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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 11, 2024

7th Sunday of Matthew

After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Seventh (John 20:1-10)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, August 11</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 7 th Sunday of Matthew Coffee and Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Monday, August 12</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis
<i>Tuesday, August 13</i>	5:00pm Great Paraklesis
<i>Wednesday, August 14</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers and Lamentations for the Dormition of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary
<i>Thursday, August 15</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos
<i>Saturday, August 17</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, August 18</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 8 th Sunday of Matthew 50 Year Memorial for Nick Dermatas, father of Spyros, at the end of the Divine Liturgy Artoklasia honoring the visit of the Panagia Prousiotissa icon Panagiri in the House/Courtyard following the Divine Liturgy
<i>Wednesday, August 21</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Thursday, August 22</i>	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Friday, August 23</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of Panagia Prousiotissa (the name day of the Chapel)
<i>Saturday, August 24</i>	3:30pm Orthodoxy 201/Catechumen Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, August 25</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9 th Sunday of Matthew Sunday School for the Youth begins after Holy Communion Blessing of Fanouropitas at the end of the Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Monday, August 26</i>	6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of Sts. Adrian and Natalia
<i>Wednesday, August 28</i>	5:00pm Orthros 6:00pm Divine Liturgy on the eve of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
Upcoming Epistle Readers: (8/18) Pete Tsamolias, Cleo Bennette; (8/25) Kostas Iakovidis, Sarah Drakopoulos	
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (8/18) Melanie Moye; (8/25) Gray Yates; (9/1) Maria Spicer; (9/8) Jim Lekas	
Upcoming Ushers: (8/12+13) OPEN; (8/14) Cristina; (8/15) Norm+Eleni, James S; (8/17) Charles; (8/18) Erick+Cheryl	
Upcoming Video Operators: (8/18) Natalia S.; (8/25) Gray Y., David N.; (8/28) David Z.; (9/1) Gray Y./David N.	
Fellowship Hosts: (8/18) Philoptochos; (8/25) Beth Zoumberis; (9/1) OPEN; (9/8) Parish Council; (9/15) Cross Dive	

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 offered only to 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

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ
εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι,
ὁ Θεός μου.

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Πρὸς Ρωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν ἡμεῖς οἱ
δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν
ἀδυνάτων βαστάζειν, καὶ μὴ
ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. ἕκαστος ἡμῶν
τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ
ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομήν· καὶ γὰρ ὁ
Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρесе, ἀλλὰ
καθὼς γέγραπται, οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ
τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ’
ἐμέ. ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν
ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν
προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς
καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως τῶν γραφῶν
τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. ὁ δὲ Θεὸς τῆς
ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλήσεως
δώη ὑμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν
ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν,
ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι
δοξάζητε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ
Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ
προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους,
καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο
ὑμᾶς εἰς δόξαν Θεοῦ.

*O Lord, save Your people, and
bless Your inheritance.*

*Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O
my God. (Psalm 27)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter
to the Romans. (15:1-7)*

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Brethren, we who are strong
ought to bear with the failings of
the weak, and not to please
ourselves; let each of us please
his neighbor for his good, to
edify him. For Christ did not
please himself; but, as it is
written, “The reproaches of those
who reproached you fell on me.”
For whatever was written in
former days was written for our
instruction, that by steadfastness
and by the encouragement of the
scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and
encouragement grant you to live
in such harmony with one
another, in accord with Christ
Jesus, that together you may with
one voice glorify the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Welcome one another, therefore,
as Christ has welcomed you, for
the glory of God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (9:27-35)

Seventh Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ παράγοντι τῷ
Ἰησοῦ ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ δύο
τυφλοὶ κράζοντες καὶ λέγοντες·
ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς, υἱὲ Δαυΐδ. ἐλθόντι
δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν προσῆλθον αὐτῷ
οἱ τυφλοὶ, καὶ λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ
Ἰησοῦς· πιστεύετε ὅτι δύναμαι
τοῦτο ποιῆσαι; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· ναί,
Κύριε. τότε ἤψατο τῶν ὀφθαλμῶν
αὐτῶν λέγων· κατὰ τὴν πίστιν ὑμῶν
γενηθήτω ὑμῖν. καὶ ἀνεῴχθησαν
αὐτῶν οἱ ὀφθαλμοί· καὶ
ἐνεβριμήσατο αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς
λέγων· ὁρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω. οἱ
δὲ ἐξελθόντες διεφήμισαν αὐτὸν ἐν
ὅλῃ τῇ γῆ ἐκείνῃ. Αὐτῶν δὲ
ἐξερχομένων ἰδοὺ προσήνεγκαν
αὐτῷ ἄνθρωπον κωφὸν
δαιμονιζόμενον· καὶ ἐκβληθέντος
τοῦ δαιμονίου ἐλάλησεν ὁ κωφός,
καὶ ἐθαύμασαν οἱ ὄχλοι λέγοντες
ὅτι οὐδέποτε ἐφάνη οὕτως ἐν τῷ
Ἰσραήλ. οἱ δὲ Φαρισαῖοι ἔλεγον· ἐν
τῷ ἄρχοντι τῶν δαιμονίων ἐκβάλλει
τὰ δαιμόνια. Καὶ περιῆγεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς
τὰς πόλεις πάσας καὶ τὰς κώμας
διδάσκων ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς
αὐτῶν καὶ κηρύσσων τὸ εὐαγγέλιον
τῆς βασιλείας καὶ θεραπεύων
πᾶσαν νόσον καὶ πᾶσαν μαλακίαν
ἐν τῷ λαῷ.

At that time, as Jesus went on,
two blind men followed him,
crying aloud, “Have mercy on us,
Son of David.” When he entered
the house, the blind men came to
him; and Jesus said to them, “Do
you believe that I am able to do
this?” They said to him, “Yes,
Lord.” Then he touched their
eyes, saying, “According to your
faith be it done to you.” And their
eyes were opened. And Jesus
sternly charged them, “See that
no one knows it.” But they went
away and spread his fame
through all that district. As they
were going away, behold, a dumb
demoniac was brought to him.
And when the demon had been
cast out, the dumb man spoke;
and the crowds marveled, saying,
“Never was anything like this
seen in Israel.” But the Pharisees
said, “He casts out demons by the
prince of demons.” And Jesus
went about all the cities and
villages, teaching in their
synagogues and preaching the
gospel of the kingdom, and
healing every disease and every
infirmity among the people.

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Bulletin for the week of August 11, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Tassie Cantrell, James Scarborough

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

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek); Caroline Saratsiotis (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Presvytera Stacey Ehmer

PC Member On-Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ After-feast of the Transfiguration of Christ

This feast was celebrated on August 6 and the after-feast lasts until August 13.

+ The Holy Great Martyr Euplus the Deacon (+304)

This Martyr was from Sicily and contested during the reign of Diocletian. He presented himself of his own accord to Calvisianus the Governor, who put him to exceedingly harsh torments. As Euplus was on the rack, Calvisianus commanded him to worship Mars, Apollo, and Aesculapius; he answered he worshipped the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For this, he was beheaded.

+ The Holy Martyrs Neophytos, Gaius, Gaianus, Zeno, Mark, and Macarios

+ Our Devout Father Passarion (+428)

+ Our Devout Father Niphon of St. Dionysios Monastery on Mount Athos (+1508)

+ The Miracle of St. Spyridon on Corfu against the Hagarenes (+1716)

St. Spyridon is believed to have saved the island of Corfu (Kerkyra) at the second great siege of Corfu which took place in 1716. At that time the Turkish army and naval force led by the Sultan Achmet III appeared opposite Corfu. On July 8, the Turkish fleet carrying 33,000 men sailed to Corfu and established a beachhead in Ipsos the same day the Venetian fleet encountered the Turkish fleet off the channel of Corfu and defeated it in the ensuing naval battle. On July 19, the Turkish army reached the hills of the town and laid siege to the city. After repeated failed attempts and heavy fighting, the Turks were forced to raise the siege which had lasted 22 days. There were rumors spreading among the Turks that some of their soldiers saw Spyridon as a monk threatening them with a lit torch and that helped increase their panic. This victory over the Ottomans, therefore, was attributed not only to the leadership of Count Schulenburg who commanded the stubborn defense of the island against the Ottomans but also to the miraculous intervention of St. Spyridon.

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):

- *Hymn of the Transfiguration (Μετεμορφώθης εν τω ὄρει, Grave Mode):*

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. Glory to You. (*Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Resurrectional Hymn, Greek text in hymnal pg. 220*)

- *Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Αγγελικαί δυνάμεις, Plagal of the Second Mode):*

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You! (*Sung after the Small Entrance, Greek text in hymnal pg. 118*)

- *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.

- *The Kontakion of the Transfiguration (Επι του ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, Grave Mode):*

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, August 11—Wine+Oil: John 20:1-10; Romans

15:1-7; Matthew 9:27-35

Monday, August 12—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 9:13-18; Matthew 16:1-6

Tuesday, August 13—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 10:5-12; Matthew 16:6-12

Wednesday, August 14—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 10:12-22; Matthew 16:20-24

Thursday, August 15: Dormition of the Theotokos—No Fasting: Luke 1:39-49, 56; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Friday, August 16—Strict Fast: I Timothy 3:13-16, 4:1-5; Luke 9:51-57, 10:22-24, 13:22

Saturday, August 17—No Fasting: Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 12:30-37

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, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Lucas

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Nancy (+July 12), Fotini (+July 25), Matt (+July 28), Bill (+August 6)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Julia E., Bobbie I.

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, Dakota, Hannah, Jessica, Mary Emma, Mary Elizabeth, Nate, Schyler, Sophia, Susan, Tammy and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. John of Damascus on the Dormition or Falling Asleep of the Theotokos which we commemorate this week on August 15: "O what a blessed departure this going to God of thine. If God vouchsafes it to all His servants—and we know that He does – what an immense difference there is between His servants and His Mother. What, then, shall we call this mystery of thine? Death? Thy blessed soul is naturally parted from thy blissful and undefiled body, and the body is delivered to the grave, yet it does not endure in death, nor is it the prey of corruption. The body of her, whose virginity remained unspotted in child-birth, was preserved in its incorruption, and was taken to a better, diviner place, where death is not, but eternal life."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

August 15: Paula Cacavias, Paige Crouse, Panos Drakopoulos, Marianna Filimon, Mary Hornbaker, Marianna Lane, Maria Mahoney, Maria McCluskey, Chloe Morris, Indie Day Morris, Maria Murphy, Lisa Needham, Despina Passias, Mary Katherine Saratsiotis, Marie-Louise Saratsiotis, Maria Spicer, Ron Sprouse, Peter Tsamolias, Mary Klaire Zoumberis

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

August 11: Jim Lekas
August 13: Presvytera Stacey Ehmer
August 15: Marcela Chiorescu
August 16: Lisa Needham
August 17: Sofia Lekas, Nikitis Zoumberis

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

August 12: Marcela and Cornelius Chiorescu

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* The next meeting of the **Catechumen/Orthodoxy 201 Class** will take place on Saturday, August 24 at 3:30pm in the Library with the topic of "The Bible and our approach as Orthodox Christians." Contact Fr. Theodore for more information.

* **FESTIVAL INFO:** Raffle tickets are here, and they are ready to be sold! We are asking each family to sell or purchase a minimum of five books. Contact Natalia to get your raffle tickets today! Sponsorship Program has been emailed. The deadline for this is this week, August 15th. Please share with your family and friends as well as Business Friends. Festival Prep planning has begun. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare Pastitsio. **Committee Chairmen:** Start looking for parishioners to help in your area. If you have any concerns for your area, please contact one of the Festival Chairmen. Other dates to mark on your calendar: Dolmades Prep (Sept 21).

* The Philoptochos invites us to mark your calendar for our **annual Panagiri** next Sunday, August 18. A link to RSVP was sent by email - if you haven't RSVP'd please do immediately! You can also contact Helen Vardy for more details. **Fanouropita:** Sunday, August 25 to assist the Youth Activities of the Metropolis. Please contact Cleo at philoptochos@holycrossga.org or by phone if you are able to make a Fanouropita for that Sunday! *Lastly, the tentative date for the next Philoptochos meeting is Sunday, September 8 after the Divine Liturgy.*

* **The Dormition Fast** continue as we honor the Theotokos. Please see the schedule for the Paraklesis services as we pray for the health and salvation of the faithful. There are forms in the narthex to add names of your loved ones for the physical and spiritual health.

* Please be sure to save the date for the **3rd Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive** on Sunday, September 15. We will begin with Orthros and Liturgy at the Church, celebrate with a Panagiri/Celebration for our Church's Name Day after the service and conclude with the Cross Dive at Lake Tobo. An email has been sent that contains more information and registration/ticket details!