



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, November 24, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

St. Clement of Rome

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Eleventh (John 21:14-25)

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>Sunday, November 24</i>	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 Trisagion for Vassilios Troupos at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 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
<i>Saturday, November 30</i>	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
<i>Sunday, December 1</i>	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 Bible Study/Youth Greek School
<i>Wednesday, December 4</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Savas the Sanctified 6:30pm Festival Chairmen Meeting in the Parish House
<i>Friday, December 6</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
<i>Saturday, December 7</i>	3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, December 8</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion 1-Year Memorial for Bob Dunbar at the end of the Liturgy 2025 Stewardship Blessing at the end of the Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:00pm Parish Council Election in the Parish House 12:45pm Adult Greek School
<i>Wednesday, December 11</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on the eve of the Feast of St. Spyridon Trimythous
<i>Friday, December 13</i>	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (12/1) Kostas Iakovidis, Rene Esquivel; (12/8) George Saratsiotis, Isabelle Saratsiotis  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (12/1) Gray Yates; (12/8) Natalia Saratsiotis; (12/15) Jim Lekas; (12/22) John A.  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (11/25) David Z.; (11/30) OPEN; (12/1) John A., Charles G.; (12/4) James S.; (12/6) Eleni+Norm A.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (12/1) David Z.; (12/6+12/8) Cristina L.; (12/15) Natalia S.; (12/22) Joanna P.  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (12/1) Mariana Filimon; (12/8) Rodica Cazacu; (12/15) Jay McElrath; (12/22) Christine+Ron S.

### 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 Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ  
ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν  
γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. ὅσοι  
θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπῆσαι ἐν σαρκί,  
οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς  
περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ  
σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται.  
οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετημημένοι αὐτοὶ  
νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν  
ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ  
ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. ἐμοὶ δὲ  
μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ  
σταυρῷ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ  
Χριστοῦ, δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος  
ἐσταύρωται καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. ἐν γὰρ  
Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι  
ισχύει οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ  
κτίσις. καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ  
στοιχῆσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτοὺς καὶ  
ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ Θεοῦ.  
Τοῦ λοιποῦ κόπους μοι μηδεὶς  
παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ  
Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου  
βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν  
Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος  
ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί· ἀμήν.

*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 Letter  
to the Galatians. (6:11-18)*

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Brethren, see with what large  
letters I am writing to you with my  
own hand. It is those who want to  
make a good showing in the flesh  
that would compel you to be  
circumcised, and only in order that  
they may not be persecuted for the  
cross of Christ. For even those who  
receive circumcision do not  
themselves keep the law, but they  
desire to have you circumcised that  
they may glory in your flesh. But  
far be it from me to glory except in  
the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
by which the world has been  
crucified to me, and I to the world.  
For in Christ Jesus neither  
circumcision counts for anything,  
nor uncircumcision, but a new  
creation. Peace and mercy be upon  
all who walk by this rule, upon the  
Israel of God. Henceforth let no  
man trouble me; for I bear on my  
body the marks of Jesus. The grace  
of our Lord Jesus Christ be with  
your spirit, brethren. Amen.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (18:18-27)

Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις  
προσηλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ πειράζων  
αὐτὸν καὶ λέγων· διδάσκαλε ἀγαθέ,  
τί ποιήσας ζωὴν αἰώνιον  
κληρονομήσω; εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ  
Ἰησοῦς· τί με λέγεις ἀγαθόν; οὐδεὶς  
ἀγαθὸς εἰ μὴ εἷς ὁ Θεός. τὰς  
ἐντολὰς οἶδας· μὴ μοιχεύσης, μὴ  
φονεύσης, μὴ κλέψης, μὴ  
ψευδομαρτυρήσης, τίμα τὸν πατέρα  
σου καὶ τὴν μητέρα σου. ὁ δὲ εἶπε·  
ταῦτα πάντα ἐφυλαξάμην ἐκ  
νεότητός μου. ἀκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ  
Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔτι ἔν σοι  
λείπει· πάντα ὅσα ἔχεις πώλησον  
καὶ διάδος πτωχοῖς, καὶ ἔξεις  
θησαυρὸν ἐν οὐρανῷ, καὶ δεῦρο  
ἀκολούθει μοι. ὁ δὲ ἀκούσας ταῦτα  
περίλυπος ἐγένετο· ἦν γὰρ πλούσιος  
σφόδρα. ἰδὼν δὲ αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς  
περίλυπον γενόμενον εἶπε· πῶς  
δυσκόλως οἱ τὰ χρήματα ἔχοντες  
εἰσελεύσονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν  
τοῦ Θεοῦ! εὐκοπώτερον γὰρ ἐστὶ  
κάμηλον διὰ τρυμαλιᾶς ραφίδος  
εἰσελθεῖν ἢ πλούσιον εἰς τὴν  
βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰσελθεῖν.  
εἶπον δὲ οἱ ἀκούσαντες· καὶ τίς  
δύναται σωθῆναι; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· τὰ  
ἀδύνατα παρὰ ἀνθρώποις δυνατὰ  
παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ ἐστίν.

At that time, a man came to  
Jesus to put him to the test,  
saying, "Good Teacher, what  
shall I do to inherit eternal life?"  
And Jesus said to him, "Why do  
you call me good? No one is good  
but God alone. You know the  
commandments: 'Do not commit  
adultery, Do not kill, Do not  
steal, Do not bear false witness,  
Honor your father and mother.'"  
And he said, "All these I have  
observed from my youth." And  
when Jesus heard it, he said to  
him, "One thing you still lack.  
Sell all that you have and  
distribute it to the poor, and you  
will have treasure in heaven; and  
come, follow me." But when he  
heard this he became sad, for he  
was very rich. Jesus saw that he  
had become sad and said, "How  
hard it is for those who have  
riches to enter the kingdom of  
God! For it is easier for a camel  
to go through the eye of a needle  
than for a rich man to enter the  
kingdom of God." Those who  
heard it said, "Then who can be  
saved?" But he said, "What is  
impossible with men is possible  
with God."

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### Bulletin for the week of November 24, 2024

Ushers on Duty: Sarah Drakopoulos

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

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek); Chrissy Zdrakas (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Maria Bronisevsky

PC Member On-Duty: Melanie Moye

### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Our Father among the Saints Clement (Κλήμης), Bishop of Rome (+100)

*Saint Clement was instructed in the Faith of Christ by the Apostle Peter. He became Bishop of Rome in the year 91, the third after the death of the Apostles. He died as a martyr about the year 100 during the reign of Trajan.*

+ The Holy Hieromartyr Peter (Πέτρος), Bishop of Alexandria (+311)

+ Our Devout Father Malchus (Μάλχος) of Chalcis, Syria (+5<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ Our Devout Father Carion (Καρίων) of Scetis (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

+ Our Father among the Saints Hermogenes (Ερμιογένης), Bishop of Agrigentum (+260)

+ The Holy Martyrs Philumenos (Φιλούμενος) and Christopher (Χριστόφορος)

+ The Holy Martyr Eugene (Ευγένιος)

+ The Holy Martyrs Procopius (Προκόπιος) and Christopher (Χριστόφορος) (+274)

+ The Holy Martyr Alexander (Αλέξανδρος) of Corinth and our Devout Father Gregory (Γρηγόριος) at Golden Rock (+360)

+ The Holy Martyr Theodore (Θεόδωρος) of Antioch (+361)

+ The Holy Martyr Chrysogonos (Χρυσόγονος) and the devout Mark (Μάρκος) of Triglia (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

*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):

- *Hymn of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Σήμερον της ευδοκίας, Fourth Mode):*

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation." (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Resurrectional Hymn, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 182)

- *Weekly Resurrectional Hymn (Τov συνάναρχον Λόγον), Plagal 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 after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 114)

- *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 καθαρῶτατος 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 24—Fish+Wine+Oil:** John 21:14-25; Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 18:18-27

**Monday, November 25: St. Katherine—Fish+Wine+Oil:** Matthew 25:1-13; Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5; Mark 5:24-34

**Tuesday, November 26—Fish+Wine+Oil:** I Thessalonians 1:6-10; Luke 19:45-48

**Wednesday, November 27—Strict Fast:** I Thessalonians 2:1-8; Luke 20:1-8

**Thursday, November 28—Fish+Wine+Oil:** I Thessalonians 2:9-14; Luke 20:9-18

**Friday, November 29—Strict Fast:** I Thessalonians 2:14-20; Luke 20:19-26

**Saturday, November 30: St. Andrew—Fish+Wine+Oil:** Matthew 4:18-23; I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:35-51

### 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, 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, Justin, Marianna, George, Natalia, Natalia, Karen, Vera

### Prayers for those recently reposed:

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 Elizabeth, Mary Emma, Nate, Sophia, Susan, Tammy and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

### Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

**St. Macarius of Optina (+1860)** warning us about the danger of holding hard feelings towards others: "Do not allow the spark of discord and enmity to smolder. The longer you wait, the more the enemy tries to cause confusion among you. Be watchful, so that he does not mock you. Humility destroys all of his schemes."

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

#### Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

November 25: Katina Cacavias Brock, Katerina Iakovidis, Irene Ray, Kathye Patras, Mary Katherine Saratsiotis  
November 30: Andrew Adams, Daniel Filimon, Andreas Tsamolias

### Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

November 24: Rodica Cazacu

November 25: Sophia Cantrell

November 26: George Gordy, Mary Gordy

November 28: Tammi Cantrell, Mariana Filimon

November 29: Natalia Lane, Natalia Saratsiotis

November 30: Danai Esquivel

### Anniversaries—Congratulations!

November 27: Patsy and Niktis Zoumberis

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

### Announcements:

\* **Congratulations** to Schyler Johnson and her daughter Dylan, who were baptized yesterday. May God bless them! Godparents are Cheryl Schwartzkopf (Schyler) and Danai Esquivel (Dylan).

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

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

\* **Festival Chairmen Meeting** will be on December 4th @ 6:30pm. Financials for each booth will be available as well as discussion on what went well and what we can do better for next year. Mark your calendars for the **Spring Fling** (tentatively) April 26th. There are a few **Leftover Items** on the table in the Parish Hallway. If you would like to purchase something, please see a festival chairman. Slips of prices are on the table as well. In addition to what is on the table, we also have a full bucket of feta (not crumbled) and olives by the pound.

\* **Philoptochos (Ladies Philanthropic Group):** Save the date for a Christmas Social Gathering—Sunday, December 15 at 2:00pm.

\* **Youth:** Winter Youth Rally registration is now open (for 7th to 12th graders, December 27-30 in Atlanta). See the website (<https://atlmetsopolis.org/winter-youth-rally>) for more details.

\* **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 *today*. 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.

