



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, September 29, 2024

Second Sunday of Luke

St. Kyriakos the Anchorite

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Third (Mark 16:9-20)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the First/Πλ. του Πρώτου

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, September 29</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after Liturgy 12:45pm Youth Greek Dance (until 1:15pm) 12:45pm Adult Greek School in the Chapel
<i>Wednesday, October 2</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, October 5</i>	3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, October 6</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion 40-Day Blessing for the son of Rob and Bobbie Ice at the end of the Liturgy Honoring of Choir/Chanters on Church Musician Sunday Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, October 8</i>	6:30pm Choir Fellowship Gathering in the Parish House
<i>Wednesday, October 9</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:15pm Adult Study Class
<i>Saturday, October 12</i>	9:00am Pastry Prep for the Festival 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, October 13</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:30pm Parish Council Meeting 12:45pm Youth Greek Dance (until 1:15pm) 12:45pm Adult Greek School in the Chapel
<i>Wednesday, October 16</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:15pm Adult Study Class
<i>Friday, October 18</i>	5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist
<i>Saturday, October 19</i>	9:00am Pastry Prep for the Festival 3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (10/6) Chad Ridley, Beth Zoumberis; (10/13) Kostas Iakovidis, Richard Stewart  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (10/6) Melanie Moye; (10/13) Gray Yates; (10/20) Natalia Saratsiotis  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (10/2) James S.; (10/5) Norm+Eleni A.; (10/6) John A., Joanna P.; (10/9) James S.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (10/6) Gray Y. David N.; (10/13) Natalia S.; (10/20) David Z.; (10/27) Gray/David N.  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (10/6) Patsy Zoumberis; (10/13) OPEN; (10/20) Youth Spaghetti Luncheon; (10/27) Festival

### 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

Σύ, Κύριε, φυλάζεις ἡμᾶς καὶ  
διατηρήσεις ἡμᾶς.

Στίχ. Σῶσόν με, Κύριε, ὅτι  
ἐκλέλοιπεν ὁσῖος.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς  
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ βεβαιῶν ἡμᾶς σὺν ὑμῖν εἰς Χριστὸν καὶ χρίσας ἡμᾶς Θεός, ὁ καὶ σφραγισάμενος ἡμᾶς καὶ δοὺς τὸν ἀρραβῶνα τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν. Ἐγὼ δὲ μάρτυρα τὸν Θεὸν ἐπικαλοῦμαι ἐπὶ τὴν ἐμὴν ψυχήν, ὅτι φειδόμενος ὑμῶν οὐκέτι ἦλθον εἰς Κόρινθον. οὐχ ὅτι κυριεύομεν ὑμῶν τῆς πίστεως, ἀλλὰ συνεργοὶ ἐσμεν τῆς χαρᾶς ὑμῶν· τῇ γὰρ πίστει ἐστήκατε. Ἐκρίνα δὲ ἐμαυτῷ τοῦτο, τὸ μὴ πάλιν ἐν λύπῃ ἐλθεῖν πρὸς ὑμᾶς. εἰ γὰρ ἐγὼ λυπῶ ὑμᾶς, καὶ τίς ἐστὶν ὁ εὐφραίνων με εἰ μὴ ὁ λυπούμενος ἐξ ἐμοῦ; καὶ ἔγραψα ὑμῖν τοῦτο αὐτό, ἵνα μὴ ἐλθὼν λύπην ἔχω ἀφ' ὧν ἔδει με χαίρειν, πεποιθὼς ἐπὶ πάντας ὑμᾶς ὅτι ἡ ἐμὴ χαρὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἐστίν. ἐκ γὰρ πολλῆς θλίψεως καὶ συνοχῆς καρδίας ἔγραψα ὑμῖν διὰ πολλῶν δακρύων, οὐχ ἵνα λυπηθῆτε, ἀλλὰ τὴν ἀγάπην ἵνα γνῶτε ἣν ἔχω περισσοτέρως εἰς ὑμᾶς.

*You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us.*

*Verse: Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased. (Psalm 11)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.*

*(1:21-24, 2:1-4)*

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Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me — it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (6:31-36)

Second Sunday of Luke

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῆτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστὶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.

The Lord said, “And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”

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### Bulletin for the week of September 29, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cristina and Jim Lekas

Video: Natalia S.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Helen Troupos (Greek); Carter Zoumberis (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Helen Vardy

PC Member On-Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout Father Kyriakos the Anchorite (+555)

*This Saint was born in Corinth in 448. He went to Palestine to the Lavra of Euthymius the Great, but because of his youth was sent by Saint Euthymius to Saint Gerasimus; after the death of Saint Gerasimus he returned to the Lavra of Saint Euthymius. Later he took on a more rigorous life of asceticism in the wilderness of Natoufa, where there was nothing to eat except the exceedingly bitter wild herb called squills, which, however, through his prayers, God made sweet for him and his disciple. He lived 107 years and reposed in the year 555.*

+ The Holy Martyrs Tryphon, Trophimus, and Dorymedon and the 150 Holy Martyrs in Palestine

+ The Holy Martyr Petronia

+ The Holy Martyr Gudelia of Persia (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Holy Martyrs Casdous and Casdoa (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Holy Martyrs Dada and Gobdelaas, the son of Sapor, King of Persia (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Holy New Martyr Malachi of Lindos (+1500)

+ Our Devout Father Theophanes the Merciful of Gaza

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Fraternus, Bishop of Auxerre (+450)

+ Our Devout Father Leudwinus, Bishop of Trier (+713)

+ Our Devout Father Alaricus, monk of Einsiedeln Abbey in Switzerland (+975)

*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 (Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον, Plagal of the First Mode):

As the Father and Spirit are unoriginate, so the Word, who was born from the Virgin for us. Let us praise Him, O believers, and let us worship Him. For our salvation He was pleased to be crucified in the flesh, and to undergo death, and to resurrect the dead, by His glorious resurrection. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 114)

- Hymn of St. Kyriakos (Τῆς ἐρήμου πολιτῆς, First Mode):

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Kyriacos, our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

- Hymn of the Holy Cross (Σῶσον 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 Normal Kontakion of the Theotokos (Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν, Second Mode):

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. (Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 224)

## Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

### This Week's Daily

#### Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, September 29—No Fasting: Mark 16:9-20; II Corinthians 1:21-24, 2:1-4; Luke 6:31-36

Monday, September 30—No Fasting: I Corinthians 16:13-24; Matthew 24:42-47

Tuesday, October 1—No Fasting: Acts 9:10-19; Luke 6:37-45

Wednesday, October 2—Strict Fast: I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 6:46-49, 7:1

Thursday, October 3—No Fasting: Acts 17:16-34; Luke 7:17-30

Friday, October 4—Strict Fast: Galatians 4:8-21; Luke 7:31-35

Saturday, October 5—No Fasting: I Corinthians 4:17-21, 5:1-5; Luke 5:27-32

### 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, 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, Leo, Carol, Barry

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

Keath (+August 14), Niko (+August 17), Ronnie (+August 18), Stephanie (+August 25), Michael (+August 27), Cristina (+September 4), Greg (+September 7), Ken (+September 8), Basileios (+September 15)

### Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B., Julia E., 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. Gregory of Nyssa reflecting upon the beatitude, Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God: "Let us first consider what peace is. Surely it is nothing else but a loving disposition towards one's neighbor. But what is held to be the opposite of love? It is hate and wrath, anger and envy, harboring resentment as well as hypocrisy and the calamity of war. Do you see for how many different diseases this single word is an antidote? For peace is equally opposed to every one of the things mentioned, and wipes out these evils by its own presence. Just as illness vanishes when health supervenes, and as no darkness is left when light begins to shine, so also when peace appears, all the passions connected with its opposite are eliminated."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!  
None in the Records

### Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

September 29: Father Theodore, Thomas Sotirious Roden  
October 2: Daniel Filimon  
October 3: Vivi Iakovidis, James Morris, George Saratsiotis, Mandi Saratsiotis  
October 4: Mike Cantrell

### Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 3: Mary and Lee Hornbaker

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

### Announcements:

\* **Greek School** will be beginning today for the Adults at 12:45pm in the Chapel. Please see Maria Bronisevsky for more information.

\* **FESTIVAL INFO:** As you sell all your raffle tickets, please go ahead and turn them into Natalia. We are asking that all tickets and money be turned in by October 13th. Have you committed to working in an area during the festival? If not, please get with the chairman of the booth you prefer to work in. We are asking ALL PARISHIONERS to work in an area. Also, we are short volunteers for Friday. We know it may be hard, but we are asking everyone who can to please take off work for the Friday of the festival. Remember, this is for your church. Dates to put on your calendar: Pastry Prep - Saturday, October 12th and Saturday, October 19th.



\* An important email was sent some weeks ago regarding our upcoming **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/Parish House. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask Emily Dermatas.

\* From September 28 to October 2, the Atlanta metropolitan area Orthodox Churches are hosting the meetings of the **Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops**. The Assembly consists of all of the canonical Orthodox Christian bishops of all the jurisdictions in the United States, headed by Archbishop Elpidophoros. There is a Cultural Event that is taking place at the St. Philip Cathedral in Atlanta **this afternoon** at 4:30pm. This will consist of song, dance, and presentations by various Pan-Orthodox ministries. Please see the flyer in the Parish House for more details.

\* **Choir:** Save the Date for the evening of Tuesday, October 8 for a Choir Fellowship Evening in the Parish House. This is for all choir members and those who may be interested in joining the Choir. Please contact Emily Dermatas or Theo Drakopoulos for more information!

\* The **Adult Study Class** will resume this week at 6:30pm after Paraklesis. The theme will be the Holy Hymnography of our Church.