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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, January 26, 2025

15th Sunday of Luke

St. Xenophon of Constantinople

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Ninth (John 20:19-31)

Mode of the Week: Plagal of the Second/Πλ. του Δευτέρου

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, 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 6:30pm Choir Practice
<i>Thursday, February 6</i>	6:30pm Planning Committee Meeting
<i>Saturday, February 8</i>	3:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class 5:00pm Great Vespers
<i>Sunday, February 9</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee (beginning of the Triodion) Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy 12:45pm Bible Study/Youth Greek School
<i>Monday, February 10</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Haralambos
<i>Tuesday, February 11</i>	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (2/2) Pete Tsamolias, Caroline Saratsiotis; (2/9) Helen Troupos, Cleo Bennette
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (2/2) Jim Lekas; (2/9) John Apostolou; (2/16) Maria Spicer; (2/23) Sarah D.
Upcoming Ushers: (1/29)David Z.;(2/2)Sarah D., Joanna P.;(2/5) Tassie C.; (2/8+2/9) OPEN; (2/10) Norm+Eleni A.
Upcoming Video Operators: (2/2) Natalia S.; (2/9)David Z.;(2/16) David Z.; (2/22)Joanna P.; (2/23) Gray/David N
Fellowship Hosts: (2/2) Denna Bradford+Irene Ray; (2/9) Natalia Saratsiotis;(2/16)Cristina Lekas; (2/23) Cleo B.

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

Σῶσον, Κύριε, τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράζομαι, ὁ Θεός μου.

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Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Α' Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος· εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ Θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶ σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. ἕως ἔρχομαι πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God. (Psalm 27)

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The reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

(4:9-15)

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Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to reading, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (19:1-10)

Fifteenth Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, διήρχετο ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὴν Ἰεριχώ· καὶ ἰδοὺ ἀνὴρ ὀνόματι καλούμενος Ζακχαῖος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἦν ἀρχιτελώνης, καὶ οὗτος ἦν πλούσιος, καὶ ἐζήτηε ἰδεῖν τὸν Ἰησοῦν τίς ἐστὶ, καὶ οὐκ ἠδύνατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ὄχλου, ὅτι τῇ ἡλικίᾳ μικρὸς ἦν. καὶ προδραμῶν ἔμπροσθεν ἀνέβη ἐπὶ συκομορέαν, ἵνα ἴδῃ αὐτόν, ὅτι δι' ἐκείνης ἡμελλε διέρχεσθαι. καὶ ὡς ἦλθεν ἐπὶ τὸν τόπον, ἀναβλέψας ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶδεν αὐτόν καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτόν· Ζακχαῖε, σπεύσας κατάβηθι· σήμερον γὰρ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ σου δεῖ με μέναι. καὶ σπεύσας κατέβη, καὶ ὑπεδέξατο αὐτόν χαίρων. καὶ ἰδόντες πάντες διεγόγγυζον λέγοντες ὅτι παρὰ ἀμαρτωλῶ ἀνδρὶ εἰσηλθε καταλῦσαι. σταθεὶς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Κύριον· Ἴδου τὰ ἡμίση τῶν ὑπαρχόντων μου, Κύριε, δίδωμι τοῖς πτωχοῖς, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα, ἀποδίδωμι τετραπλοῦν. εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτόν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὅτι σήμερον σωτηρία τῷ οἴκῳ τούτῳ ἐγένετο, καθότι καὶ αὐτὸς υἱὸς Ἀβραάμ ἐστίν· ἦλθε γὰρ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ζητῆσαι καὶ σῶσαι τὸ ἀπολωλός.

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

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Bulletin for the week of January 26, 2025

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl and Erick Schwartzkopf

Video: David Z. Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek); Charles Glotzbach (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Danai Esquivel

PC Member On-Duty: Natalia Saratsiotis



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Our Devout Father Xenophon (Ξενοφών), his wife Maria (Μαρία), and sons Archadios (Αρκαδιος) and John (Ιωάννης) (+6th Century)

This Saint, a wealthy nobleman of Constantinople, was filled with piety toward God. He had two sons, Arcadius and John, whom he sent to Beirut to study law. But they were shipwrecked during their voyage; barely saved, they forsook all things and departed for Palestine. Saint Xenophon and his wife Mary, ignorant of what had happened, went in search of their sons. On finding them in Jerusalem, dressed in the habit of monks, they also took up the monastic life. And thus, having completed their lives in holiness, they departed for the Lord about the beginning of the sixth century. Saint Xenophon and his sons reposed at Saint Sabbas Monastery, and Mary at the Monastery of Saint Theodosius.

- + Our Devout Father Symeon (Συμεών), the so-called Old One of Mount Sinai (+390)

Saint Simeon the "Old One" or Ancient/Elder was so named in order to distinguish him from Saint Simeon the Stylite (September 1). He practiced asceticism in Syria in the fourth century, and in his childhood years went out into the Syrian wilderness and lived in a cave in complete solitude.

- + The Holy Martyrs Ananias (Ανανίας) the Priest, Peter (Πέτρος) the Prison-Guard, and the Seven Soldiers with them (+295)

- + Our Devout Father Ammonas (Αμμωνάς) of Egypt (+350)

- + Our Devout Father Gabriel (Γαβριήλ), abbot of the Monastery of St. Stefanos in Jerusalem (+490)

- + The Two Holy Martyrs in Phrygia

- + Our Devout Father Conon, Bishop and monastic founder on the Isle of Man (+648)

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 (Αγγελικαί δυνάμεις, Plagal Second Mode):*

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You! (Sung before and after the Small Entrance, Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 118)

- *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 παρθενικην, 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 26—No Fasting:
John 20:19-31; I Timothy 4:9-15; Luke 19:1-10

Monday, January 27: Relics of St. John Chrysostom—
No Fasting:
John 10:1-9; Hebrews 7:26-28, 8:1-2; John 10:9-16

Tuesday, January 28: St. Ephraim the Syrian—
No Fasting:
Galatians 5:22-26, 6:1-2; Luke 6:17-23

Wednesday, January 29—Strict Fast:

Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 9:33-41

Thursday, January 30: Three Hierarchs—No Fasting:

John 10:9-16; Hebrews 13:7-16; Matthew 5:14-19

Friday, January 30—Strict Fast:

I Corinthians 12:27-31, 13:1-8; Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Saturday, February 1—No Fasting:

Romans 8:28-39; Luke 10:19-21

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, Marion

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. (baby born 1/20), 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, Sebastian, Sophia, Susan, Tammy and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Isaac the Syrian (+700), commemorated this week on January 28: "Do not fall into despair because of stumbling. I do not mean that you should not feel contrition for them, but that you should not think them incurable. For it is more expedient to be bruised than dead. There is, indeed, a Healer for the man who has stumbled, even He Who on the Cross asked that mercy be shown to His crucifiers, He Who pardoned His murders while He hung on the Cross. 'All manner of sin,' He said, 'and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men,' that is, through repentance."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

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

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

January 27: Tony Zoumberis, Jr.

January 31: Ben George Davis

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 **Enthronement of Metropolitan Sevastianos** took place yesterday at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Atlanta. AXIOS, He is worthy! He is celebrating his first Divine Liturgy as our Metropolitan today at the Cathedral. We look forward to his first pastoral visit to Holy Cross sometime in the hopefully near future!

* **Youth Greek School** will be taking place at 12:45pm in the upstairs classrooms.

* **Bible Study** will take place at approximately 12:45pm in the back coffee hour room with a continuation of the study of the last chapters of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans.

* **Youth:** Our Parish level 2025 St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival (SJCOP) will be taking place next Sunday, February 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! Practice will be taking place for the Oratorical Festival today. (Save the Date for the District Level Oratorical Festival: Saturday, March 29 at St. Christopher's in Peachtree City.)

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

* **Choir Practice** is planned in the month of February for Wednesday, February 5 and 19 at 6:30pm. If you are in choir, we hope you can make it as we continue to work on our current material and plan for new material!

* **The Orthodox Book Study** continues this Tuesday at 11:00am at Taste and See in Macon. Even if you haven't joined yet, feel free to come and participate in the discussion!

Upcoming Important Dates:

* February 9, beginning of the Triodion (Pre-Lenten period)

* February 23: Altar Boy/St. Photini Handmaiden Meeting

* March 3: Beginning of Great Lent

* March 16: Spring General Assembly