

THE MESSENGER

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

Sunday, June 23, 2019 - Κυριακή, 23 Ιουνίου 2019

Sunday of All Saints

Κυριακή των Αγίων Πάντων

The Holy Martyrs Agrippina, Gaius and his children Lollia, Prova and Urbanus,

The Hieromartyrs Aristocles and Eustochius, the priests, Demetrianus the Deacon and Athanasios the Reader,

The Holy New Hieromartyrs Gerasimos of Crete, Neophytos of Knossos, Joachim of Petra, Gerasimos of

Rethymnon, Kallinikos of Kydonia, Melchizedek of Kissamos, Kallinikos of Diopolos

And those martyred with them.

Reminder: Today's Service is being live streamed

The new Philoptochos Board will be administered the Oath of Office today

Today's Memorials

Service can be found on p. 127 of the Divine Liturgy Book

1 Year Memorial for Themis Poulos Cramer

1 Year Memorial for John T. Tsiklistas (*Father of Georgia Caras*)

6 Year Memorial for George Thomas

Today's Coffee Hour

Sponsored in Loving Memory of Themis Poulos Cramer by her Family

The Feast of All Saints



On the first Sunday after Pentecost, our Church celebrates all the Saints, that is to say all those who, in their personal unique way, manifested obedience, to Christ's calling to take up the cross and follow Him (Mark 8:34). Last Sunday, our Church celebrated the great feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Gifts of the Holy Spirit were fully bestowed to the Church, the day on which the Church became the "Body of Christ." The Sunday of All Saints that follows Pentecost, is the affirmation of this fact. Through the example of the lives of the saints, we find the experienced grace of the Holy Spirit from the Early Christian centuries to our present day, without ceasing. The ways in which the saints manifested Christ in their lives are countless. However, despite the numerous ways and examples found in the accounts of the lives of the saints, the manifestation is essentially the same: It was faith, devotion, courage, innocence and passionate love that awakened them from the slumber of the common, average way of living, sparked the fire into their hearts, and transformed them into

living images of Christ. The etymology of the word for saint (*άγιος*) in Greek is uncertain. The theme of the word *αγ* is pre-Hellenic, i.e. derives before the 12th century BC, and it is used exclusively to describe positive terms, like *αγ-άπη* (love), *αγ-αθότητα* (goodness) and *αγ-νότητα* (purity). So in every respect we can define the word *άγιος* (saint) as genuinely good. In our Orthodox tradition we convey due honor to the saints in many ways. Every Orthodox Christian is named after a saint. We bestow the names of saints to our churches and communities, depict them in icons, ask for their intercessions, regard them as protectors (patrons) in every endeavor, we name cities, schools, hospitals and universities after them, and we distinctively celebrate their feast days. Nonetheless, according to the Church's exhortation, true honor to the saints is accomplished through imitation of their example.

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτίκια

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. ᾠχος πλ. δ΄

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Ἁγίων. ᾠχος δ΄

Τῶν ἐν ὄλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι· Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος πλ. δ΄

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. ᾠχος 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. ᾠχος πλ. δ΄

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἰκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε.

Apolytikia

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 4

From on high you descended, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to you, O Lord.

Apolytikion for the Saints. Mode 4

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, "Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy."

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 pl. 4

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature's first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.



Sunday of All Saints- Κυριακή των Αγίων Πάντων

TODAY'S EPISTLE READING IS FROM:
ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS: 11:33-40; 12:1-2

PROKEIMENON: GOD IS WONDERFUL AMONG HIS SAINTS.
VERSE: BLESS GOD IN THE CONGREGATIONS.

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

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

DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 51 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK





ACOLYTES GROUP TWO

Anastasios Dallis	Pete Kostopoulos
Demetre Lignos	Peter Kessler
Mario Dallis	Platon Constantinides
Nicko Kostopoulos	Spears Vavalides
Nikolaos Constantinides	Stavros Mookas
Pete Constantinides	

HANDMAIDENS GROUP TWO

Athena Mookas	Isabella Pappas
Christina Dallis	Laila Turner
Dee Dee Kostopoulos	Marina Dallis
Gabriella Pappas	Paulina Katsoudas

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

Group: St. Basil the Great

Sandy Papadopoulos

Despina Lamas

Ted Kipreos

Al Galloway

Jerry Odenwelder

Costa Panos

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.

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Welcome everyone! We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshipping with us today in our Cathedral. You are invited to join us for our fellowship, following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our hospitality table and sign the register in the Narthex.

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

John 4:14

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