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Sunday, February 8, 2026

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

St. Theodore the General

Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Second (Mark 16:1-8)

Mode of the Week: Second / Δεύτερος

QR Codes (scan with smart phone for service texts)

Orthros, part 1



Orthros, part 2



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, February 8</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of the Prodigal Son (Godparent's Sunday) St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival at the end of Liturgy Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Oratorical Festival 12:45pm Bible Study
<i>Tuesday, February 10</i>	6:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Haralambos
<i>Wednesday, February 11</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class in the Church/on Zoom
<i>Thursday, February 12</i>	10:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
<i>Saturday, February 14</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service for the Saturday of the Souls
<i>Sunday, February 15</i>	8:15am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy on Judgment/Meatfare Sunday Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion 11:00am Spring General Assembly Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the General Assembly 1:00pm Youth Greek School
<i>Monday, February 16</i>	President's Day / Office Closed
<i>Tuesday, February 17</i>	6:30pm Divine Liturgy on the Feast Day of St. Theodore the Recruit
<i>Wednesday, February 18</i>	5:30pm Vespers 6:30pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church Class
<i>Thursday, February 19</i>	10:00am Orthodox Book Study at Taste and See in Macon
<i>Friday, February 20</i>	6:30pm Not-So-Young Adult Gathering at the Schwartzkopf Home
<i>Saturday, February 21</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service for the 2nd Saturday of the Souls 12:30pm Parish Council Meeting 4:00pm Holy Baptism of Daniel Vogt
<i>Sunday, February 22</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Forgiveness Sunday Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy 6:00pm Forgiveness Vespers
<i>Monday, February 23</i>	6:00pm Great Compline on Clean Monday (beginning of Great Lent)
Upcoming Epistle Readers (2/15) George Saratsiotis; Cleo Bennette; (2/22) Chad Ridley, Sarah Drakopoulos Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (2/15) Jim Lekas; (2/22) David Zoumberis; (3/1) Chad Ridley; (3/8) Maria S. Upcoming Ushers: (2/10) Natalia S.; (2/11) Cristina L.; (2/14) Eleni A.; (2/15) Sarah D., Haris S.; (2/17) Natalia S. Upcoming Video Operators: (2/14) Norm; (2/15) Joanna; (2/22 AM & PM) Natalia; (2/23) Daniel; (2/25) Natalia Fellowship Hosts: (2/15) Maria McCluskey; (2/22) Cheryl Schwartzkopf; (3/1) Tassie Cantrell; (3/8) Beth Zoumberis	

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

*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 Α΄ Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπότινος. τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλία καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνεία, ἀλλὰ τῷ Κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ Κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ Θεὸς καὶ τὸν Κύριον ἠγειρε καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; μὴ γένοιτο. ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; ἔσονται γάρ, φησίν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν· ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ Κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμά ἐστι. φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν, ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. ἢ οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν Ἁγίου Πνεύματός ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ Θεοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν; ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν Θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἅτινά ἐστι τοῦ Θεοῦ.

*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.*

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*The reading is from Paul's First Letter
to the Corinthians.
(6:12-20)*

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Brethren, “all things are permitted for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are permitted for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.” But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. Luke (15:11-32)

Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· ἄνθρωπός τις εἶχε δύο υἱούς. καὶ εἶπεν ὁ νεώτερος αὐτῶν τῷ πατρί· πάτερ, δός μοι τὸ ἐπιβάλλον μέρος τῆς οὐσίας, καὶ διεῖλεν αὐτοῖς τὸν βίον. καὶ μετ' οὐ πολλὰς ἡμέρας συναγαγὼν ἅπαντα ὁ νεώτερος υἱὸς ἀπεδήμησεν εἰς χώραν μακράν, καὶ ἐκεῖ διεσκόρπισε τὴν οὐσίαν αὐτοῦ ζῶν ἀσώτως. δαπανήσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ πάντα ἐγένετο λιμὸς ἰσχυρὸς κατὰ τὴν χώραν ἐκείνην, καὶ αὐτὸς ἤρξατο ὑστερεῖσθαι. καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐκολλήθη ἐνὶ τῶν πολιτῶν τῆς χώρας ἐκείνης, καὶ ἐπεμψεν αὐτὸν εἰς τοὺς ἀγροὺς αὐτοῦ βόσκειν χοίρους. καὶ ἐπεθύμει γεμίσει τὴν κοιλίαν αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ τῶν κερατίων ὧν ἤσθιον οἱ χοῖροι, καὶ οὐδεὶς ἐδίδου αὐτῷ. εἰς ἑαυτὸν δὲ ἐλθὼν εἶπε· πόσοι μίσθιοι τοῦ πατρὸς μου περισσεύουσιν ἄρτων, ἐγὼ δὲ λιμῷ ἀπόλλυμαι! ἀναστὰς πορεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα μου καὶ ἐρῶ αὐτῷ· πάτερ, ἡμάρτων εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου. οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου· ποιήσόν με ὡς ἓνα τῶν μισθίων σου. καὶ ἀναστὰς ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν πατέρα αὐτοῦ. ἐτι δὲ αὐτοῦ μακρὰν ἀπέχοντος εἶδεν αὐτὸν ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐσπλαγγίσθη, καὶ δραμῶν ἐπέπεσεν ἐπὶ τὸν τράχηλον αὐτοῦ καὶ κατεφίλησεν αὐτόν. εἶπε δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ υἱός· πάτερ, ἡμάρτων εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐνώπιόν σου, καὶ οὐκέτι εἰμὶ ἄξιος κληθῆναι υἱὸς σου. εἶπε δὲ ὁ πατὴρ πρὸς τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ· ἐξενέγκατε τὴν στολὴν τὴν πρώτην καὶ ἐνδύσατε αὐτόν, καὶ δότε δακτύλιον εἰς τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ καὶ ὑποδήματα εἰς τοὺς πόδας, καὶ ἐνέγκαντες τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτὸν θύσατε, καὶ φαγόντες εὐφρανθῶμεν, ὅτι οὗτος ὁ υἱός μου νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὸς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη. καὶ ἤρξαντο εὐφραίνεσθαι. Ἦν δὲ ὁ υἱὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πρεσβύτερος ἐν ἀγρῷ· καὶ ὡς ἐρχόμενος ἠγγισε τῆ οἰκίᾳ, ἤκουσε συμφωνίας καὶ χορῶν, καὶ προσκαλεσάμενος ἓνα τῶν παιδῶν ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου ἦκει καὶ ἔθυσεν ὁ πατὴρ σου τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν, ὅτι ὑγιαίνοντα αὐτόν ἀπέλαβεν. ὠργίσθη δὲ καὶ οὐκ ἠθέλην εἰσελθεῖν. ὁ οὖν πατὴρ αὐτοῦ ἐξελθὼν παρεκάλει αὐτόν. ὁ δὲ ἀποκριθεὶς εἶπε τῷ πατρί· ἰδοὺ τοσαῦτα ἔτη δουλεύω σοι καὶ οὐδέποτε ἐντολήν σου παρήλθον, καὶ ἐμοὶ οὐδέποτε ἔδωκας ἔριφον ἵνα μετὰ τῶν φίλων μου εὐφρανθῶ· ὅτε δὲ ὁ υἱός σου οὗτος, ὁ καταφαγὼν σου τὸν βίον μετὰ πορνῶν, ἦλθεν, ἔθυσας αὐτῷ τὸν μόσχον τὸν σιτευτόν. ὁ δὲ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· τέκνον, σὺ πάντοτε μετ' ἐμοῦ εἶ, καὶ πάντα τὰ ἐμά σά ἐστιν· εὐφρανθῆναι δὲ καὶ χαρῆναι ἔδει, ὅτι ὁ ἀδελφός σου οὗτος νεκρὸς ἦν καὶ ἀνέζησε, καὶ ἀπολωλὸς ἦν καὶ εὗρέθη.

The Lord said this parable: “There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.’ And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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Bulletin for the week of February 8, 2026

Ushers on Duty: Cheryl Schwartzkopf, Haris Sorovigas

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

Epistle Readers: Kostas Iakovidis (Greek); Caroline Saratsiotis (Eng.)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Cleo Bennette

PC Member On-Duty: Kathy Patras



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

- + Second Sunday of the Triodion: Sunday of the Prodigal Son
- + After-feast of the Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
- + The Holy Martyr Theodore (Θεόδωρος) the General (+320)

The holy Martyr Theodore was born in Euchaita of Galatia and lived in Heraclea of Pontus, where he served as a distinguished military commander. When Emperor Licinius learned that Theodore was a Christian who rejected idol worship, he summoned him, hoping to turn him away from Christ. Theodore instead invited the emperor to Heraclea, where he was received with honor.

Licinius publicly commanded Theodore to sacrifice to the gods. Theodore asked to take the gold and silver idols home, promising to honor them the next day. That night, he shattered the idols and distributed their precious metals to the poor. When this was discovered, Theodore boldly confessed Christ. Enraged, Licinius ordered him cruelly tortured and crucified. Though left for dead, Theodore was found alive the next day, leading many to believe in Christ. Fearing unrest, Licinius had him beheaded around the year 320. His holy relics were later returned to his homeland on June 8, now kept as his feast day.

- + The Holy Prophet Zachariah (Ζαχαρίας) (+520BC)
- + The Holy Martyrs Nikephoros and Stephen
- + Sts. Martha (Μάρθα) and Mary (Μαρία), the sisters, and the devout Lycarion (Λυκαριών) the Martyr
- + The Holy Martyrs Philadelphus (Φιλάδελφος) and Polycarp (Πολύκαρπος)
- + Our Devout Father Makarios (Μακάριος), Bishop of Paphos (+1688)
- + The Holy Martyr Pergetus (Περγέτος)

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 Meeting of the Lord (Χαίρε κεχαριτωμένη, First Mode):*

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection. (Sung before the Small Entrance and after the Hymn of the Resurrection. Greek text found in hymnal on pg. xxx)

- *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 after the Small Entrance. Greek Text found in hymnal on pg. 102)

- *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 Meeting of the Lord (Ο μήντραν 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 Commemorations, Fasting Guidance and Scripture Readings: Sunday, February 8: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

No Fasting

Mark 16:1-8; I Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32

Monday, February 9: St. Nikephoros the Martyr

No Fasting

I John 2:18-29, 3:1-8; Mark 11:1-11

Tuesday, February 10: St. Haralambos the Hieromartyr

No Fasting

Luke 21:12-19; II Timothy 2:1-10; John 15:17-27, 16:1-2

Wednesday, February 11: St. Blaise the Hieromartyr

Wine + Oil

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-6; Matthew 10:1, 5-8

Thursday, February 12: St. Meletius the Antioch

No Fasting

I John 4:20-21, 5:1-21; Mark 15:1-15

Friday, February 13: St. Martinian of Palestine

Strict Fast

II John 1:1-13; Mark 15:20, 22, 25, 33-41

Saturday, February 14: St. Auxentius of the Mountain

No Fasting

I Thessalonians 4:13-17, Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36

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, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Brian, Bessie, Katerina, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian, Paul, Lucas, Nicholas, Kevin, Andy, Karen, Vera, Adam, Debbie, Alberto, Sadith, Richelle, Marion, Paul, George, Christina, Kristen, Diane, Lydia, Virgil, Lucy, George, John, Pauline, Bill, Nicholas, Mandy, Benjamin, Brenda, Gabriel, Barbara, Taylor, Elizabeth, Rich, Penny, Brian, Gracie, Woody, Braeden

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Sharon (+December 29), Norwood (+January 3), James (+January 10)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Amanda, Maggie, Kémie

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, Amber, Aryn, Avery, Billy, Bobbie, Cherish, Dakota, Daniel, Darryl, Debbie, Deia, Ecaterina, Gabrielle, Gavin, Grayson, Hannah, Jessica, John, Kyle, Macayla, Maegan, Max, Mary Emma, Nate, Noah, Philip, 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:

St. John of Kronstadt on today's Gospel reading: "All our attention must be centered on the parable of the Prodigal Son. We all see ourselves in it as in a mirror. In a few words the Lord, the knower of hearts, has shown in the person of one man how the deceptive sweetness of sin separates us from the truly sweet life according to God. He knows how the burden of sin on the soul and body, experienced by us, impels us by the action of

divine grace to return, and how it actually does turn many again to God, to a virtuous life."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

February 10: Harry Bennette, Haris Sorovigas, Harry Zaloumes

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

February 8: Brad Perry, Dimitris Saratsiotis

February 9: Vincent Rivers

February 11: Ron Sprouse

February 13: John Staurulakis

February 14: Justin Lane, Sydney Wheeler

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

February 11: Sophia & Alek Zajac

February 12: Cheryl & George Stefanis

February 14: Eleni & Norman Adams

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* If you were unable to turn your **2026 Holy Cross Stewardship Pledge** card in, there is still time to make your commitment for 2026. If you have misplaced your card, you can locate an extra one in the Narthex or online.

* The next **Introduction to the Orthodox Church** class will take place **Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30pm** in-person and on Zoom. The topic will be the Orthodox Christian understanding of Holy Scripture/the Bible.

* The **Spring General Assembly** will be held next Sunday, February 15th, following Divine Liturgy, taking place in the Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this important meeting, during which we will discuss the proposed purchase of the parking lot. However, please note that only members in good standing may vote on any actions. Childcare will be provided so all parents can attend. Additionally, please note that the Divine Services will start early that day.

* **The Not-So-Young-Adult Group** will have their next outing at the home of Cheryl & Erick Schwartzkopf on Friday, February 20th. More information to come.

* Please see the Online Sign-Up that was sent by email or contact Father Theodore if you have desire a **House Blessing** before the beginning of Great Lent.

* **Great Lent, Holy Week & Pascha Preparations** have been emailed out. There are many ways to help by adorning icons, providing meals, organizing children, reading and more! you'd like to volunteer, contact the office email. Scan the QR Code for opportunities to help or donate to help. Thank you for your volunteer efforts during this most blessed time of the year!

* **YOUTH:** the Parish Level St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is immediately after the Divine Liturgy today! We thank our students and judges for participating in this important ministry. Mark your Calendar for Saturday, March 14th: Holy Cross is hosting the District Level Oratorical Festival. Come and learn and be inspired by the faithfulness of all of the youth!

* Please note that we will be hosting the annual **Pan-Orthodox Lenten Vespers** with St. Innocent at Holy Cross this year on the evening of Sunday, March 8 at 5:00pm.