



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**Sunday, November 17, 2024**

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Sts. Gregory the Wonderworker

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Tenth (John 21:1-14)

Mode of the Week: Fourth / Τέταρτος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

Today, November 17

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion  
 Honoring of our Archangel Michael Award Recipients  
 Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy  
 12:30pm Fall General Assembly/Youth Greek School

Wednesday, November 20

3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House (until 7:00pm)  
 5:30pm Great Vespers for the Entrance of the Theotokos  
 6:30pm Choir Practice in the Church  
 7:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 21

9:30am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos

Saturday, November 23

9:00am Philoptochos Baking for Pastry Trays (Koulourakia)  
 3:30pm Holy Baptism of Schyler Johnson and her daughter Dylan  
 5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, November 24

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion  
 6-Month Memorial for Vassilios Troupos at the end of the Liturgy  
 Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy  
 12:45pm Adult Greek School

Monday, November 25

5:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Katherine

Thurs./Fri., November 28/29

Thanksgiving Holiday—Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

9:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Andrew the Apostle  
 11:00am Holy Baptism of Orion Nicholas Ice, son of Rob and Bobbie Ice

Sunday, December 1

9:15am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke  
 Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion  
 7-Year Memorial Service for Ion Savu, father of Mariana Filimon at the end of the Liturgy  
 Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy  
 12:45pm Adult Bible Study/Youth Greek School

Wednesday, December 4

5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Savas the Sanctified  
 6:30pm Festival Chairmen Meeting in the Parish House

Friday, December 6

9:30am Orthros  
 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (11/24) George Saratsiotis, Chrissy Zdrakas; (12/1) Kostas Iakovidis, Rene Esquivel  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (11/24) Maria Spicer; (12/1) Gray Yates; (12/8) Natalia Saratsiotis; (12/15) Jim L.  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (11/20) James S.; (11/21) Eleni+Norm A.; (11/23) Cheryl S.; (11/24) Sarah D.; (11/25) David Z.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (11/20+21) Cristina L.; (11/24) Gray Y./David N.; (12/1) David Z.; (12/6) Cristina L.  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (11/24) Maria Bronisevsky; (12/1) Mariana Filimon; (12/8) Rodica Cazacu; (12/15) Jay McElrath

### **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

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου,  
Κύριε· πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.  
Στίχ. Εὐλόγει, ἡ ψυχὴ μου, τὸν  
Κύριον. Κύριε ὁ Θεός μου,  
ἐμεγαλύνθης σφόδρα.

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Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς  
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. εἰ δὲ ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; μὴ γένοιτο. εἰ γὰρ ἂν κατέλυσα ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα Θεῷ ζῆσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δὲ οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

*O Lord, Your works shall be  
magnified greatly; You made all  
things in wisdom.*

*Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, You are  
magnified exceedingly. (Psalm  
103)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Letter  
to the Galatians. (2:16-20)*

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Brethren, you know that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (12:16-21)

Ninth Sunday of Luke

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρώπου τινὸς πλουσίου εὐφόρησεν ἡ χώρα· καὶ διελογίζετο ἐν ἑαυτῷ λέγων· τί ποιήσω, ὅτι οὐκ ἔχω ποῦ συνάξω τοὺς καρπούς μου; καὶ εἶπε· τοῦτο ποιήσω· καθελῶ μου τὰς ἀποθήκας καὶ μείζονας οἰκοδομήσω, καὶ συνάξω ἐκεῖ πάντα τὰ γενήματά μου καὶ τὰ ἀγαθά μου, καὶ ἐρῶ τῇ ψυχῇ μου· ψυχὴ, ἔχεις πολλὰ ἀγαθὰ κείμενα εἰς ἔτη πολλά· ἀναπαύου, φάγε, πίε, εὐφραίνου. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Θεός· ἄφρον, ταύτη τῇ νυκτὶ τὴν ψυχὴν σου ἀπαιτοῦσιν ἀπὸ σοῦ· ἂ δὲ ἠτοίμασας τίνι ἔσται; οὕτως ὁ θησαυρίζων ἑαυτῷ, καὶ μὴ εἰς Θεὸν πλουτῶν. Ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· Ὁ ἔχων ὄτα ἀκούειν, ἀκουέτω.

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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### Bulletin for the week of November 17, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Cristina Lekas, Jim Lekas

Video: David Z.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek); Sarah Drakopoulos(English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): GOYA/Maria Murphy

PC Member On-Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Father among the Saints Gregory (Γρηγόριος) the Wonderworker, Bishop of Neocaesarea (+266)

*Saint Gregory was born in Neocaesarea of Pontus to parents who were not Christians. He studied in Athens, in Alexandria, in Beirut, and finally for five years in Caesarea of Palestine under Origen, by whom he was also instructed in the Faith of Christ. Then, in the year 240, he became bishop of his own city, wherein he found only seventeen Christians. By the time the Saint reposed about the year 265, there were only seventeen unbelievers left there. Virtually the whole duration of his episcopacy was a time of continual, marvellous wonders worked by him. Because of this, he received the surname "Wonderworker"; even the enemies of the truth called him a second Moses.*

+ Our Devout Father Lazarus (Λάζαρος) the Confessor, the Iconographer (+857)

+ The Devout Fathers Zacharias (Ζαχαρίας) the Leather-worker and John (Ιωάννης) (+3<sup>rd</sup> Century)

+ Our Devout Father Longinus (Λογγίνος) of Egypt (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ Our Father among the Saints Gennadios (Γεννάδιος), Patriarch of Constantinople (+471)

+ Our Devout Father Maximos (Μάξιμος), Patriarch of Constantinople (+434)

+ Our Devout Father Justin (Ιουστίνος)

+ Our Devout Father Gennadios (Γεννάδιος), monk of the Monastery of Vatopedi (+14<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ The Venerable Hilda (Χίλντα), Abbess of Whitby Abbey (+680)

*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 (To φαίδρόν, Fourth Mode):*

When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!" (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 110)

- *Hymn of St. Gregory (Εν προσευχαίς γρηγορών, Plagal Fourth Mode):*

By your accomplishments, you earned the name that you bore, for you were vigilant in prayer and diligent in working miracles. Therefore, holy father Gregory, intercede with Christ our God, that He illumine our souls, lest we fall asleep in sin unto death.

- *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 17—Fish+Wine+Oil:** John 21:1-14; Galatians 2:16-20; Luke 12:16-21

**Monday, November 18—Fish+Wine+Oil:** Colossians 2:13-20; Luke 17:20-25

**Tuesday, November 19—Fish+Wine+Oil:** Colossians 2:20-23, 3:1-3; Luke 17:26-37, 18:8

**Wednesday, November 20—Strict Fast:** Colossians 3:17-25, 4:1; Luke 18:15-17, 26-30

**Thursday, November 21—Entrance of the Theotokos—Fish+Wine+Oil:** Luke 1:39-49, 56; Hebrews 9:1-7; Luke 10:38-42, 11:27-28

**Friday, November 22—Strict Fast:** Philemon 1:1-25; Luke 19:12-28

**Saturday, November 23—Fish+Wine+Oil:** II Corinthians 5:1-10; Luke 10:19-21

### 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, Kevin, Andy

### 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. Andrew of Crete (+740)** writing about the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple and the early ministry of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary: "Thus the immaculate fruition issuing forth from the womb occurred from an infertile mother, and then the parents, in the first blossoming of her growth brought her to the temple and dedicated her to God. The priest, then making the order of services, beheld the face of the girl and of those in front of and behind, and he became gladdened and joyful, seeing as it were the actual fulfillment of the Divine promise. He consecrated her to God, as a reverential gift and propitious sacrifice and, as a great treasury unto salvation, he led her within the very innermost parts of the temple. Here the Maiden walked in the upright ways of the Lord, as in bridal chambers, partaking of heavenly food until the time of betrothal, which was preordained before all the ages by Him Who, by His inscrutable mercy, was born from her, and

by Him Who before all creation and time and expanse Divinely begat Him, ..."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

**Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**

November 18: John Paul Syribeys

November 20: Danae Michalakis

**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 to the receptions of the Archangel **Michael Award** from our parish this year, Cleo Bennette and Sarah Drakopoulos! We will honor them at the end of the Divine Liturgy today.

\* The **Fall General Assembly** will be taking place today at approximately 12:30pm. Please plan on staying for this important meeting!

\* **Youth Greek School** will take place beginning at 12:30pm/when the General Assembly begins in the Upstairs Classrooms today.

\* The next meeting of the **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will be on Saturday, December 7 at 3:30pm.

\* **Philoptochos (Ladies Philanthropic Group):** Please be sure to get in today any last minute orders for the 2024 Holiday Pastry Sale Fundraiser! Please see or contact Presvytera Stacey for more information and/or to order.

\* **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.

\* **2024 Christmas Card / Poinsettias:** If you would like to participate in the 2024 Christmas Card and/or purchase a poinsettia "In Memory of" or "In Honor of", please fill out the form (scan QR Code - if you need help, please contact Natalia Saratsiotis or Cristina Lekas) and turn in your payment to John Apostolou, Maria Spicer or an usher (please have it marked with your name and Christmas Card / Poinsettias). Christmas Card deadline is November 24th. Christmas Poinsettia deadline is December 15th.

\* **2025 Fellowship Sign-up:** An email went out with the signup link for next year's coffee hour sign up. Please sign up for a Sunday to host coffee hour (scan QR code). If you wish not to do a Sunday but instead would like to make a donation to cover a Sunday, please contact Maria Bronisevsky. Thank you to everyone who plans on hosting a Fellowship Sunday and to those who are making a monetary contribution.

