

# THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia

**Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - Κυριακή, 19η Φεβρουαρίου 2017**

**Judgement Sunday (Meatfare) – Κυριακή τῶν Ἀπόκρεω**

*Philemon, Apphia, Archippus and Onesimus of the Seventy Apostles,*

*Philothei the Athenian, the righteous*

*“By the intercessions of Your Holy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen!”*

## Today's Memorials

40 Day Memorial for Penka Mihailova

5 Year Memorial for Iris (Arete) Pilafas

## Cheerful Giving Challenge Luncheon

All parishioners and their families are invited to a



Party & Complimentary Tailgate Style Lunch

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Kartos Ballroom



## **Saint Philothei the Athenian**

Saint Philothei was born in Athens in 1522 to an illustrious family. Against her will, she was married to a man who proved to be most cruel. When he died three years later, the Saint took up the monastic life and established a convent, in which she became a true mother to her disciples. Many women enslaved and abused by the Moslem Turks also ran to her for refuge. Because of this, the Turkish rulers became enraged and came to her convent, dragged her by force out of the church, and beat her cruelly. After a few days, she reposed, giving thanks to God for all things. This came to pass in the year 1589. She was renowned for her almsgiving, and with Saints Hierotheus and Dionysius the Areopagite is considered a patron of the city of Athens.

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# ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

## Απολυτίκια Ἀπολυτίκια

### Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον ᾠδὸς β'

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας ᾠδὸς πλ. α'

Ἀθηναίων ἡ πόλις ἡ περιώνυμος Φιλοθέην τιμᾷ τὴν Ὅσιομάρτυρα καὶ ἀσπάζεται αὐτῆς τὸ θεῖον λείψανον, ὅτι ἐβίωσε σεμνῶς καὶ μετέλλαξε τὸ ζῆν ἀθλήσει καὶ μαρτυρίῳ καὶ πρεσβεύει πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα διδόναι πᾶσι τὸ θεῖον ἔλεος.

### Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων ᾠδὸς πλ. δ'

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἤμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστασι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ ᾠδὸς δ'

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

### Κοντάκιον ᾠδὸς α'

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμοὶ δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκῃ, καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται, τότε ρῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήνα, Κριτὰ δικαιοσύνη.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode 2

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

### Apolytikion for the Saint. Mode pl. 1

The famed city of Athens does honor Philothei, the Righteous Martyr, whose relics it now reveres with joy; for while living in sobriety and holiness, she has exchanged all earthly thing for the everlasting life through great contests as a Martyr; and she entreat the savior to grant His mercy unto all of us.

### Kontakion for the Departed Mode pl. 4

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

### Apolytikion of the Church Mode 4.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

### Kontakion Mode 1

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.



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## JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE SUNDAY)

### Κυριακή τῶν Ἀπόκρεω

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING:

ST PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 8:8-13; 9:1-2

EPISTLE READER: ANTHEA WALKER

PROKEIMENON: *Great is our Lord, and great is His power.*

VERSE: *Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.*

**B**rethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 25:31-46

**T**he Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*"Take up and read, take up and read."* St. Augustine, *Confessions XII*

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### ACOLYTES GROUP TWO

Nicholas Pappas  
Spears Vavalides  
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Michael Michaels  
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Christopher Harakas  
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Pete Constantinides  
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### HANDMAIDENS GROUP TWO

Ariana Nasoulis  
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Isabella Pappas  
Zoe Nelms

Bella Reynolds  
Christina Nastopoulos  
Marcella Vlahos

The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Divine Liturgy:

Chris Adams

Tom McBride III

Charlie Burland

George Koulouris

George Karolis

Dimitri Shreckengost

## GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*Holy Communion* is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

*"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."*

Psalm 83 (84): 1-2



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