

# THE MESSENGER

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

**Sunday, October 17, 2021 - Κυριακή, 17 Οκτωβρίου 2021**

**Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ecumenical Council**

**Κυριακή Των Αγίων Πατέρων της Ζ' Οικουμενικής Συνόδου**

*Hosea the Prophet, Holy Martyrs Cosmas and Damian of Arabia, Andrew the Righteous Monk-martyr of Crete  
Removal and Placing of the Sacred Relics of the Holy and Righteous Lazarus*

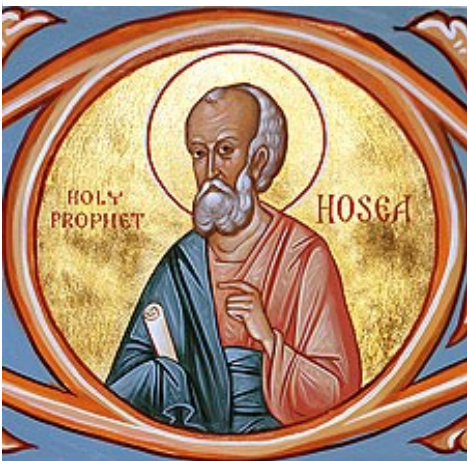
## Today's Memorials

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

40 Day Memorial for Steve Alexander, Jr.    40 Day Memorial for Mary Joanne Jones  
6 Month Memorial for Eugenia Poulos    1 Year Memorial for George Nick Poolos  
20 Year Memorial for Ina (Anna) Jones    29 Year Memorial for Vasilios Nasoulis

*Today's Coffee Hour is Co-Sponsored in Loving Memory  
of Joanne Jones and Steve Alexander, Jr. by their families*

## Prophet Hosea



The Holy Prophet Hosea the first of the minor prophets, belonged to the tribe of Issachar. He lived during the ninth Century before Christ, in the kingdom of Israel. He was a contemporary of the holy Prophets Isaiah, Micah and Amos. During this time, many of his fellow Israelites had forgotten the true God, and worshipped idols. The holy Prophet Hosea attempted to turn them again to the faith of their Fathers by his wise counsels. Denouncing the iniquities of the people of Israel (i.e. the northern kingdom Israel), the prophet proclaimed to them great misfortunes from a foreign people and their removal into captivity by Assyria.

Almost a thousand years before the coming of the Savior, and through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the prophet foretold the end of sacrificial offerings and of the priesthood of Aaron (Hos. 3:4–5), and that the knowledge of the True God would spread through all the earth (Hos. 2:20–23). Hosea spoke also about Christ, how He would return from out of Egypt (Hos. 11:1; Mt. 2:15), that He would be resurrected on the third day (Hos. 6; 1 Cor. 15:4), and that He would conquer death (Hos. 13–14; 1 Cor. 15:54–55).

The prophecies of Saint Hosea are included in the book that bears his name. The prophetic service of Saint Hosea continued for more than sixty years. The God-inspired prophet died in deep old age, having devoted all his life to fulfilling the Will of God.

*(Adapted from the Orthodox Church in America)*

# ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

## Απολυτικά

### 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 πλ. δ'.

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεὐσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

### Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος πλ. δ'.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστάσι 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 β'.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

## 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 pl. 4.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

### 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 2.

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.



# **Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council** **Κυριακή Των Αγίων Πατέρων της Ζ΄ Οικουμενικής Συνόδου**

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING IS FROM:**  
**ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS 3:8–15**  
**READER: DEE DEE KOSTOPOULOS**

**PROKEIMENON: BLESSED ARE YOU, O LORD, THE GOD OF OUR FATHERS.**  
**VERSE: FOR YOU ARE JUST IN ALL YOU HAVE DONE.**

**T**ITUS, MY SON, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: LUKE 8:5–15**

**T**HE LORD SAID THIS PARABLE: “A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold.” And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.” As he said these things, he cried out “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”



**DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 51 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK**





#### ACOLYTES GROUP FOUR

George Poulos  
Nicolas Adams  
Nolan Adams  
Ian Alexander  
Constantine Dallis  
Alexander Halkos  
Demetre Lignos

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Paraskevi Baker  
Marina Dallis  
Stavroula Dallis  
Gabriella Mayes  
Maria Nikolov

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Bill Aicklen  
Voula Giannakopoulos  
Demetrios Hadjisimos  
Owen Jones  
Greg Koutrelakos  
Constance Nagle

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## 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.

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## 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.

*“Do not lose heart. There is hope, and it is Christ.”*

*— St. Ephraim the Syrian*

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- Place your donation in the baskets as you exit.
- Scan the QR Code to the right with your smartphone camera.



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