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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, November 10, 2024

Eighth Sunday of Luke

Sts. Arsenios of Cappadocia

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eighth (John 20:11-18)

Mode of the Week: Second / Δεύτερος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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 12:30pm Philoptochos Meeting in the Parish House 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>Thursday, November 14</i>	6:00pm Not-So-Young-Adult Outing in Macon
<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 Parish House 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, November 17</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:30pm Fall General Assembly/Youth Greek School
<i>Wednesday, November 20</i>	3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House (until 7:00pm) 5:30pm Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos
<i>Thursday, November 21</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos
<i>Saturday, November 23</i>	3:30pm Holy Baptism of Schyler Johnson and her daughter Dylan 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, November 24</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 13 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Adult Greek School
<i>Monday, November 25</i>	5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Katherine
<i>Thurs./Fri., November 28/29</i>	Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (11/17) Kostas Iakovidis, Sarah Drakopoulos; (11/24) George Saratsiotis, Chrissy Zdrakas
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (11/17) Sarah Drakopoulos; (11/24) Melanie Moye; (12/1) Sarah Drakopoulos
Upcoming Ushers: (11/13) James S.; (11/16) Cheryl S.; (11/17) Cristina+Jim L.; (11/20) James S.; (11/21) Eleni+Norm
Upcoming Video Operators: (11/17) David Z.; (11/20+21) Cristina L.; (11/24) Gray Y./David N.; (12/1) TBD
Fellowship Hosts: (11/17) GOYA/Maria Murphy; (11/24) Maria B.; (12/1) Mariana Filimon; (12/8) Rodica Cazacu

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

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε, ψάλατε
τῷ βασιλεῖ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.

Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας,
ἀλαλάξατε τῷ Θεῷ ἐν φωνῇ
ἀγαλλιάσεως.

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Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω ὑμῖν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ
εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ ὅτι οὐκ ἔστι κατὰ
ἄνθρωπον· οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ
ἄνθρωπου παρέλαβον αὐτὸ οὔτε
ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἦκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἐμὴν
ἀναστροφὴν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι
καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν
τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν, καὶ
προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ
πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου,
περισσότερος ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν
πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ
εὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ
κοιλίας μητρός μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς
χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν
αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοί, ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν
ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ
προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι, οὐδὲ
ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ
ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς
Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς
Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία
ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα ἱστορήσαι
Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν
ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε· ἕτερον δὲ τῶν
ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν
ἀδελφὸν τοῦ Κυρίου.

*Sing praises to God; sing praises;
sing praises to our King; sing praises.*

*Verse: Oh, clap your hands, all you
nations; shout to God with the voice
of rejoicing. (Psalm 46)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter to
the Galatians. (1:11-19)*

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Brethren, I would have you know that
the gospel which was preached by me
is not according to man. For I did not
receive it from man, nor was I taught
it, but it came through a revelation of
Jesus Christ. For you have heard of
my former life in Judaism, how I
persecuted the church of God violently
and tried to destroy it; and I advanced
in Judaism beyond many of my own
age among my people, so extremely
zealous was I for the traditions of my
fathers. But when God who had set me
apart before I was born, and had
called me through his grace, was
pleased to reveal his Son in me, in
order that I might preach him among
the Gentiles, I did not confer with
flesh and blood, nor did I go up to
Jerusalem to those who were apostles
before me, but I went away into
Arabia; and again I returned to
Damascus. Then after three years I
went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas,
and remained with him fifteen days.
But I saw none of the other apostles
except James the Lord's brother.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (10:25-37)

Eighth Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, νομικός τις προσῆλθε τῷ
Ἰησοῦ πειράζων αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων·
διδάσκαλε, τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον
κληρονομήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε πρὸς αὐτόν· ἐν τῷ
νόμῳ τί γέγραπται; πῶς ἀναγινώσκεις; ὁ δὲ
ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπεν· ἀγαπήσεις Κύριον τὸν
Θεόν σου ἐξ ὅλης τῆς καρδίας σου καὶ ἐξ
ὅλης τῆς ψυχῆς σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς ἰσχύος
σου καὶ ἐξ ὅλης τῆς διανοίας σου, καὶ τὸν
πλησίον σου ὡς σεαυτόν· εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ·
ὀρθῶς ἀπεκρίθης· τοῦτο ποιεῖ καὶ ζήση. ὁ
δὲ θέλων δικαιοῦν ἑαυτὸν εἶπε πρὸς τὸν
Ἰησοῦν· καὶ τίς ἐστί μου πλησίον;
ὑπολαβὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἄνθρωπός τις
κατέβαινεν ἀπὸ Ἱερουσαλὴμ εἰς Ἱεριχῶ,
καὶ λησταῖς περιέπεσεν· οἱ καὶ ἐκδύσαντες
αὐτὸν καὶ πληγὰς ἐπιθέντες ἀπῆλθον
ἀφέντες ἡμιθανῆ τυγχάνοντα. κατὰ
συγκυρίαν δὲ ἱερεὺς τις κατέβαινεν ἐν τῇ
ὁδῷ ἐκείνῃ, καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἀντιπαρῆλθεν.
ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Λευίτης γενόμενος κατὰ τὸν
τόπον, ἐλθὼν καὶ ἰδὼν ἀντιπαρῆλθε.
Σαμαρείτης δὲ τις ὁδεύων ἦλθε κατ' αὐτόν,
καὶ ἰδὼν αὐτὸν ἐσπλαγχνίσθη, καὶ
προσελθὼν κατέδησε τὰ τραύματα αὐτοῦ
ἐπιχέων ἔλαιον καὶ οἶνον, ἐπιβιβάσας δὲ
αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τὸ ἴδιον κτῆνος ἤγαγεν αὐτὸν εἰς
πανδοχεῖον καὶ ἐπεμελήθη αὐτοῦ· καὶ ἐπὶ
τὴν αὔριον ἐξελθὼν, ἐκβαλὼν δύο δηνάρια
ἔδωκε τῷ πανδοχεῖ καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ·
ἐπιμελήθητι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὅ τι ἂν
προσδαπανήσης, ἐγὼ ἐν τῷ ἐπανέρχεσθαί
με ἀποδώσω σοι. τίς οὖν τούτων τῶν τριῶν
πλησίον δοκεῖ σοι γεγονέναι τοῦ
ἐμπεσόντος εἰς τοὺς ληστὰς; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὁ
ποιήσας τὸ ἔλεος μετ' αὐτοῦ. εἶπεν οὖν
αὐτῷ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· πορεύου καὶ σὺ ποιεῖ
ὁμοίως.

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put
Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what
shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said
to him, "What is written in the law? How
do you read?" And he answered, "You shall
love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your
strength, and with all your mind; and your
neighbor as yourself." And he said to him,
"You have answered right; do this, and you
will live." But he, desiring to justify himself,
said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
Jesus replied, "A man was going down from
Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among
robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and
departed, leaving him half dead. Now by
chance a priest was going down that road; and
when he saw him he passed by on the other
side. So likewise a Levite, when he came
to the place and saw him, passed by on the
other side. But a Samaritan, as he
journeyed, came to where he was; and when
he saw him, he had compassion, and went
to him and bound up his wounds, pouring
on oil and wine; then he set him on his
own beast and brought him to an inn, and
took care of him. And the next day he
took out two denarii and gave them to the
innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and
whatever more you spend, I will repay you
when I come back.' Which of these three,
do you think, proved neighbor to the man
who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The
one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus
said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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Bulletin for the week of November 10, 2024

Ushers on Duty: John Apostolou, Charles Glotzbach

Video: Joanna P.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Helen Troupous (Greek); Cleo Bennette (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Sunday School Potluck

PC Member On-Duty: Maria Spicer



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Devout and God-Bearing Father Arsenios (Αρσένιος) of Cappadocia (+1924)

+ The Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Olympas (Ολυμπάς), Rodion (Ηρωδίων), Sosipater (Σωσίπατρος), Tertius (Τέρτιος), Erastus (Έραστος), and Quartus (Κουάρτος) (+1st Century)

Of these Saints, Olympas and Rodion became disciples of Peter, the chief Apostle, and came to Rome, where they were beheaded by Nero. The others reposed in peace, having become bishops: Sosipater of Iconium, Quartus of Beirut, and Erastus of Paneas, or Paneias (which was also called Caesarea of Philippi); Saint Erastus had been chamberlain of the city of Corinth (Rom.16:23).

+ The Holy Martyrs Orestes (Ορέστης) (+289)

Saint Orestes was from Tyana of Cappadocia. During the persecution of Diocletian, this Martyr's ankles were pierced with long nails; being bound to a wild horse and violently dragged by it, he gave up his spirit in the year 289.

+ Our Devout Father Theosterictos (Θεοστήρικτος) of Symbola Monastery (+8th Century)

+ Our Devout Father Nonnos (Νόννος) the Bishop of Heliopolis (+4th Century)

+ Our Devout Father Martin (Μαρτίνος) the Bishop of Terracina (+4th Century)

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Milos (Μίλος) the Bishop in Persia, and his two disciples (+4th Century)

+ The Holy Martyrs Kalliopios (Καλλιόπος), Nirus (Νίρος), and Orion (Ορίων)

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 (Ευφραινέσθω τα οὐράνια, Third Mode):*

Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice exceedingly. For the Lord has shown strength with his arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead. Out of the belly of Hades, He has rescued us, and to the world He has granted the great mercy. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 106)

- *Hymn of St. Arsenios (Βίὼν ἐνθεον, Third Mode):*

Filled by God and lived in holiness, Honored vessel of the Spirit, Your life was so declared, O God-bearer Arsenios; And having received the grace of miracles, You provide aid swiftly to all. Blessed Father, beseech Christ our God, To grant to 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 Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Ο Καθαρώτατος ναός, Fourth Mode):*

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she. (Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 236)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, November 10—No Fasting: John 20:19-31;

Galatians 1:11-19; Luke 10:25-37

Monday, November 11—No Fasting: II Corinthians 4:6-15;

Luke 14:1, 12-15

Tuesday, November 12—No Fasting: II Corinthians 9:6-11;

Matthew 5:14-19

Wednesday, November 13: St. John Chrysostom—

Wine+Oil: John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 10:9-16

Thursday, November 14: St. Philip the Apostle— No

Fasting: I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51

Friday, November 15—Strict Fast: Colossians 2:1-7; Luke

16:15-18, 17:1-4

Saturday, November 16: St. Matthew—Fish+Wine+Oil:

Romans 10:11-21, 11:1-2; Matthew 9:9-13

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, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Lucas, Leo, Barry, Nicholas, Jude

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Carol (+October 8), Nicholas (+November 3), Jonathan (+November 3), Robert (+November 7)

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:

Alexander, 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. Paisios the Athonite (+1994) writing about St. Arsenios of Cappadocia, whom we celebrate today on November 10th: "Father Arsenios proclaimed true Orthodoxy with his Orthodox life. He mortified his flesh in asceticism from his ardent love of God, and modified souls with the Grace of God. He believed deeply and healed many, believers and non-believers. Few words, many miracles. He experienced much and hid much. Within his hard outer shell, he concealed his sweet, spiritual fruit. A very harsh father to himself, but also a very loving father to his children. He never beat them with the law.... As minister of the Most High, he did not tread the earth, and as co-administrant of the sacraments he shone upon the world.

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

November 12: Marissa Goss

November 16: Matthew Deskins

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

November 12: Anthony Nicholas Odom

November 15: Barry Mahoney, Maria Spicer

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

None in the Records

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

Announcements:

* **Congratulations** and Many Years to Adam Landin who is being Chrismated today and being received into the Holy Orthodox Church. Axiói/Worthy to his sponsors, Erick and Cheryl Schwartzkopf.

* **Congratulations** to Will and Emily (Trettel) Rivers on the occasion of the Baptism of their son, Vincent, yesterday. May God bless him and grant him salvation in the Name of the Lord!

* Congratulations to the receptions of the **Archangel Michael Award** from our parish this year, Cleo Bennette and Sarah Drakopoulos! They were honored last night at the Awards Banquet in Atlanta.

* **Adult Greek School** will take place beginning at 12:45pm in the Chapel today.

* The **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will continue this coming Saturday, November 16 in the Parish House 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.

* **Philoptochos (Ladies Philanthropic Group):** General Meeting today at approximately 12:30pm in the Parish House.

* **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. The **Annual Sunday School Pot-Luck** (Pre-Fast) Thanksgiving Coffee Fellowship is taking place today! We will also have pumpkins available for decorating.

* Today we honor the **Veterans** of the Armed Forces at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We thank you all for your faithful service to our country and your homelands!

* The **Not-So-Young-Adults** will be having a get together this coming Thursday, November 14 at 6:00pm at Yollah Restaurant in Macon. Please contact Beth Zumberis for more information!

* Next Sunday, November 17, is the **Fall General Assembly**. Please plan on attending!