτοῦ. Καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος τοὺς δώδεκα μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἔδωκεν αὐτοῖς ἐξουσίαν πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων ὥστε ἐκβάλλειν αὐτὰ καὶ θεραπεύειν πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν. Τῶν δὲ δώδεκα ἀποστόλων τὰ ὀνόματά εἰσι ταῦτα· πρῶτος Σίμων ὁ λεγόμενος Πέτρος καὶ Ἀνδρέας ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ, Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννης ὁ ἀδελφὸς αὐτοῦ, Φίλιππος καὶ Βαρθολομαῖος, Θωμᾶς καὶ Ματθαῖος ὁ τελώνης, Ἰάκωβος ὁ τοῦ Ἀλφαιίου καὶ Λεββαῖος ὁ ἐπικληθεὶς Θαδδαῖος, Σίμων ὁ Κανανίτης καὶ Ἰούδας ὁ Ἰσκαριώτης ὁ καὶ παραδοὺς αὐτόν. Τούτους τοὺς δώδεκα ἀπέστειλεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς παραγγείλας αὐτοῖς λέγων· εἰς ὁδὸν ἐθνῶν μὴ ἀπέλθητε καὶ εἰς πόλιν Σαμαρειτῶν μὴ εἰσέλθητε· πορεύεσθε δὲ μᾶλλον πρὸς τὰ πρόβατα τὰ ἀπολωλότα οἴκου Ἰσραὴλ. πορευόμενοι δὲ κηρύσσετε λέγοντες ὅτι ἤγγικεν ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν. ἀσθενοῦντας θεραπεύετε, λεπροὺς καθαρίζετε, νεκροὺς ἐγείρετε, δαιμόνια ἐκβάλλετε· δωρεὰν ἐλάβετε, δωρεὰν δότε.

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus called Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

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### Bulletin for the week of June 30, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl & Erick Schwartzkopf

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

Epistle Readers: Pete Tsamolias (Greek); Nadia Cazacu (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): James Scarborough

PC Member On-Duty: Melanie Moye



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Sunday of All Saints

Honoring the friends of God with much reverence, the Prophet-King David says, "But to me, exceedingly honorable are Thy friends, O Lord" (Ps. 138:16). And the divine Apostle, recounting the achievements of the Saints, and setting forth their memorial as an example that we might turn away from earthly things and from sin, and emulate their patience and courage in the struggles for virtue, says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every burden, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1). This commemoration began as the Sunday (Synaxis) of All Martyrs; to them were added all the ranks of Saints who bore witness (the meaning of "Martyr" in Greek) to Christ in manifold ways, even if occasion did not require the shedding of their blood. Therefore, guided by the teaching of the Divine Scriptures and Apostolic Tradition, we the pious honor all the Saints, the friends of God, for they are keepers of God's commandments, shining examples of virtue, and benefactors of mankind. Of course, we honor the known Saints especially on their own day of the year, as is evident in the Menologion. But since many Saints are unknown, and their number has increased with time, and will continue to increase until the end of time, the Church has appointed that once a year a common commemoration be made of all the Saints. This is the feast that we celebrate today.

+ Synaxis of the Holy, Glorious, and All-Praised Twelve Apostles

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew, the First-called; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who was also the Evangelist and Theologian; Philip, and Bartholomew (see also June 11); Thomas, and Matthew the publican, who was also called Levi and was an Evangelist; James the son of Alphaeus, and Jude (also called Lebbeaus, and surnamed Thaddaeus), the brother of James, the Brother of God; Simon the Cananite ("the Zealot"), and Matthias, who was elected to fill the place of Judas the traitor (see Aug. 9).

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, Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> 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)

- Hymn of the Apostles (Απόστολοι Άγιοι, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mode):

O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

- Hymn of All Saints (Των εν όλω τω κόσμω, 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σώσον Κύριε, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Kontakion of All Saints (Ως απαρχάς της φύσεως, Plagal 4<sup>th</sup> Mode):

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

- Communion Hymn (Αγαλλιάσθε, δικαιοι, εν Κυρίω):

Rejoice greatly in the Lord, O righteous ones; praise is fitting for the upright. Alleluia. (Psalm 32)

## Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

### This Week's Daily

**Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:**

**Sunday, June 30: All Saints/12 Apostles—No Fasting:** Matthew 28:16-20; Hebrews 11:33-40, 12:1-2; Matthew 9:36, 10:1-8

**Monday, July 1—No Fasting:** I Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8

**Tuesday, July 2—No Fasting:** Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 1:39-49, 56

**Wednesday, July 3—Strict Fast:** Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 7:21-23

**Thursday, July 4—No Fasting:** Romans 5:10-16; Matthew 8:23-27

**Friday, July 5—Strict Fast:** Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 11:27-30

**Saturday, July 6—No Fasting:** Romans 3:19-24; Matthew 7:1-8

### Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Stelianos, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

Edward (+May 23), Chantelle (+May 28), Vassilios (+May 29), Despina (+June 9), Evangelia (+June 10), Arthur (+June 20)

### Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julie G., Bobbie I., 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, Jessica, Nate, Schyler, Susan and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

### Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

**St. Silouan the Athonite** on the Holy Saints: "I love them that love me, and glorify them that glorify me." (Proverbs 8:17, I Kings 2:30.) says the Lord of His saints. The lord gave the Holy Spirit to the saints, and they love us in the Holy Spirit. The saints hear our prayers and have the power from God to help us. The entire Christian race knows this."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

All Saints: Isabelle Saratsiotis

**Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**

June 30: Jessica Webb

July 2: Arty Passias

July 3: Emily Dermatas

July 4: Tammy McDowell

### 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:

\* **Bookstore:** The Bookstore is open on Sundays after the Divine Liturgy or by appointment only. If you are interested in making an appointment, please contact Cristina at 478-952-0202.

\* **GREEK DANCE:** practice has begun and will be every other Sunday for the time being as we look ahead to the Festival. Bring comfortable shoes if needed. Opa!

\* **YOUTH:** Please note the two upcoming events in July: Rescheduled outing to Rigby's on Friday, July 12 from 4:00 to 6:00pm. Youth Cooking with Joanna in the Parish House on Saturday, July 20 at 11:30am/after the Divine Liturgy. Don't miss out!

\* The next meeting of the **Catechumen/Orthodoxy 201 Class** will take place on Saturday, July 13 from 3:30 to 4:45pm in the Library/on Zoom. Contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

\* **Byzantine Chant Class** will not be meeting this week—next class will be on Thursday, July 11.

\* **Cross Dive Meeting** will be taking place on Tuesday, July 9 at 6:00pm in the Parish House and/or Zoom. If you are interested in serving on the committee for the Third Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive, please plan on attending!

\* Interested in learning **How to Prepare Prosfora?** Please contact Natalia (478.951.3990) and let her know you are interested. We are looking at a Saturday in July that works for most!

\* **FESTIVAL INFO: Sponsorship Program** has been emailed. The deadline for this is August 15th. Please share with your family and friends as well as Business Friends. Festival **Prep** planning has begun. We will be prepping Pastitsio on Friday, July 19th. There will be a **Chairman Committee Meeting** on Sunday, July 21st following Divine Liturgy in the big room in the Parish House. Please let Natalia know if you are able to help for Pastitsio and/or attend the Chairman Planning Committee. Other dates to mark on your calendar: Spanakopita Prep (Aug. 10) and Dolmades Prep (Sept 21). Also, coming soon...Sponsorship Sales...be on the lookout!

\* **PHILOPTOCHOS:** Save the Date for our Summer Social Gathering! Saturday 7/13, 6:30pm at Maria McCluskey's home. More info coming soon!

\* **Bible Study** continues today at 12:45 in the Parish House with the Book of Romans, chapter 8!

\* **Fr. Theodore will be out of town during this week (Monday through Saturday). If you have an emergency, please let him know by cell phone at 770-256-0290 in order to arrange for pastoral care.**