



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



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Sunday, September 14, 2025

Elevation of the Holy Cross

Our Church's Name Day

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (John 12:28-36)

Mode of the Week: Festal / Της Εορτής

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

Today, September 14

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Elevation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross
Procession of the Cross at the end of the Liturgy
Artoklasia (Blessing of the Five Loaves) after the Procession
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Bible Study

Saturday, September 20

8:00am Dolmades Prep for the Festival (in the Parish House)
4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, September 21

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday after Holy Cross
Sunday School Begins for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
1:00pm Youth Greek Dance

Wednesday, September 24

3:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive (in the Parish House, until 7:00pm)
5:30pm Vespers
6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in person and on Zoom

Thursday, September 25

10:30am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
7:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Friday, September 26

9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian

Sunday, September 28

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 1st Sunday of Luke
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Epistle Reader Meeting after the Divine Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Bible Study

Tuesday, September 30

6:45pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 1

5:30pm Vespers
6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in person and on Zoom

Thursday, October 2

10:30am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon

Sunday, October 5

9:15m Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 2nd Sunday of Luke
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
1:00pm Youth Greek Dance

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (9/21) George Saratsiotis, Isabelle Saratsiotis; (9/28) Kostas Iakovidis, Charles Glotzbach
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (9/21) Natalia Saratsiotis (9/28) Gray Yates; (10/5) Chad Ridley; (10/12) John A.
Upcoming Ushers: (9/20) Maris S; (9/21) Sarah D, Natalia S; (9/24) Charles G; (9/26+28) Haris S; (9/28) Nic+Pam P
Upcoming Video Operators: (9/21) David Z; (9/26) OPEN; (9/28) Natalia S.; (10/5) Joanna P.; (10/12) Cristina L.
Fellowship Hosts: (9/21) Mandi Saratsiotis; (9/28) Men's Brotherhood; (10/5) Robert Ice; (10/12) Helen Vardy

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

Υψοῦτε Κύριον τὸν Θεὸν ἡμῶν καὶ προσκυνεῖτε τῷ ὑποποδίῳ τῶν ποδῶν αὐτοῦ, ὅτι ἅγιός ἐστι.

Στίχ. Ὁ Κύριος ἐβασίλευσεν, ὀργιζέσθωσαν λαοί· ὁ καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῶν Χερουβίμ, σαλευθήτω ἡ γῆ.

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Πρὸς Κορινθίους Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

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Ἀδελφοί, ὁ λόγος ὁ τοῦ σταυροῦ τοῖς μὲν ἀπολλυμένοις μωρία ἐστὶ, τοῖς δὲ σωζομένοις ἡμῖν δύναμις Θεοῦ ἐστι. γέγραπται γάρ· ἀπολῶ τὴν σοφίαν τῶν σοφῶν, καὶ τὴν σύνεσιν τῶν συνετῶν ἀθετήσω. ποῦ σοφός; ποῦ γραμματεύς; ποῦ συζητητῆς τοῦ αἰῶνος τούτου; οὐχὶ ἐμώρανεν ὁ Θεὸς τὴν σοφίαν τοῦ κόσμου τούτου; ἐπειδὴ γὰρ ἐν τῇ σοφίᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ οὐκ ἔγνω ὁ κόσμος διὰ τῆς σοφίας τὸν Θεόν, εὐδόκησεν ὁ Θεὸς διὰ τῆς μωρίας τοῦ κηρύγματος σῶσαι τοὺς πιστεύοντας. ἐπειδὴ καὶ Ἰουδαῖοι σημεῖον αἰτοῦσι καὶ Ἕλληνες σοφίαν ζητοῦσιν, ἡμεῖς δὲ κηρύσσομεν Χριστὸν ἐσταυρωμένον, Ἰουδαίους μὲν σκάνδαλον, Ἕλλησι δὲ μωρίαν, αὐτοῖς δὲ τοῖς κλητοῖς, Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησι, Χριστὸν Θεοῦ δύναμιν καὶ Θεοῦ σοφίαν.

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy.

Verse: The Lord reigns; let the peoples be angry; the Lord sits upon the cherubim; let the earth be shaken.

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The reading is from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians. (6:11-18)

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Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart.” Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30)

Elevation of the Holy Cross

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, συμβούλιον ἐποίησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ πρεσβύτεροι κατὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὅπως αὐτὸν ἀπολέσωσι. Καὶ παρεγένοντο πρὸς Πιλάτον λέγοντες· σταύρωσον σταύρωσον αὐτόν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· λάβετε αὐτὸν ὑμεῖς καὶ σταυρώσατε· ἐγὼ γὰρ οὐχ εὐρίσκω ἐν αὐτῷ αἰτίαν. ἀπεκρίθησαν αὐτῷ οἱ Ἰουδαῖοι· ἡμεῖς νόμον ἔχομεν, καὶ κατὰ τὸν νόμον ἡμῶν ὀφείλει ἀποθανεῖν, ὅτι ἐαυτὸν Θεοῦ υἱὸν ἐποίησεν. Ὅτε οὖν ἤκουσεν ὁ Πιλάτος τοῦτον τὸν λόγον, μᾶλλον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ εἰσῆλθεν εἰς τὸ πραιτώριον πάλιν καὶ λέγει τῷ Ἰησοῦ· πόθεν εἶ σύ; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοὺς ἀπόκρισιν οὐκ ἔδωκεν αὐτῷ. λέγει οὖν αὐτῷ ὁ Πιλάτος· ἐμοὶ οὐ λαλεῖς; οὐκ οἶδας ὅτι ἐξουσίαν ἔχω σταυρῶσαί σε καὶ ἐξουσίαν ἔχω ἀπολῶσαί σε; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοὺς· οὐκ εἶχες ἐξουσίαν οὐδεμίαν κατ’ ἐμοῦ, εἰ μὴ ἦν σοι δεδομένον ἄνωθεν· διὰ τοῦτο ὁ παραδιδούς με σοι μείζονα ἁμαρτίαν ἔχει. ὁ οὖν Πιλάτος ἀκούσας τοῦτον τὸν λόγον ἤγαγεν ἔξω τὸν Ἰησοῦν, καὶ ἐκάθισεν ἐπὶ τοῦ βήματος εἰς τόπον λεγόμενον Λιθόστρωτον, ἐβραϊστὶ δὲ Γαββαθᾶ· ἦν δὲ παρασκευὴ τοῦ πάσχα, ὥρα δὲ ὥσει ἔκτῃ· καὶ λέγει τοῖς Ἰουδαίοις· ἴδε ὁ βασιλεὺς ὑμῶν. οἱ δὲ ἐκραύγασαν· ἄρον ἄρον, σταύρωσον αὐτόν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος· τὸν βασιλέα ὑμῶν σταυρώσω; ἀπεκρίθησαν οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς· οὐκ ἔχομεν βασιλέα εἰ μὴ Καίσαρα. τότε οὖν παρέδωκεν αὐτὸν αὐτοῖς ἵνα σταυρωθῇ. Παρέλαβον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἤγαγον· καὶ βαστάζων τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ ἐξῆλθεν εἰς τὸν λεγόμενον κρανίου τόπον, ὃς λέγεται ἐβραϊστὶ Γολγοθᾶ, ὅπου αὐτὸν ἐσταύρωσαν, καὶ μετ’ αὐτοῦ ἄλλους δύο ἐντεῦθεν καὶ ἐντεῦθεν, μέσον δὲ τὸν Ἰησοῦν. ἔγραψε δὲ καὶ τίτλον ὁ Πιλάτος καὶ ἔθηκεν ἐπὶ τοῦ σταυροῦ· ἦν δὲ γεγραμμένον· Ἰησοὺς ὁ Ναζωραῖος ὁ βασιλεὺς τῶν Ἰουδαίων. τοῦτον οὖν τὸν τίτλον πολλοὶ ἀνέγνωσαν τῶν Ἰουδαίων, ὅτι ἐγγὺς ἦν τῆς πόλεως ὁ τόπος ὅπου ἐσταυρώθη ὁ Ἰησοὺς· καὶ ἦν γεγραμμένον Ἑβραϊστί, Ἑλληνιστί, Ῥωμαϊστί. Οἱ μὲν οὖν στρατιῶται ταῦτα ἐποίησαν. εἰστήκεισαν δὲ παρὰ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ ἀδελφὴ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Κλωπᾶ καὶ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ. Ἰησοὺς οὖν ἰδὼν τὴν μητέρα καὶ τὸν μαθητὴν παρεστῶτα ὃν ἠγάπα, λέγει τῇ μητρὶ αὐτοῦ· γύναι, ἴδε ὁ υἱός σου. εἰτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ· ἰδοὺ ἡ μήτηρ σου. καὶ ἅπ’ ἐκείνης τῆς ὥρας ἔλαβεν ὁ μαθητῆς αὐτὴν εἰς τὰ ἴδια. Μετὰ τοῦτο εἰδὼς ὁ Ἰησοὺς ὅτι πάντα ἤδη τετέλεσται, ἵνα τελειωθῇ ἡ γραφή, λέγει· διψῶ. ὅτε οὖν ἔλαβε τὸ ὄξος ὁ Ἰησοὺς εἶπε, τετέλεσται, καὶ κλίνας τὴν κεφαλὴν παρέδωκε τὸ πνεῦμα.

At that time, the chief priests and the elders held counsel against Jesus, how to destroy him. And they went to Pilate, saying, “Crucify him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him.” The Jews answered him, “We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God.” When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, “You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?” Jesus answered him, “You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin.” When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, “Behold your King!” They cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King!” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.” Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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Bulletin for the week of September 14, 2025

Ushers on Duty: Jim Lekas, Haris Sorovigas

Video: Cristina L.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek); Mike Cantrell (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Parish Council

PC Member On-Duty: Maria Spicer



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + The Elevation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross (Υψωση του Τιμίου και Ζωοποιού Σταυρού)

Saint Helen, the mother of Saint Constantine the Great, when she was already advanced in years, undertook, in her great piety, the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the cross, about the year 325. A temple to Aphrodite had been raised up by the Emperor Hadrian upon Golgotha, to defile and cover with oblivion the place where the saving Passion had been suffered. The venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed, and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, and three crosses. Of these, it was believed that one must be that of our Lord, the other two of the thieves crucified with Him; but Saint Helen was at a loss which one might be the Wood of our salvation. At the inspiration of Saint Macarius, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a lady of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses, and as soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was made perfectly whole. Consequently, the precious Cross was lifted on high by Archbishop Macarius of Jerusalem; as he stood on the ambo, and when the people beheld it, they cried out, "Lord have mercy." It should be noted that after its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople as a blessing. The rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country (see Jan. 22, Saint Anastasius the Persian). Late, in the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign, retrieved the Cross, and after bringing it to Constantinople, himself escorted it back to Jerusalem, where he restored it to its place.

- + Our Father among the Saints John Chrysostom (Ιωάννης ο Χρυσόστομος), Archbishop of Constantinople—his feast day is transferred to November 13 due to the Holy Cross.

- + The Most Pious Empress Placilla (Πλακίλλα), wife of emperor Theodosius the Great (+400)

- + The Holy Fathers of the Sixth Ecumenical Council which convened in Trullo (680-681)

- + The Holy Martyr Papas (Πάπας) of Lycaonia (+305)

- + The Holy Martyr Theocles (Θεοκλής)

- + The Holy Martyr Valerian (Βαλεριανός) the Infant

- + The Devout New Martyr Macarius (Μακάριος) (+1527)

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 (page 8 in the Pew Book):

- 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. (Sung before and after the Small Entrance. Greek text found on the back of the bulletin)

- Special Entrance Hymn for the Feast:

Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at the footstool of His feet; for He is holy. Save us, O Son of God, who were crucified in the flesh. We sing to You, Alleluia.

- The Kontakion of the Holy Cross (Ο υψωθείς εν τῷ Σταυρῷ, Fourth Mode):

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, granting them the victories against their adversaries. And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, peace as their armor, the trophy invincible. (Greek Text found in Hymnal on pg. 233)

- Instead of "Holy God, Holy Mighty...":

Τὸν Σταυρόν σου προσκυνούμεν, Δέσποτα, καὶ τὴν ἀγίαν σου ἀνάστασιν δοξάζομεν.

We venerate Your Cross, O Master, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection.

- Communion Hymn (Psalm 4):

Ἐσημειώθη ἐφ' ἡμᾶς τὸ φῶς τοῦ προσώπου σου, Κύριε. Ἀλληλούϊα.

O Lord, the light of Your face was stamped upon us. Alleluia.

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Commemorations, Fasting Guidance and Scripture Readings:

Sunday, September 14: Elevation of the Holy Cross
Wine+Oil

John 12:28-36; I Corinthians 1:18-24; John 19:6-11,13-20,25,28,30

Monday, September 15: St. Nikitas the Great Martyr
No Fasting

Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1; Matthew 10:16-22

Tuesday, September 16: St. Euphemia the Great Martyr
No Fasting

II Corinthians 6:1-10; Luke 7:36-50

Wednesday, September 17: St. Sophia and her Daughters
Strict Fast

Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:7-13

Thursday, September 18: St. Eumenius the Wonderworker
No Fasting

Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5; Mark 6:30-45

Friday, September 19: Sts. Trophimos the Martyr
Strict Fast

Galatians 4:8-21; Mark 6:45-53

Saturday, September 20: Saturday after the Cross
No Fasting

Ephesians 6:10-17; John 8:21-30

Prayer Requests for Health of Soul and Body:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Fr. Mike, Panteleimon, Kassiani, Dimitri, Georgia, Maria, Valerie, Dianna, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Lucas, Leo, Nicholas, Kevin, Andy, Karen, Vera, Adam, Debbie, Alberto, Sadith, Richelle, Marion, Paul, George, Christina, Kristen, Diane, Lydia, Virgil, Lucy, George, John, Pauline, Woody, Bill, Nicholas, Mandy, Benjamin, Brenda, George, Gabriel, Bradaen

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Charles (+August 23), Clark (+September 4)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Antigone, Betty, Julieta (baby Sebastian born 9/4), Kalie

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Benjamin George Davis, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Alexander, Bobbie, Cherish, Dakota, Daniel, Ecaterina, Gavin, Hannah, Jessica, Julian, Kyle, Macayla, Max, Mary Emma, Nate, Ron, Sophia, Susan, Sydney, Tammy, Tristan and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers and Mothers of our Holy Orthodox Church:

Saint Nektarios of Aegina: "We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

September 15: Nikitis Zoumberis

September 17: Sofia Danforth, Sofia Lekas, Sophia Zajac

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

September 14: Maggie Bennette

September 15: Christian Morris

September 17: Helen Vardy

September 20: Hannah Bronner

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:

* **Father Theodore will be out of town during this coming week from Monday to Friday.** In case of an immediate emergency pastoral need, please contact Fr. Anthony Salzman of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church at 706-340-5728 through Wednesday. For other pastoral concerns, please contact Father Theodore at frtheodore@holycrossga.org and he will address them when he returns.

* The next **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will take place **Wednesday, September 24 at 6:30pm in person and on Zoom.** The topic will be our Orthodox Christian understanding of the importance of prayer. If you would like a recording of the previous session or be included on the email list for the class, please contact Father Theodore.

* The **Orthodox Book Study** will continue Thursday, September 25 at the Taste and See coffee shop in Downtown Macon at 10:30am. We are reading the book *For the Life of the World* by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, of blessed memory. Please plan on joining on Thursday mornings!

* **FESTIVAL INFO (OCTOBER 24-26):** Have you taken off for Friday, October 24th yet? Raffle Tickets are available! We are asking each family to sell 5 books. Contact Natalia for tickets. **Deadline for Festival Apparel is Monday!** Samples are located in the Bookstore (sizes and colors). Use the QR Code to be directed to our Festival Page where you can find links to the Festival Apparel. We will be assembling Dolmades on Sept. 20th - please plan to attend and help out...no experience needed! Pastry Prep will be on October 11th and 18th. We will also need help unloading the truck with pastries on one of the days of Sept. 24-26 (will know closer to time). Thank you!



* The **Altar Server Workshop/Meeting** that was to take place this past Sunday is going to be rescheduled. If you assist in the Holy Altar, please keep an eye out for the new date!

* There will be an **Epistle Reader Meeting** taking place immediately after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, September 28. Please plan on staying for this meeting if you are an Epistle Reader (or would like to be!)

* There will be a **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Wednesday, September 24 in the Parish House from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

* **Thank you to all who assisted with the 4th Annual Pan-Orthodox Cross Dive and the celebration of our parish's Name Day. May God always bless our Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church and Family!**