



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 27, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Luke

St. Nestor the Martyr

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

Mode of the Week: First / Πρώτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, October 27</i>	7:45am Orthros 9:00am Divine Liturgy on the 7 th Sunday of Luke (No Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship due to Festival) Doxology to celebrate Oxi Day at the end of the Liturgy 11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 4:00pm)
<i>Wednesday, October 30</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Pumpkin Carving with the Youth at the Parish House 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Church
<i>Saturday, November 2</i>	3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, November 3</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:30pm Adult Bible Study/Youth Greek School (until 1:00pm) 1:00pm Holy Baptism of Emma Gordy, daughter of Bryan and Juliana Gordy
<i>Wednesday, November 6</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis
<i>Friday, November 8</i>	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy on the Synaxis of the Holy Archangels
<i>Saturday, November 9</i>	10:00am Holy Baptism of Vincent Rivers, son of Will and Emily Rivers
<i>Sunday, November 10</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Arsenios of Cappadocia Holy Chrismation of Adam Landin during the Liturgy Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Blessing of our Holy Cross Veterans for Veterans Day Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Adult Greek School in the Chapel
<i>Monday, November 11</i>	Veterans Day—Office Closed
<i>Tuesday, November 12</i>	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday, November 13</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast Day of the Holy Apostle Philip and St. Gregory Palamas
<i>Friday, November 15</i>	Beginning of the Nativity Fast
<i>Saturday, November 16</i>	3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Library/Zoom 5:00pm Great Vespers
Upcoming Epistle Readers: (11/3) Pete Tsamolias, Caroline Saratsiotis; (11/10) Helen Troupos, Cleo Bennette Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (11/3) John Apostolou; (11/10) Maria Spicer; (11/17) Sarah Drakopoulos Upcoming Ushers: (10/30) David Z.; (11/3) Cleo B., Sarah D.; (11/6) James S.; (11/8) Norm+Eleni A. Upcoming Video Operators: (11/3) Natalia S.; (11/10) Joanna P.; (11/17) David Z.; (11/20+21) Cristina L. Fellowship Hosts: (11/3) Kathy Patras; (11/10) Sunday School; (11/17) GOYA/Maria Murphy; (11/24) Maria B.	

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

Γένοιτο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεός σου ἐφ' ἡμᾶς, καθάπερ ἠλπίσαμεν ἐπὶ σέ.

Στίχ. Ἀγαλλιᾶσθε, δίκαιοι, ἐν Κυρίῳ· τοῖς εὐθέσι πρέπει αἶνεσις.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν ἀυτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσει καὶ πληθύνει τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσῃ τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, as we hope in You.

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

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The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

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Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (8:41-56)

Seventh Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, ᾧ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἄρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε· καὶ πεσὼν παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενῆς ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησκειν. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἥτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα ὅλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυσεν ὑπ' οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα ὀπισθεν ἤψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ἀρνουμένων δὲ πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέχουσίν σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἤψατό μου τις· ἐγὼ γὰρ ἔγνω δύνάμιν ἐξελθοῦσαν ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ἦλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι' ἣν αἰτίαν ἤψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπήγγειλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραχρῆμα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· θάρσει, θύγατερ, ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε· πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην. Ἔτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἔρχεται τις παρὰ τοῦ ἀρχισυναγώγου λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου· μὴ σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων· μὴ φοβοῦ· μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἔλθων δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδὸς καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτήν. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· μὴ κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐκβαλὼν ἔξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων· ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῇ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δὲ παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδενὶ εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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Bulletin for the week of October 27, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl and Erick Schwartzkopf

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

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek); Charles Glotzbach (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Festival

PC Member On-Duty: Jim Lekas



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Martyr Nestor (+306)

Saint Demetrius was a Thessalonian, a most pious son of pious and noble parents, and a teacher of the Faith of Christ. When Maximian first came to Thessalonica in 290, he raised the Saint to the rank of Duke of Thessaly. But when it was discovered that the Saint was a Christian, he was arrested and kept bound in a bath-house. While the games were under way in the city, Maximian was a spectator there. A certain friend of his, a barbarian who was a notable wrestler, Lyaeus by name, waxing haughty because of the height and strength of his body, boasted in the stadium and challenged the citizens to a contest with him. All that fought with him were defeated. Seeing this, a certain youth named Nestor, acquaintance of Demetrius', came to the Saint in the bath-house and asked his blessing to fight Lyaeus single-handed. Receiving this blessing and sealing himself with the sign of the precious Cross, he presented himself in the stadium, and said, "O God of Demetrius, help me!" and straightway he engaged Lyaeus in combat and smote him with a mortal blow to the heart, leaving the former boaster lifeless upon the earth. Maximian was sorely grieved over this, and when he learned who was the cause of this defeat, he commanded straightway and Demetrius was pierced with lances while he was yet in the bath-house, As for Nestor, Maximian commanded that he be slain with his own sword.

+ The Holy Martyrs Capitolina and Eroteis of Cappadocia (+304)

+ Our Father among the Saints Kyriakos, Patriarch of Constantinople (+606)

+ The Devout Procla, wife of Pontius Pilate (+1st Century)

+ The Holy Martyr Florentius of Burgundy (+3rd c.)

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 (Του λιθου σφραγισθέντος, First Mode):

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 98)

- Hymn of Sts. Demetrios and Nestor (Μέγαν εύρατο, Third Mode):

All the world has you, its mighty champion, fortifying us in times of danger, and defeating our foes, O Victorious One. So, as you humbled Lyaaios's arrogance by giving courage to Nestor in the stadium, thus, O holy Great-martyr Demetrius, to Christ our God pray fervently, beseeching Him to grant us His great mercy.

- 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 Normal Kontakion of the Theotokos (Προστασία των Χριστιανών, 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, October 27—No Fasting: John 20:1-10;

II Corinthians 9:6-11; Luke 8:41-56

Monday, October 28: Holy Protection of the

Theotokos/Oxi Day—No Fasting: Luke 1:39-49, 56;

Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

Tuesday, October 29—No Fasting: Philippians 1:8-14;

Luke 11:34-41

Wednesday, October 30—Strict Fast: Philippians 1:12-20;

Luke 11:42-46

Thursday, October 31— No Fasting: Romans 16:1-16; Luke

11:47-54, 12:1

Friday, November 1—Wine+Oil: I Corinthians 12:27-31,

13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Saturday, November 2—No Fasting: I Corinthians 15:58,

16:1-3; Luke 9:1-6

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Fr. Mike, Pres. Kalliope, 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, Barry, Nicholas, Jude

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Basileos (+September 15), Carol (+October 8)

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. Anthony the Great (+4th Century) regarding true intelligence: "Men are often called intelligent wrongly. Intelligent men are not those who are erudite in the sayings and books of the wise men of old, but those who have an intelligent soul and can discriminate between good and evil. They avoid what is sinful and harms the soul; and with deep gratitude to God they resolutely adhere by dint of practice to what is good and benefits the soul. These men alone should truly be called intelligent."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

None in the Records

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

October 28: Andreas Tsamolias

October 29: Harry Bennette, Hannah Kostakis, Patsy Zoumberis

October 30: Roza Harris

October 31: Tammy Vrahiotes

November 1: Milijana Hansee, Beth Zoumberis

November 2: Toula Tsamolias

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 31: Mike and Tammi Cantrell, Nicholas and Pamela Poulos

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

Announcements:

* There is no Sunday School, Coffee Fellowship, Greek School, and or Bible Study today due to the Festival. All of these ministries will resume next Sunday, November 3.

* **Festival Info:** The Festival finishes up today (at 4:00pm)! **Please** plan on staying to assist with clean up—many hands makes quick work (and we can enjoy a little food and fellowship after!) A big **thank you** to all who have assisted throughout the Festival and the preparations! We welcome those who are visiting the Church for the services having been invited during the Festival!

* The **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will continue this coming Saturday, November 2 in the Church Library and on Zoom at 3:30pm. The topic will be "The Kingdom of God, Worship and Liturgical Feasts, and the place of Worship." You are welcome to join whether you are a newcomer or have been in the Church for years or your whole life! If you need the Zoom link, please contact Father Theodore.

* **Iconography:** 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. Additionally, please see the iconography page on our parish's website at holycrossga.org/iconography



* **Youth:** There will be Pumpkin Carving that will take place after the Vespers this coming Wednesday, October 30! Vespers is at 5:30pm and the carving will take place after, starting at approximately 6:30pm.

* **General Assembly** coming soon: Sunday, November 17 after the Divine Liturgy.

* **Youth:** Winter Youth Rally registration is now open (for 7th to 12th graders, December 27-30 in Atlanta). See the website (<https://atmetropolis.org/winter-youth-rally>) for more details. Please let Fr. Theodore know if you are wanting to attend in order to help in coordinating with other communities.

* **Shut-Ins:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.