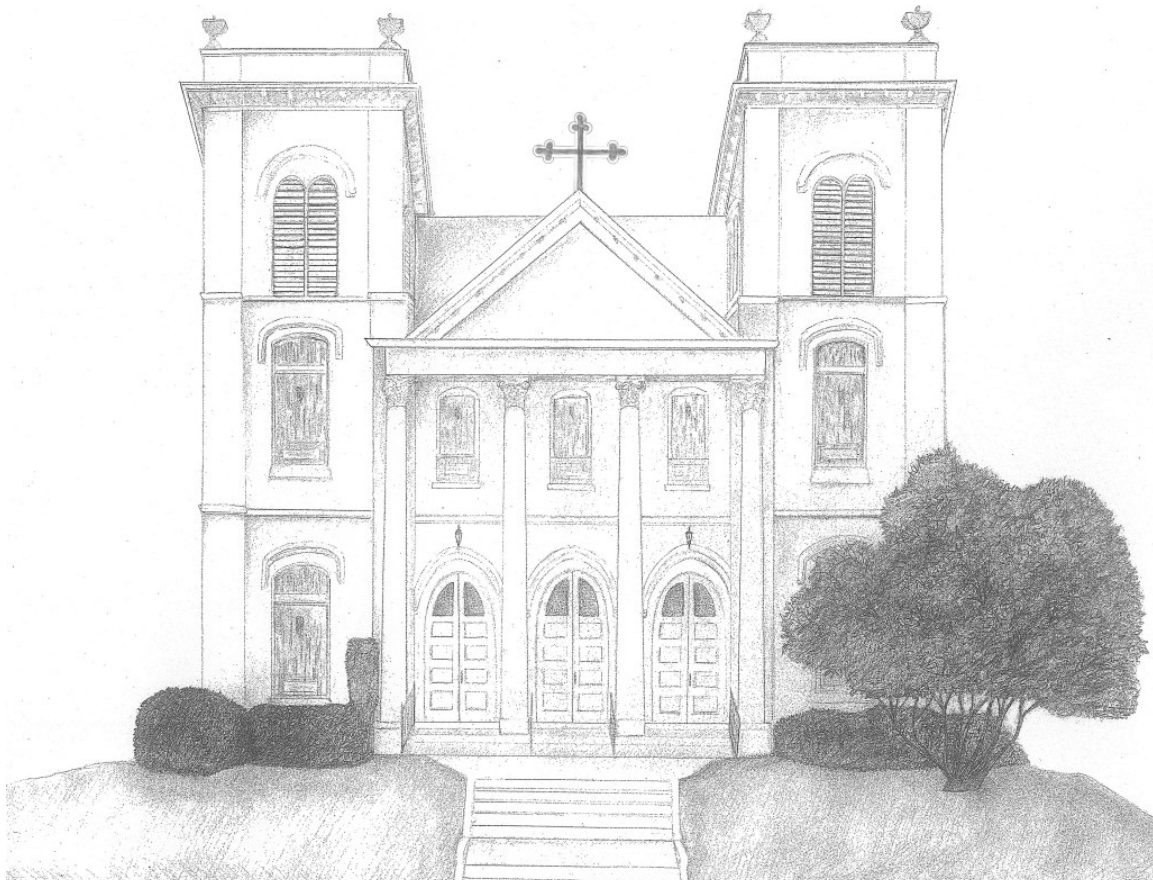




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GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



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Sunday, November 9, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Luke

St. Nektarios of Aegina

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)

Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

Today, November 9

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 7th Sunday of Luke and the Feast Day of St. Nektarios the Wonderworker
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Blessing of the Veterans at the end of the Liturgy
Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House
12:30pm Fall General Assembly

Monday, November 10

9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Arsenios of Cappadocia
6:30pm Festival Chairmen Meeting

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day—Office Closed

Wednesday, November 12

5:30pm Great Vespers for the Feast of St. John Chrysostom
6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Church

Thursday, November 13

10:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon

Friday, November 14

9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Holy Apostle Philip

Saturday, November 15

Beginning of the Nativity Fast

Sunday, November 16

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of the Holy Evangelist Matthew
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
12:45pm Bible Study

Tuesday, November 18

6:30pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 19

3:00pm Blood Drive (until 7:00pm)
5:30pm Vespers
6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Church

Thursday, November 20

10:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
9:00pm Holy Vigil for the Entrance of the Theotokos (until approx. 12:30am)

Saturday, November 22

4:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
5:00pm Great Vespers

Sunday, November 23

9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the 9th Sunday of Luke
Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion
Coffee Fellowship after the Liturgy in the Parish House

Tuesday, November 25

9:30am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of St. Katherine the Great Martyr

Upcoming Epistle Readers: (11/16) Kostas Iakovidis, Cleo Bennette; (11/23) Chad Ridley, Sarah Drakopoulos

Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (11/16) Natalia Saratsiotis; (11/23) David Zoumberis (11/30) Chad Ridley

Upcoming Ushers: (11/10) Cristina L; (11/12) Charles G; (11/14) Eleni A; (11/16) Nic P.+Cleo B.; (11/19) Charles G.

Upcoming Video Operators: (11/14) Norm; (11/16) David Z.; (11/20) Natalia; (11/23) Gray/David N; (11/30) Joanna

Fellowship Hosts: (11/16) Juliana Gordy; (11/23) Haris Sorovigas; (11/30) Mariana Filimon; (12/7) Hazel Dunbar

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

*Τίμιος ἐναντίον Κυρίου ὁ θάνατος τοῦ
ὀσίου αὐτοῦ.*

*Στίχ. Τί ἀνταποδώσωμεν τῷ Κυρίῳ περὶ
πάντων, ὧν ἀνταπέδωκεν ἡμῖν;*

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*Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ
ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, ὡς τέκνα φωτὸς περιπατεῖτε· — ὁ γὰρ καρπὸς τοῦ Πνεύματος ἐν πάσῃ ἀγαθωσύνῃ καὶ δικαιοσύνῃ καὶ ἀληθείᾳ· — δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ Κυρίῳ. καὶ μὴ συγκοινωνεῖτε τοῖς ἔργοις τοῖς ἀκάρποις τοῦ σκότους, μᾶλλον δὲ καὶ ἐλέγχετε· τὰ γὰρ κρυφῇ γινόμενα ὑπ’ αὐτῶν αἰσchrόν ἐστι καὶ λέγειν· τὰ δὲ πάντα ἐλεγχόμενα ὑπὸ τοῦ φωτὸς φανεροῦται· πᾶν γὰρ τὸ φανερούμενον φῶς ἐστι. διὸ λέγει· ἔγειρε ὁ καθεύδων καὶ ἀνάστα ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, καὶ ἐπιφάνσει σοι ὁ Χριστός. Βλέπετε οὖν πῶς ἀκριβῶς περιπατεῖτε, μὴ ὡς ἄσοφοι, ἀλλ’ ὡς σοφοί, ἐξαγοραζόμενοι τὸν καιρόν, ὅτι αἱ ἡμέραι πονηραὶ εἰσι. διὰ τοῦτο μὴ γίνεσθε ἄφρονες, ἀλλὰ συνιέντες τί τὸ θέλημα τοῦ Κυρίου. καὶ μὴ μεθύσκεσθε οἴνῳ, ἐν ᾧ ἐστὶν ἄσωτία, ἀλλὰ πληροῦσθε ἐν Πνεύματι, λαλοῦντες ἑαυτοῖς ψαλμοῖς καὶ ὕμνοις καὶ ᾠδαῖς πνευματικαῖς, ᾄδοντες καὶ ψάλλοντες ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ ὑμῶν τῷ Κυρίῳ.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is
the death of His holy ones*

*Verse: What shall we give back to
the Lord for all He rendered to us?*

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*The reading is from Paul’s Letter to
the Ephesians. (5:8-19)*

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Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (8:41-56)

Seventh Sunday of Luke

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἄνθρωπός τις προσῆλθε τῷ Ἰησοῦ, ᾧ ὄνομα Ἰάειρος, καὶ αὐτὸς ἄρχων τῆς συναγωγῆς ὑπῆρχε· καὶ πεσὼν παρὰ τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ παρεκάλει αὐτὸν εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ὅτι θυγάτηρ μονογενὴς ἦν αὐτῷ ὡς ἐτῶν δώδεκα, καὶ αὕτη ἀπέθνησκεν. Ἐν δὲ τῷ ὑπάγειν αὐτὸν οἱ ὄχλοι συνέπνιγον αὐτόν. καὶ γυνὴ οὖσα ἐν ῥύσει αἵματος ἀπὸ ἐτῶν δώδεκα, ἣτις ἰατροῖς προσαναλώσασα ὅλον τὸν βίον οὐκ ἴσχυσεν ὑπ’ οὐδενὸς θεραπευθῆναι, προσελθοῦσα ὀπισθεν ἤψατο τοῦ κρασπέδου τοῦ ἱματίου αὐτοῦ, καὶ παραχρῆμα ἔστη ἡ ῥύσις τοῦ αἵματος αὐτῆς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ἀρνούμενων δὲ πάντων εἶπεν ὁ Πέτρος καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, οἱ ὄχλοι συνέχουσίν σε καὶ ἀποθλίβουσι, καὶ λέγεις τίς ὁ ἀψάμενός μου; ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν· ἤψατό μου τις· ἐγὼ γὰρ ἔγνων δύναμιν ἐξελθοῦσαν ἀπ’ ἐμοῦ. ἰδοῦσα δὲ ἡ γυνὴ ὅτι οὐκ ἔλαθε, τρέμουσα ἦλθε καὶ προσπεσοῦσα αὐτῷ δι’ ἣν αἰτίαν ἤψατο αὐτοῦ ἀπηγγείλεν αὐτῷ ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ λαοῦ, καὶ ὡς ἰάθη παραχρῆμα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῇ· θάρσει, θύγατερ, ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε· πορεύου εἰς εἰρήνην. Ἔτι αὐτοῦ λαλοῦντος ἔρχεται τις παρὰ τοῦ ἀρχισυναγώγου λέγων αὐτῷ ὅτι τέθηκεν ἡ θυγάτηρ σου· μὴ σκύλλε τὸν διδάσκαλον. ὁ δὲ Ἰησοῦς ἀκούσας ἀπεκρίθη αὐτῷ λέγων· μὴ φοβοῦ· μόνον πίστευε, καὶ σωθήσεται. ἐλθὼν δὲ εἰς τὴν οἰκίαν οὐκ ἀφῆκεν εἰσελθεῖν οὐδένα εἰ μὴ Πέτρον καὶ Ἰωάννην καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ τὸν πατέρα τῆς παιδὸς καὶ τὴν μητέρα. ἔκλαιον δὲ πάντες καὶ ἐκόπτοντο αὐτήν. ὁ δὲ εἶπε· μὴ κλαίετε· οὐκ ἀπέθανεν, ἀλλὰ καθεύδει. καὶ κατεγέλων αὐτοῦ, εἰδότες ὅτι ἀπέθανεν. αὐτὸς δὲ ἐκβαλὼν ἔξω πάντας καὶ κρατήσας τῆς χειρὸς αὐτῆς ἐφώνησε λέγων· ἡ παῖς, ἐγείρου. καὶ ἐπέστρεψε τὸ πνεῦμα αὐτῆς, καὶ ἀνέστη παραχρῆμα, καὶ διέταξεν αὐτῇ δοθῆναι φαγεῖν. καὶ ἐξέστησαν οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῖς. ὁ δὲ παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς μηδεὶν εἰπεῖν τὸ γεγονός.

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus’ feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, “Who was it that touched me?” When all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!” But Jesus said, “Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me.” And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.” While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more.” But Jesus on hearing this answered him, “Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well.” And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

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Bulletin for the week of November 9, 2025

Ushers on Duty: Nic Poulos & Maria Spicer

Video: Cristina Lekas

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: George Saratsiotis (Gr.); Caroline Saratsiotis (En.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Youth Thanksgiving Potluck

PC Member On-Duty: Gray Yates



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Our Father among the Saints Nektarios (Νεκτάριος), Metropolitan of Pentapolis in Egypt and Wonderworker of Aegina (+1920)
- + The Two Holy Martyrs Onesiphoros (Ονησιφόρος) and Porphyrios (Πορφύριος) of Ephesus (+290)

During the persecution of Diocletian and Maximian, about the year 290, Saints Onesiphorus and Porphyrius were betrayed as Christians to the persecutors. After many torments through which they stood fast in confessing their faith, they were bound by the feet to wild horses and dragged to death.

- + Our Devout Mother Matrona (Ματρώνα) of Perge (+5th c.)

Saint Matrona was from Perga in Pamphylia, and lived in the fifth century; she was wedded to a husband and bore him a daughter. After her husband's death, she entrusted her daughter to a certain woman she knew, and then passed her life in asceticism in Constantinople, living almost one hundred years.

- + The Devout Theoktiste (Θεοκτίστη) of Lesbos (+881)
- + The Holy Women Efstolia (Ευσταλία, +610) and Sopatra (Σωπάτρα, +625)
- + The Holy Martyr Anthony (Αντώνιος) of Apamea (+5th c.)
- + The Holy Martyrs Christopher (Χριστόφορος) and Maura (Μαύρα)
- + The Holy Martyrs Narses (Ναρσής) and Artemon (Αρτέμιονας)
- + Our Devout Father John (Ιωάννης) the Short (+407)
- + The Devout Saint Helladios (Ελλάδιος)
- + The Devout Saint Symeon (Συμεών) Metaphrastes (+960)
- + Our Devout and God-bearing Fathers Efthymios (Ευθύμιος, +990) and Neophytos (Νεόφυτος, +1108)

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):

- 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 the Archangels (Των ουρανίων στρατιών, Fourth Mode):

O Chief Commanders of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commanders of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

- Hymn of St. Nektarios (Σηλυβρίας τον γόνον, First Mode):

That son of Silybria and guardian of Aegina * was an ardent lover of virtue * and a saint of the modern age, * that God-inspired servant of Christ, * Nektarios. So let us honor him. * He pours out all kinds of healing to those who pray * with faith and cry out reverently, “Glory to Christ who glorified you; * glory to Him for your miracles; * glory to Him who through you gives cures and healing 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. (Greek text found on the back of the bulletin)

- The Kontakion of the Entrance of the Theotokos (Ο καθάρωτατος 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 Commemorations, Fasting Guidance and Scripture Readings: Sunday, November 9: St. Nektarios of Aegina

No Fasting

John 21:14-25; Galatians 6:11-18; Luke 8:41-56

Monday, November 10: St. Arsenios of Cappadocia

No Fasting

I Corinthians 4:9-16; Luke 12:13-15, 22-31

Tuesday, November 11: St. Menas of Egypt

No Fasting

II Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 12:42-48

Wednesday, November 12: St. John the Merciful

Wine + Oil

II Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 5:14-19

Thursday, November 13: St. John Chrysostom

No Fasting

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

Friday, November 14: St. Philip the Apostle

Fish, Oil + Wine

I Corinthians 4:9-16; John 1:43-51

Saturday, November 15: Sts. Guria, Shamuna, and Habib

Fish, Oil + Wine

II Corinthians 8:1-5; Luke 9:37-43

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, Gabriel, Bradaen, Teri, Barbara

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Tammy (+September 22), George (+October 14),
Leo (+October 26), Steven (+October 29)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Amanda, Betty, Maggie

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Benjamin George Davis, Joseph Fajloun,
Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Adam, Alexander, Amanda, Aryn, Avery, Billy, Bobbie, Cherish, Dakota, Daniel, Darryl, Ecaterina, Gavin, Hannah, Jessica, John, Julian, Kyle, Macayla, Maegan, Max, Mary Emma, Nate, Noah, Ron, Sarah, 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, who is honored today, speaking to our logical modern minds: “Miracles are not impossible from a logical standpoint, and right reason does not deny them. Natural laws do not have the claim to be the only ones, nor are they threatened with being overturned by the appearance of other laws, supernatural ones, which also are conducive to the development and furtherance of creation... Miracles are a consequence of the Creator's love for his creatures.”

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
November 12: Marissa Goss

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

November 10: Riley Jane Bennette

November 12: Anthony Odom

November 15: Barry Mahoney, Maria Spicer

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:

* **Pete and Toulia Tsamolias** were awarded last night with the Archangel Michael Award at the Cathedral in Atlanta. We look forward to honoring them in our Church soon. Ἀἱιοι, they are worthy!

* We will say a special blessing for our **Holy Cross Veterans** at the end of the Divine Liturgy today in honor of Veterans Day which takes place this week. We thank our Veterans for their service!

* **Fall General Assembly** is today: please plan on attending as we will discuss many important items—including our parish's budget for 2026.

* **YOUTH:** Our Sunday School families and teachers are providing the annual Thanksgiving Potluck Coffee Hour today, the last Sunday before the Nativity Fast begins. During today's General Assembly, the youth are invited to decorate pumpkins for Thanksgiving table centerpieces!

* If you would like to participate in the **2025 Christmas Card & Poinsettias**, please scan the QR Code to submit your name. The deadline to participate in the Christmas Card is November 16th and Poinsettias is December 15th. For more information, contact Natalia Saratsiotis or Cristina Lekas.



* The next **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will take place **this coming Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30pm in the Church**. We will welcome both those who have signed up with their interest from the festival and also our current inquirers/catechumens. If you are interested in taking part in this class, please contact Father Theodore.

* The **Orthodox Book Study** will resume this week. We will be reading the book *How to Be a Sinner: Finding Yourself in the Language of Repentance* by Peter Bouteneff. There are a few copies of this book available in the bookstore. Hope to see you at Taste and See in Downtown Macon on Thursday at 10:00am!

* **2026 Parish Directory** edits are currently taking place. If you have not contacted, please contact Natalia by emailing her at office@holycrossga.org so we can include you in the directory for next year. Also, please submit your celebrations (name days, birthday & anniversaries) to the office email if we do not have them in our database.

* The **Festival Chairmen** are asking for help on Sunday, December 7th after the Divine Liturgy. We will be reorganizing the back building and preparing it to be ready for next year's Festival. Please be sure to bring a change of clothes.