



# HOLY CROSS

## GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### Sunday, November 3, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Luke

Sts. Acepssimas, Joseph, and Aeithalas the Martyrs

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

Mode of the Week: Second / Δεύτερος

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Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



### Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, November 3</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy Adult Bible Study/Youth Greek School (until 1:00pm) 12:30pm Holy Baptism of Emma Gordy, daughter of Bryan and Juliana Gordy 1:00pm
<i>Wednesday, November 6</i>	5:30pm Small Paraklesis 6:30pm Choir Practice/Stewardship Committee Meeting
<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 12:30pm 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>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
<i>Sunday, November 17</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9 <sup>th</sup> 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

**Upcoming Epistle Readers:** (11/10) Helen Troupous, Cleo Bennette; (11/17) Kostas Iakovidis, Sarah Drakopoulos  
**Upcoming PC Member On-Duty:** (11/10) Maria Spicer; (11/17) Sarah Drakopoulos; (11/24) Melanie Moye  
**Upcoming Ushers:** (11/6) James S.; (11/8) Norm+Eleni A.; (11/10) John A., Charles G.; (11/13) James S.  
**Upcoming Video Operators:** (11/10) Joanna P.; (11/17) David Z.; (11/20+21) Cristina L.; (11/24) Gray Y./David N.  
**Fellowship Hosts:** (11/10) Sunday School; (11/17) GOYA/Maria Murphy; (11/24) Maria B.; (12/1) Mariana Filimon

### 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 ὠρούμενος 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

*Ἰσχύς μου καὶ ὕμνησίς μου ὁ Κύριος, καὶ ἐγένετό μοι εἰς σωτηρίαν.*

*Στίχ. Παιδεύων ἐπαίδευσέ με ὁ Κύριος, καὶ τῷ θανάτῳ οὐ παρέδωκέ με.*

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*Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ Θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὁ ὢν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν Δαμασκηνῶν πόλιν πιάσαι με θέλων, καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέρει μοι· ἐλεύσομαι γὰρ εἰς ὀπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις Κυρίου. οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων· εἶτε ἐν σώματι οὐκ οἶδα, εἶτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ἀρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον· εἶτε ἐν σώματι εἶτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα, ὁ Θεὸς οἶδεν· ὅτι ἠρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλῆσαι. ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιούτου καυχῆσομαι, ὑπὲρ δὲ ἐμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου. ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω καυχῆσασθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων· ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἐρῶ· φείδομαι δὲ μὴ τις εἰς ἐμὲ λογίσηται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῇ ὑπερβολῇ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῇ σαρκί, ἄγγελος σατάν, ἵνα με κολαφίζῃ ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι. ὑπὲρ τούτου τρις τὸν Κύριον παρεκάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῇ ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ· καὶ εἴρηκέ μοι· ἀρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμις μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται. ἥδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ’ ἐμὲ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

*The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.*

*Verse: The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death. (Psalm 117)*

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*The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. (11:31-12:9)*

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Brethren, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus and wanted to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (16:19-31)

### Fifth Sunday of Luke

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Ἄνθρωπος δὲ τις ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐνεδιδύσκετο πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον εὐφραϊνόμενος καθ’ ἡμέραν λαμπρῶς. πτωχὸς δὲ τις ἦν ὀνόματι Λάζαρος, ὃς ἐβέβλητο πρὸς τὸν πυλῶνα αὐτοῦ ἠλκωμένος καὶ ἐπιθυμῶν χορτασθῆναι ἀπὸ τῶν ψιχίων τῶν πιπτόντων ἀπὸ τῆς τραπέζης τοῦ πλουσίου· ἀλλὰ καὶ οἱ κύνες ἐρχόμενοι ἀπέλειχον τὰ ἔλκη αὐτοῦ. ἐγένετο δὲ ἀποθανεῖν τὸν πτωχὸν καὶ ἀπενεχθῆναι αὐτὸν ὑπὸ τῶν ἀγγέλων εἰς τὸν κόλπον Ἀβραάμ· ἀπέθανε δὲ καὶ ὁ πλούσιος καὶ ἐτάφη. καὶ ἐν τῷ ἄδη ἐπάρας τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτοῦ, ὑπάρχων ἐν βασάνοις, ὄρᾳ τὸν Ἀβραάμ ἀπὸ μακρόθεν καὶ Λάζαρον ἐν τοῖς κόλποις αὐτοῦ. καὶ αὐτὸς φωνήσας εἶπε· πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἐλέησόν με καὶ πέμψον Λάζαρον ἵνα βάψῃ τὸ ἄκρον τοῦ δακτύλου αὐτοῦ ὕδατος καὶ καταψύξῃ τὴν γλῶσσάν μου, ὅτι ὀδυνῶμαι ἐν τῇ φλογὶ ταύτῃ. εἶπε δὲ Ἀβραάμ· τέκνον, μνήσθητι ὅτι ἀπέλαβες σὺ τὰ ἀγαθὰ σου ἐν τῇ ζωῇ σου, καὶ Λάζαρος ὁμοίως τὰ κακά· νῦν δὲ ὧδε παρακαλεῖται, σὺ δὲ ὀδυνᾶσαι· καὶ ἐπὶ πᾶσι τούτοις μεταξὺ ἡμῶν καὶ ὑμῶν χάσμα μέγα ἐστήρικται, ὅπως οἱ θέλοντες διαβῆναι ἐνθεν πρὸς ὑμᾶς μὴ δύνωνται, μὴδὲ οἱ ἐκεῖθεν πρὸς ἡμᾶς διαπερῶσιν. εἶπε δέ· ἐρωτῶ οὖν σε, πάτερ, ἵνα πέμψῃς αὐτὸν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ πατρός μου· ἔχω γὰρ πέντε ἀδελφούς· ὅπως διαμαρτύρηται αὐτοῖς, ἵνα μὴ καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔλθωσιν εἰς τὸν τόπον τοῦτον τῆς βασάνου. λέγει αὐτῷ Ἀβραάμ· ἔχουσι Μωϋσέα καὶ τοὺς προφήτας· ἀκουσάτωσαν αὐτῶν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· οὐχί, πάτερ Ἀβραάμ, ἀλλ’ ἐάν τις ἀπὸ νεκρῶν πορευθῇ πρὸς αὐτούς, μετανοήσουσιν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ· εἰ Μωϋσέως καὶ τῶν προφητῶν οὐκ ἀκούουσιν, οὐδὲ ἐάν τις ἐκ νεκρῶν ἀναστῇ πεισθήσονται.

The Lord said, “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to them, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

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### Bulletin for the week of November 3, 2024

**Ushers on Duty:** Cleo Bennette, Sarah Drakopoulos

**Video:** Natalia S.

**Altar Servers:** All Adult/Youth Servers

**Epistle Readers:** Pete Tsamolias (Greek); Caroline Saratsiotis (English)

**Fellowship Host (Thank You!):** Kathy Patras

**PC Member On-Duty:** John Apostolou



### Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + The Holy Martyrs Acepssimas (Ακεψιμάς), Joseph (Ιωσήφ), and Aeithalas (Αειθαλάς) (+376-377)

*Saint Acepssimas, a bishop, Saint Joseph, a presbyter, and Saint Aeithalas, a deacon, suffered exceedingly cruel torments and martyrdom during the reign of Sapor II, King of Persia (325-379).*

- + Celebration of the Consecration of the Church of St. George (Γεώργιος) the Great Martyr in Lydda (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

*The consecration of the Church of Saint George in Lydda of Palestine took place during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great.*

- + Our Devout Father Acepssimas (Ακεψιμάς) of Syria (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

- + Our Devout Father Theodore (Θεόδωρος), Bishop of Ancyra (+8<sup>th</sup> Century)

- + The Holy Martyrs Dasius (Δάσιος), Severus (Σέβηρος), Andronas (Ἀνδρωνας), Theodotus (Θεόδοτος), and Theodota (Θεοδότη)

- + Our Devout Father Elias (Ηλίας) of Egypt

- + The Holy Nine Martyrs, martyred by the sword

- + The Holy 28 Martyrs, martyred by fire

- + Our Devout Father Achemenides (Αχαμενίδης) the Confessor of Persia (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)

- + The Holy New Hieromartyr George (Γεώργιος) of Neapolis (+1797)

- + Our Devout Mother Winifred of Treffynon (+630)

*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 (Ότε κατήλθες, Second Mode):*

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, “O Christ God, Giver of life, glory to You!” (*Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 102*)

- *Hymn of Holy Martyrs (Οι Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, Fourth Mode):*

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons’ powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

- *Hymn of St. George (Ως των αιχμαλώτων, Fourth Mode):*

As the one renowned for setting captives free and for defending those in poverty, the physician of the sick and the champion of emperors, great and victorious Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

- *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, November 3—No Fasting:** John 20:11-18;

II Corinthians 11:31-33, 12:1-9; Luke 16:19-31

**Monday, November 4—No Fasting:** Philippians 2:12-15;

Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

**Tuesday, November 5—No Fasting:** Philippians 2:6-13;

Luke 12:42-48

**Wednesday, November 6—Strict Fast:** Hebrews 8:1-6;

Luke 12:8-12

**Thursday, November 7— No Fasting:** Philippians 3:1-8;

Luke 13:1-9

**Friday, November 8: Synaxis of the Archangels—**

**Wine+Oil:** Matthew 18:10-20; Hebrews 2:2-10; Luke 10:16-21

**Saturday, November 9: St. Nektarios of Pentapolis—**

**No Fasting:** Matthew 24:42-47; Ephesians 5:8-19; Matthew 4:25, 5:1-12

### 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)

### 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 (+4<sup>th</sup> Century)** regarding our guardian angel: “When you close the doors to your dwelling and are alone you should know that there is present with you the angel whom God has appointed for each man...This angel, who is sleepless and cannot be deceived, is always present with you; he sees all things and is not hindered by darkness. You should know, too, that with him is God, who is in every place; for there is no place and nothing material in which God is not, since He is greater than all things and holds all men in His hand.”

### Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

November 8: Fr. Michael Vastakis, Mike Cantrell, Mikey Cantrell, Michael Drakopoulos, Sarah Drakopoulos, Mike Nicholas, Angelika Passias, Logan “Michael” Wells

### **Birthdays—Happy Birthday!**

November 3: Eleni Grace Esquivel

November 4: James Stone

### **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:

\* There will be a **Baptism** today at 1:00pm of Emma Gordy, the daughter of Bryan and Juliana. All are invited to attend this Holy Mystery which will be taking place after the coffee fellowship. Congratulations to the Gordy family!

\* Both **Greek School** for the youth and the **Bible Study** will be abbreviated today from 12:30 to 1:00pm.

\* **Festival Info:** 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. Lastly, there will be an update on the outcome of the Festival during the upcoming Fall General Assembly.

\* The **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will continue this 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.

\* **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



\* **Philoptochos (Ladies Philanthropic Group):** General Meeting next Sunday at 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 next Sunday! We will also have pumpkins available for decorating (since we didn’t have the chance to this past week!)

\* **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.

\* **Honoring of our Veterans** next Sunday at the end of the Liturgy—thank you for your service!