



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, August 25, 2024

9th Sunday of Matthew

Translation of the Relics of St. Bartholomew

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Ninth (John 20:19-31)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Fourth/Πλ. του Τετάρτου

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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 Blessings of the Fanouropitas and of the Five Loaves (Artoklasia) 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
<i>Sunday, September 1</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Ecclesiastical New Year Sunday School for the Youth following Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Greek Dance in the Courtyard
<i>Monday, September 2</i>	Labor Day — Office Closed
<i>Wednesday, September 4</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis
<i>Saturday, September 7</i>	3:30pm Intro to Orthodoxy Class in the Library 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, September 8</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Nativity of the Theotokos 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 Youth Car-Wash Fundraiser 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Monday, September 9</i>	5:30pm Paraklesis to Sts. Joachim and Anna (on their Feast Day)
<i>Wednesday, September 11</i>	5:30pm Vespers for the Leave-taking of the Nativity of the Theotokos 6:30pm Cross Dive Meeting
<i>Friday, September 13</i>	7:00pm Holy Vigil for the Elevation of the Holy Cross (Great Vespers, Orthros with Procession of the Cross, and Divine Liturgy)
<i>Sunday, September 15</i>	8:45am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday after Holy Cross with procession of the Holy Cross Panagiri/Luncheon and Cross Dive after the Liturgy

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (9/1) Kostas Iakovidis, Rene Esquivel; (9/8) George Saratsiotis, Isabelle Saratsiotis
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (9/1) Maria Spicer; (9/8) Jim Lekas; (9/15) John Apostolou; (9/22) Natalia S.
Upcoming Ushers: (8/26+28) James S.; (9/1) Sarah D.; (9/4) Cristina L.; (9/7) OPEN; (9/8) Cleo B., Cristina L.
Upcoming Video Operators: (8/28) David Z.; (9/1) Gray/David N.; (9/8) David Z.; (9/9) Cristina L.; (9/13) Natalia
Fellowship Hosts: (9/1) Lawrence Family; (9/8) Parish Council; (9/15) Cross Dive; (9/22) Mandi Saratsiotis

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

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ
ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός,
ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· Θεοῦ γεώργιον, Θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ· ἕκαστος δὲ βλέπω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ· θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὃς ἐστὶν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἑκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενήσεται· ἢ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει· ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἑκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὁποῖόν ἐστι τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μενεῖ ὁ ἐπωκοδόμησε, μισθὸν λήψεται· εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται, αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ναὸς Θεοῦ ἐστε καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα τοῦ Θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ Θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.

Pray and return to the Lord Your
God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His
name is great in Israel. (Psalm 75)

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The reading is from Paul's First
Letter to the Corinthians. (3:9-17)

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Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder, I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Matthew (14:22-34)

Ninth Sunday of Matthew

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσει τοὺς ὄχλους. καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. ὁψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη μέσον τῆς θαλάσσης ἦν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων· ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. τετάρτη δὲ φυλακῆ τῆς νυκτὸς ἀπῆλθε πρὸς αὐτοὺς ὁ Ἰησοῦς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης. καὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι φάντασμα ἐστὶ, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραξαν. εὐθέως δὲ ἐλάλησεν αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων· θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπε· Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με πρὸς σε ἐλθεῖν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα ἐλθεῖν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἰσχυρὸν ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξε λέγων· Κύριε, σῶσόν με. εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπέλαβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὀλιγόπιστε! εἰς τί ἐδίστασας; καὶ ἐμβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος· οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ ἐλθόντες προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες· ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον εἰς τὴν γῆν Γεννησαρέτ.

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was out on the sea, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying, "Take heart, it is I; have no fear." And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the strong wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

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Bulletin for the week of August 25, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cleo Bennette, Sarah Drakopoulos

Video: Gray Y., David N. Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek); Sarah Drakopoulos (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Beth Zoumberis

PC Member On-Duty: Gray Yates



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Translation of the relics of the Holy Apostle Bartholomew

The Transfer of the Relics of the Apostle Bartholomew took place at the end of the sixth century. His apostolic activity and martyr's end are remembered by the Church on June 11. The Apostle Bartholomew suffered for Christ in Armenian Albanus (now Baku) in the year 71, where his holy relics were. Numerous miracles occurred from the relics of the holy Apostle, and many of the unbelieving were converted to Christ. Under the emperor Anastasius (491-518) the relics of the Apostle Bartholomew were transferred into the newly constructed city of Anastasiopolis (or Dura) and remained there until the end of the sixth century when they were transferred to the island of Lipari as Anastasiopolis was conquered by the Persians.

- + The Holy Apostle Titus, Bishop of Gortynia, Crete and the disciple of the Holy Apostle Paul (+1st Century)

Saint Titus was a Greek by race, and an idolater. But having believed in Christ through the Apostle Paul, he became Paul's disciple and follower and labored with him greatly in the preaching of the Gospel. When Paul ordained him Bishop of Crete, he later wrote to him the Epistle which bears his name. Having shepherded in an apostolic manner the flock that had been entrusted to him, and being full of days, he reposed in peace, some ninety-four years of age.

- + Our Holy Fathers Menas (+552), Epiphanius (+535), Gennadius (+1473), and John (+520), Archbishops of Constantinople

- + Our Devout Father John of Karpathos (+7th Century)

- + Our Devout Father Gregory of Utrecht, abbot of the St. Martin Monastery (+775)

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 of the Fourth Mode):*

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 126)

- *Hymn of St. Bartholomew (Απόστολοι Άγιοι, Third Mode):*

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

- *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 Nativity of the Theotokos (Ιωακείμ και Άννα, Fourth Mode):*

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, August 25—No Fasting: John 20:19-31;

I Corinthians 3:9-17; Matthew 14:22-34

Monday, August 26—No Fasting: Hebrews 10:32-28;

Matthew 21:18-22

Tuesday, August 27—No Fasting: I Corinthians 15:29-38;

Matthew 21:23-27

Wednesday, August 28—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 16:4-12;

Matthew 21:28-32

Thursday, August 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist—Strict Fast: Matthew 14:1-13; Acts 13:25-33;

Mark 6:14-30

Friday, August 30—Strict Fast: II Corinthians 1:12-20;

Matthew 22:23-33

Saturday, August 31—No Fasting: Hebrews 9:1-7;

Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Betty, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, 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), Keath (+August 14), Niko (+August 17),

Ronnie (+August 18)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B., Julia E., Bobbie I., Schyler J.

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:

Adam, 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. Silouan the Athonite on what it is like to be "wounded by love" for our Lord: "The Lord greatly loves the repenting sinner and mercifully presses him to His bosom: "Where were you, My child? I was waiting a long time for you." The Lord calls all to Himself with the voice of the Gospel, and his voice is heard in all the world: "Come to me, my sheep. I created you, and I love you. My love for you brought Me to earth, and I suffered all things for the sake of your salvation, and I want you all to know my love, and to say, like the apostles on Tabor: Lord, it is good for us to be with You."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

August 26: Natalia Lane, Natalia Saratsiotis

August 30: Aleca Hortman, Alexandra Stefanis, Alex Saratsiotis, Mandi Saratsiotis

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

August 26: Maria McCluskey

August 27: Amanda Lord

August 28: George Iakovidis

August 31: John Greene

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

August 31: Marianna and Dragos Filimon

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

Announcements:

* **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! **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 (Saturday, September 21). Festival Apparel is here, please see the link emailed or scan the QR code in the bookstore.

* **Philoptochos News: Fanouropita: TODAY** to assist the Youth Activities of both Holy Cross and the Metropolis of Atlanta. The next **Philoptochos Meeting** will be taking place after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 8.

* 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— *please sign up today!*

* An important email was sent a few weeks ago regarding our **ICONOGRAPHY PROJECT**. We are kindly asking each parishioner to submit a minimum of five names along with addresses to help build our database. Your participation is crucial to the success of this campaign. To submit names, you can either scan this QR Code or you can pick up a hard copy in the Narthex or Parish House. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Emily Dermatas.



* **Sunday School** begins TODAY for the youth after Holy Communion. After the conclusion of the Liturgy, Fr. Theodore will proceed to the classrooms for a short blessing of the waters for the beginning of the new school year!

* Tentative date for the next **Young Adult Outing:** Saturday, September 7 after Great Vespers.

* The Youth are hosting a **car wash** during the Philoptochos meeting after coffee hour on September 8. Deliver your dirty cars to the courtyard and receive them back squeaky clean. Donations will be accepted to support future youth activities. Hope to see you there!