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Sunday, January 19, 2025

12th Sunday of Luke

St. Makarios of Egypt

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

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, January 19</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 12 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:30pm Philoptochos Meeting 12:45pm Adult Greek School 1:30pm Youth Outing (Ice Skating at the Macon Centerplex)
<i>Monday, January 20</i>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Office Closed
<i>Tuesday, January 21</i>	11:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon 6:30pm Planning Committee Meeting
<i>Wednesday, January 22</i>	3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish House (until 7:00pm) 6:30pm Choir Practice
<i>Saturday, January 25</i>	10:00am Enthronement of Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta (at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta)
<i>Sunday, January 26</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 15 th Sunday of Luke Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 12:45pm Bible Study/Youth Greek School
<i>Tuesday, January 28</i>	11:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
<i>Wednesday, January 29</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers and Divine Liturgy on the Eve of the Feast of the Three Hierarchs 7:00pm Not-So-Young-Adult Outing (Mercer Basketball Game)
<i>Saturday, February 1</i>	5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, February 2</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (and Godparent Sunday) Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion 3-Year Memorial for Samuel Chuck Ray at the end of the Liturgy St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival after the Divine Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Oratorical Festival 12:45pm Adult Greek School
<i>Tuesday, February 4</i>	11:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
<i>Wednesday, February 5</i>	5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. Photios the Great

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (1/26) Aleca Hortman, Charles Glotzbach; (2/2) Pete Tsamolias, Caroline Saratsiotis
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (1/26) Natalia Saratsiotis; (2/2) Jim Lekas; (2/9) John Apostolou; (2/16) Maria S.
Upcoming Ushers: (1/22) Charles G.; (1/26) Cheryl+Erick S.; (1/29) David Z.; (2/2) Sarah D., Joanna P.; (2/5) Tassie C.
Upcoming Video Operators: (1/26) David Z.; (2/2) Natalia S.; (2/9) David Z.; (2/16) Cristina L.; (2/22) Joanna P.
Fellowship Hosts: (1/26) Danaï Esquivel; (2/2) Denna Bradford+Irene Ray; (2/9) Natalia Saratsiotis; (2/16) Cristina L.

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 Κολασσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς
φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ
ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν
δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε οὖν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν
τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν,
ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν
κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις
ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρία, δι' ἧς ἔρχεται ἡ
ὀργὴ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς
ἀπειθείας, ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς
περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν
αὐτοῖς· νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς
τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν,
βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογίαν ἐκ τοῦ
στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς
ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν
παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς
πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι
τὸν νέον τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς
ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ
κτίσαντος αὐτόν, ὅπου οὐκ ἐνὶ
Ἑλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ
ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης,
δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος, ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα
καὶ ἐν πᾶσι Χριστὸς.

*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 Colossians. (3:4-11)*

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Brethren, when Christ who is our
life appears, then you also will
appear with him in glory. Put to
death therefore what is earthly in
you: fornication, impurity,
passion, evil desire, and
covetousness, which is idolatry.
On account of these the wrath of
God is coming upon the sons of
disobedience. In these you once
walked, when you lived in them.
But now put them all away;
anger, wrath, malice, slander,
and foul talk from your mouth.
Do not lie to one another, seeing
that you have put off the old
nature with its practices and have
put on the new nature, which is
being renewed in knowledge after
the image of its creator. Here
there cannot be Greek and Jew,
circumcised and uncircumcised,
barbarian, Scythian, slave, free
man, but Christ is all, and in all.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (17:12-19)

Twelfth Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ,
εἰσερχομένου τοῦ Ἰησοῦ εἰς
τινα κώμην ἀπήντησαν αὐτῷ
δέκα λεπροὶ ἄνδρες, οἱ
ἕστησαν πόρρωθεν, καὶ αὐτοὶ
ἤραν φωνὴν λέγοντες· Ἰησοῦ
ἐπιστάτα, ἐλέησον ἡμᾶς. καὶ
ιδὼν εἶπεν αὐτοῖς·
πορευθέντες ἐπιδείξατε
ἑαυτοὺς τοῖς ἱερεῦσι. καὶ
ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτοὺς
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν. εἰς δὲ ἐξ
αὐτῶν, ιδὼν ὅτι ἰάθη,
ὑπέστρεψε μετὰ φωνῆς
μεγάλης δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν,
καὶ ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ πρόσωπον
παρὰ τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ
εὐχαριστῶν αὐτῷ· καὶ αὐτὸς
ἦν Σαμαρεῖτης. ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ
ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· οὐχὶ οἱ δέκα
ἐκαθαρίσθησαν; οἱ δὲ ἐννέα
ποῦ; οὐχ εὐρέθησαν
ὑποστρέψαντες δοῦναι δόξαν
τῷ Θεῷ εἰ μὴ ὁ ἄλλογενὴς
οὗτος; καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ·
ἀναστὰς πορεύου· ἡ πίστις
σου σέσωκέ σε.

At that time, as Jesus
entered a village, he was
met by ten lepers, who
stood at a distance and
lifted up their voices and
said: "Jesus, Master, have
mercy on us." When he saw
them he said to them, "Go
and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they went
they were cleansed. Then
one of them, when he saw
that he was healed, turned
back, praising God with a
loud voice; and he fell on
his face at Jesus's feet,
giving him thanks. Now he
was a Samaritan. Then said
Jesus: "Were not ten
cleansed? Where are the
nine? Was no one found to
return and give praise to
God except this foreigner?"
And he said to him: "Rise
and go your way; your faith
has made you well."

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Bulletin for the week of January 19, 2025

Ushers on Duty: John Apostolou, Charles Glotzbach

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

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Greek); Cheryl Schwartzkopf (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Toula Tsamolia

PC Member On-Duty: Gray Yates



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Our Devout Father Makarios (Μακάριος) of Egypt (+390) and our Devout Father Makarios (Μακάριος) of Alexandria (+394)

Saint Makarios the Great was from the Thebaïd of Egypt, a disciple, as some say, of Saint Anthony the Great. He was born about 331 and struggled in asceticism in the desert at Scete. Although young, he was called "the child elder" because of his great wisdom and austere manner of life. He was ordained presbyter and reposed in 391, at the age of sixty. There are fifty homilies ascribed to him.

It is said of Saint Makarios that he became as a God upon earth, for even as God protects the whole world, so did he cover the faults he saw as if he did not see them. Once he came back to his cell to find a thief taking his things and loading them on a camel. Makarios' non-possessiveness was so great that he helped the thief load the camel. When the camel refused to rise, Makarios returned to his cell and brought a small hoe, said that the camel wanted the hoe also, loaded it on, and kicked the camel telling it to get up. The camel obeyed Makarios' command, but soon lay down again, and would not move until everything had been returned to Makarios. His contemporary, Saint Makarios of Alexandria, was so called because he came from Alexandria and was therefore of that Greek-speaking colony; while Saint Makarios the Great is also called "of Egypt," that is, he belonged to the ancient race native to Egypt, the Copts.

- + The Transfer of the Holy Relic (+950) of our Father among the Saints Gregory (Γρηγόριος) the Theologian
- + Our Father among the Saints Arsenios (Αρσένιος), Archbishop of Kerkyra (+953)
- + Our Devout Father Meletios (Μελέτιος) the Confessor of Mt. Galesion (+13th Century)
- + Our Father among the Saints Mark Evgenikos (Μάρκος Ευγενικός), Bishop of Ephesus (+1443)

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 (Τον 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 before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 114)

- *Hymn of St. Makarios (Της ερήμου πολίτης, First Mode):*

As a citizen of the desert and an angel incarnate and a wonder-worker you shone forth, O Makarios our God-bearing father. Since you received the spiritual gifts by fasting and vigilance and prayer, you can cure those who are ailing and heal the souls of those who run to you with faith. Glory to Him who gave His might to you; glory to Him who placed a crown on you; glory to Him who operates through you, providing cures to all.

- *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 Presentation of Christ, (Ο μήτραν παρθενικήν, First Mode):*

You sanctified the womb of the Virgin by Your birth, and by Your presentation You blessed the hands of Symeon, when You came, and You saved us, O Christ our God. Now we pray You give peace to Your world at war, and let love for Your people prevail in all, O only benevolent Lord. (Greek Text found in hymnal on pg.250)

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily

Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Sunday, January 19—No Fasting:

John 20:11-18; Colossians 3:4-11; Luke 17:12-19

Monday, January 20: St. Efthymios the Great—No Fasting:

II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:17-23

Tuesday, January 21: St. Maximos the Confessor—No Fasting:

Philippians 1:12-20; Luke 12:8-12

Wednesday, January 22: St. Timothy the Apostle—Wine+Oil:

II Timothy 1:3-8; Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30

Thursday, January 23—No Fasting:

Philippians 3:20-21, 4:1-3; Mark 2:23-28, 3:1-5

Friday, January 24—Strict Fast:

Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Matthew 6:22-33

Saturday, January 25: St. Gregory the Theologian—No Fasting:

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

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Fr. Mike, 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, Karen, Vera, Adam, Debbie

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Lula Belle (+December 19), Fr. George Makhlof (+December 20), Fr. Thomas FitzGerald (+December 29), Fr. George Pallas (+January 15)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B., Schyler J.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Alexander, Bobbie, Dakota, Hannah, Jessica, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Emma, Nate, Sophia, Sebastian, Susan, Tammy and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Makarios of Egypt (+390) on the danger of praise: "A brother came to see Abba Makarios the Egyptian, and said to him, 'Abba, give me a word, that I may be saved.' So the old man said, 'Go to the cemetery and abuse the dead.' The brother went there, abused them and threw stones at them; then he returned and told the old man about it. The latter said to him, 'Didn't they say anything to you?' He replied, 'No.' The old man said, 'Go back tomorrow and praise them.' So the brother went away and praised them, calling them, 'Apostles, saints and righteous men.' He returned to the old man and said to him, 'I have complimented them'. And the old man said to him, 'Did they not answer you?' The brother said no. The old man said to

him, 'You know how you insulted them and they did not reply, and how you praised them and they did not speak; so you too if you wish to be saved must do the same and become a dead man. Like the dead, take no account of either the scorn of men or their praises, and you can be saved.'

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

January 20: Charles Glotzbach, Effie Morris

January 21: Gray Maximos Yates

January 24: Cheryl Schwartzkopf

January 25: Greg Spicer

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

January 19: Wyatt Morris

January 22: Cheryl Schwartzkopf

January 23: Christina Danforth

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:

* The **2025 Parish Council Election** has begun their service as of last Sunday. The positions on the council are as follows: (PC President) Natalia Saratsiotis, (Vice President) Jim Lekas, (Secretary) Sarah Drakopoulos, (Asst. Secretary) Chad Ridely, (Treasurer) John Apostolou, (Asst. Treasurer) Maria Spicer. May God bless them and their service to our parish!

* **Philoptochos Meeting** after Liturgy today in the Parish House. **Adult Greek School** will be taking place at 12:45pm in the chapel.

* **Youth:** Youth Outing will be taking place today after Church and Coffee Fellowship at approximately 1:30pm — Ice Skating at the Macon Centerplex. Youth tickets will be sponsored by the Church—Adults \$10. Please see Cheryl Schwartzkopf for more information. **Save the Date** for our Parish level 2025 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (SJCOF), Sunday, Feb. 2nd, immediately after Divine Liturgy. It's also Godparent Sunday - please make plans from now to have your children's godparents come and witness their presentations if you can! Detailed SJCOF email coming soon.

* **Choir Practice** is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, January 22 at 6:30pm.

* **House Blessings** are continuing after the Feast of Theophany. Signups are taking place online with the link that was sent by email. If you need assistance in signing up, please contact Fr. Theodore or Presvytera Stacey.

* The **Enthronement** of our new Metropolitan of Atlanta, **Metropolitan Sevastianos**, will be taking place this Saturday, January 25 at 10:00am at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta. More information can be found at the website: www.atlmetropolisevents.org.

* The **Not-So-Young-Adults** will be having an outing on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00pm (after the Divine Liturgy for the Three Hierarchs). Mercer Basketball Game in Macon—please contact Beth Zoumeris for more details!