



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, October 6, 2024

Third Sunday of Luke
 St. Thomas the Apostle

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Fourth (Luke 24:1-12)

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, October 6</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 3 rd 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/Clean-Up Work Day 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, October 13</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the 7 th 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>Monday, October 14</i>	Columbus Day — Office Closed
<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
<i>Sunday, October 20</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 6 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Five-Year Committee Meeting 12:45pm Youth Greek School/Adult Bible Study
<i>Thursday, October 24</i>	9:00am Festival Set-Up (until completed)
<i>Friday, October 25</i>	11:00am Central Georgia Greek Festival (until 9:00pm)
Upcoming Epistle Readers: (10/13) Kostas Iakovidis, Richard Stewart; (10/20) George Saratsiotis, Cheryl Schwartzkopf Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (10/13) Gray Yates; (10/20) Natalia Saratsiotis; (10/27) Jim Lekas; (11/3) John A. Upcoming Ushers: (10/9) James S.; (10/12) Cheryl + Erick S.; (10/13) Cristina + Jim L.; (10/16+18) OPEN; (10/19) James S Upcoming Video Operators: (10/13) Natalia S.; (10/20) David Z.; (10/27) Gray/David N.; (11/3) Natalia S. Fellowship Hosts: (10/13) OPEN; (10/20) Youth Spaghetti Luncheon; (10/27) Festival; (11/3) Kathy Patras	

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 Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκότους
φῶς λάμψαι, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις
ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς
δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ
Χριστοῦ. Ἔχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν
τουτοῦ ἐν ὀστρακίνοις σκεύεσιν, ἵνα ἡ
ὑπερβολὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἡ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ
μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν, ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι ἀλλ' οὐκ
στενοχωρούμενοι, ἀπορούμενοι ἀλλ' οὐκ
ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι, καταβαλλόμενοι ἀλλ'
οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι, πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν
τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι
περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ
ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. αἰεὶ γὰρ
ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον
παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ
τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ
ἡμῶν. ὥστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν
ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. ἔχοντες δὲ
τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως κατὰ τὸ
γεγραμμένον, ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα,
καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν,
εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν
καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ καὶ
παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι'
ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν
πλειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ
εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ 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 Second
Letter to the Corinthians. (4:6-15)

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Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let
light shine out of darkness," who has
shone in our hearts to give the light of
the knowledge of the glory of God in
the face of Christ. But we have this
treasure in earthen vessels, to show
that the transcendent power belongs to
God and not to us. We are afflicted in
every way, but not crushed; perplexed,
but not driven to despair; persecuted,
but not forsaken; struck down, but not
destroyed; always carrying in the body
the death of Jesus, so that the life of
Jesus may also be manifested in our
bodies. For while we live we are always
being given up to death for Jesus' sake,
so that the life of Jesus may be
manifested in our mortal flesh. So
death is at work in us, but life in you.
Since we have the same spirit of faith as
he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I
spoke," we too believed, and so we
speak, knowing that he who raised the
Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus
and bring us with you into his presence.
For it is all for your sake, so that as
grace extends to more and more people
it may increase thanksgiving, to the
glory of God.

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

Third Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐπορεύετο
ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς πόλιν
καλουμένην Ναῖν· καὶ
συνεπορεύοντο αὐτῷ οἱ
μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ ἱκανοὶ καὶ
ὄχλος πολὺς. ὡς δὲ ἤγγισε τῇ
πύλῃ τῆς πόλεως, καὶ ἰδοὺ
ἐξεκομίζετο τεθνηκὼς υἱὸς
μονογενῆς τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ,
καὶ αὕτη ἦν χήρα, καὶ ὄχλος
τῆς πόλεως ἱκανὸς ἦν σὺν
αὐτῇ. καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὴν ὁ
Κύριος ἐσπλαγχνίσθη ἐπ'
αὐτῇ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· μὴ
κλαῖε· καὶ προσελθὼν ἤψατο
τῆς σοροῦ, οἱ δὲ βαστάζοντες
ἔστησαν, καὶ εἶπε· νεανίσκε,
σοὶ λέγω, ἐγέρθητι. καὶ
ἀνεκάθισεν ὁ νεκρὸς καὶ
ἤρξατο λαλεῖν, καὶ ἔδωκεν
αὐτὸν τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ. ἔλαβε
δὲ φόβος πάντας καὶ ἐδόξαζον
τὸν Θεόν, λέγοντες ὅτι
προφήτης μέγας ἐγήγερται ἐν
ἡμῖν, καὶ ὅτι ἐπεσκέψατο ὁ
Θεὸς τὸν λαὸν αὐτοῦ.

At that time, Jesus went to
a city called Nain, and his
disciples and a great crowd
went with him. As he drew
near to the gate of the city,
behold, a man who had
died was being carried out,
the only son of his mother,
and she was a widow; and a
large crowd from the city
was with her. And when the
Lord saw her, he had
compassion on her and said
to her, "Do not weep." And
he came and touched the
bier, and the bearers stood
still. And he said, "Young
man, I say to you, arise."
And the dead man sat up,
and began to speak. And he
gave him to his mother.
Fear seized them all; and
they glorified God, saying,
"A great prophet has arisen
among us!" and "God has
visited his people!"

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Bulletin for the week of October 6, 2024

Ushers on Duty: John Apostolou, Joanna Patronis

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

Epistle Readers: Chad Ridley (Greek); Beth Zoumberis (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Patsy Zoumberis

PC Member On-Duty: Melanie Moye



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ The Holy Apostle Thomas (+1st Century)

The Holy and Glorious Apostle Thomas was born in the Galilean city of Pansada and was a fisherman. Hearing the good tidings of Jesus Christ, he left all and followed after Him. The Apostle Thomas is included in the number of the holy Twelve Apostles of the Savior.

According to Holy Scripture, the holy Apostle Thomas did not believe the reports of the other disciples about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe" (John 20:25).

On the eighth day after the Resurrection, the Lord appeared to the Apostle Thomas and showed him His wounds. "My Lord and my God," the Apostle cried out (John 20:28). "Thomas, being once weaker in faith than the other apostles," says Saint John Chrysostom, "toiled through the grace of God more bravely, more zealously and tirelessly than them all, so that he went preaching over nearly all the earth, not fearing to proclaim the Word of God to savage nations."

Some icons depicting this event are inscribed "The Doubting Thomas." This is incorrect. In Greek, the inscription reads, "The Touching of Thomas." When Saint Thomas touched the Life-giving side of the Lord, he no longer had any doubts.

According to Church Tradition, the holy Apostle Thomas founded Christian churches in Palestine, Mesopotamia, Parthia, Ethiopia and India. Preaching the Gospel earned him a martyr's death. For having converted the wife and son of the prefect of the Indian city of Meliapur [Melipur], the holy apostle was locked up in prison, suffered torture, and finally, pierced with five spears, he departed to the Lord. Part of the relics of the holy Apostle Thomas are in India, in Hungary and on Mt. Athos.

+ The Holy Martyrs Eroteis of Cappadocia

+ The Holy New Monastic Martyr Makarios (+1590)

+ The Holy Martyr Faith in Agen, France (+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 (Αγγελικαὶ 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 before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 118)

- Hymn of St. Thomas (Ἀπόστολε Ἁγίε, Third Mode):

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

- 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 των 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, October 6—No Fasting: Luke 24:1-12;

II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 7:11-16

Monday, October 7—No Fasting: Galatians 4:28-31, 5:1-10;

Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday, October 8—No Fasting: Galatians 5:11-21;

Luke 8:1-3

Wednesday, October 9—Strict Fast: I Corinthians 4:9-16;

Matthew 9:36-38, 10:1-8

Thursday, October 10—No Fasting: Ephesians 1:1-9;

Luke 9:7-11

Friday, October 11—Strict Fast: Acts 8:26-29; Luke 9:12-18

Saturday, October 12—No Fasting:

I Corinthians 10:23-28; Luke 6:1-10

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, Nicholas

Prayers for those recently reposed:

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. Basil the Great reflecting on different types of patience in the spiritual life: "Trials are of two kinds. Either affliction will test our souls as gold is tried in a furnace, and make trial of us through patience, or the very prosperity of our lives will oftentimes, for many, be itself an occasion of trial and temptation. For it is equally difficult to keep the soul upright and undefeated in the midst of afflictions, as to keep oneself from insolence and pride in prosperity."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

None in the Records

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

October 8: Marina Deskins

October 11: Melanie Moye, Tony Zoumberis, Jr.

October 12: Marianna Lane

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

October 10: Toula and Pete Tsamolias

October 11: Mandi and Alex Saratsiotis

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

Announcements:

* As we commemorate Church Musician Sunday today, we thank the Chanters and the Choir for their hard work and faithfulness to assisting in our Divine Worship both on Sundays and throughout the week! Many thanks to our Chanter, Aleca Hortman; Chanter/Choir Director, Emily Dermatas; and Assistant Choir Director, Theo Drakopoulos!

* Greek School will be continue today for the Youth at 12:45pm in the upstairs classroom.

* Bible Study continues today at 12:45pm in the Parish House with the conclusion of the 9th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

* 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 NEXT Sunday, 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 and Clean-Up Work Day: Saturday, October 12th at 9:00am and finishing up the Pastries on 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.



* Choir: Save the Date for the evening of this coming Tuesday, October 8 for a Choir Fellowship Evening in the Parish House—food will be provided! 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 Wednesday at 6:15pm after the Vespers service. The theme will be the Holy Hymnography of our Church.

* We will be passing a second tray today at the end of the Divine Liturgy to support the recovery efforts throughout the Southeast in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. May God bless and multiply our offerings and give strength to all those affected!