

CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS:

Parents:

- 11, 17, 18 Oct: **Parent Meeting - Downstairs in the Chapel:**
Discuss upcoming/tentative youth activities for the year and get your feedback!
- You only need to attend one meeting!
 - October 11th & 18th after Liturgy (~11:30)
 - October 17th During Greek School (~9:45am)

19 Oct.-1 Nov Walk Through History in Egypt Parish Trip 2026.
+There will be church services. Fr. David Smith will be officiating for Orthros and Divine Liturgy on 18 Oct and 25 Oct.
1 Nov will be at the Holy Spirit Church, Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am.

- 22 Oct Sunshine (Seniors) Club Meeting, 11:00 am
25 Oct Trunk or Treat, 4pm Trunk Setup, 4:30 start time
(no cars allowed to enter setup area after 4:15)



- 9 Nov PC meeting, 5:00 pm
+15 Nov Nativity Fast begins.
15 Nov Agathen Merida Sisterhood is forming a Nativity Fast
Psalm Readers Group. Refer to ad below for details.
19 Nov Sunshine (Seniors) Club Meeting, 11:00 am
20 Nov Agathen Merida Sisterhood, 7:00 pm



The 2026 Nativity Fast Psalm Readers Group will be starting on Saturday, November 15th and continue through Christmas Eve, December 24th.

The goal is to read the Book of Psalms, also called the Psalter, daily during the 40 days of the Nativity Fast individually and as a group. The Book of Psalms is divided into 20 sections called *Kathismata*. Each reader will be assigned one section/*Kathismata* per day. At the end of the 40 days, each individual reader will have read the entire Book of Psalms twice through.

Being a part of this Psalm Readers Group is a rich experience that will strengthen your spiritual preparation for the Feast of the Nativity.



If you would like to be a reader, please email
Cassie Uebelacker or Anna Pink, preferably by November 14th.

• Cassie Uebelacker - email: cuebelacker122@gmail.com (cell: 585-260-6074)
• Anna Pink - email: annapink8790@gmail.com (cell: 585-721-9417)

On-going Adult Orthodox study programs:

- Zoom Bible Study every Tuesday, 7:00 PM
- Orthodox Questions and Answers every Thursday, YouTube, 7:00 PM.
- Online Orthodox Catechism on our website under the EDUCATION tab



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11 OCTOBER 2026

SAINTS AND FEASTS CELEBRATED TODAY: Sunday of the Seventh Ecumenical Council; Philip the Apostle of the 70, one of the 7 Deacons; Theophanes the Confessor, Bishop of Nicaea; Holy Martyrs Zenais and Philonilla; Nectarios, Arsakios, Sisinios and Philotheos Kokkinos, Patriarchs of Constantinople; Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking; Our righteous Father Kenneth, Founder of the Monastery of Aghaboe in Ireland

MEMORIAL:
Kristopher Hassos (2 years)
Eftihia (Effie) Pateras (3 years)
May their memory be eternal.

40 DAY BLESSING::
Child of God: Eleni Marie Labrosa-Manou
Parents: George Manou & Alexandra Labrosa-Manou

APOLYTIKION Resurrectional (Mode 2)
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!” (A different English translation may be used.)
Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ᾅδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

APOLYTIKION for the Fathers (Mode pl. 4)
Supremely glorified are You, O Christ our God, who established the holy Fathers on earth as beacons, and through them guided us all to the true Faith. Most compassionate Lord, glory be to You! (A different English translation may be used)

Ἵπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς, τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι’ αὐτῶν, πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας. Πολυεύσπλαγγνε δόξα σοι.

APOLYTIKION hymn of our Parish (Mode 4)

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of a 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. (A different English translation may be used.)

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.

KONTAKION (Mode 2)

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you. (A different English translation may be used.)

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

PROKEIMENON (The Prayer of Azariah)

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

Verse: For You are righteous in all You did for us.

THE EPISTLE READING:

The reading is from Paul’s Letter to Titus. Tit. 3:8 – 15

Titus, 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 Tychicus 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.

Τέκνον Τίτε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος· καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιουῖσθαι, ἵνα φροντίζωσι καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες τῷ Θεῷ. ταυτὰ ἐστὶ τὰ καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔρεις καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιΐστασο· εἰσὶ γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ

μάταιοι. αἵρετικὸν ἄνθρωπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἁμαρτάνει ὦν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σε ἢ Τυχικόν, σπουδάσον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν· ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικὸν καὶ Ἀπολλὼ σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπη. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προΐστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὥσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ’ ἐμοῦ πάντες. ἄσπασαι τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει. Ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν· ἀμήν.

THE GOSPEL READING:

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke. Lk. 8:5 – 15

The 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.”

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἐξῆλθεν ὁ σπείρων τοῦ σπεῖραι τὸν σπόρον αὐτοῦ. καὶ ἐν τῷ σπεῖρειν αὐτὸν ὃ μὲν ἔπεσε παρὰ τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ κατεπατήθη, καὶ τὰ πετεινὰ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ κατέφαγεν αὐτό· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐπὶ τὴν πέτραν, καὶ φυὲν ἐξηράνθη διὰ τὸ μὴ ἔχειν ἰκμάδα· καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν ἀκανθῶν, καὶ συμφυεῖσαι αἱ ἄκανθαι ἀπέπνιξαν αὐτό. καὶ ἕτερον ἔπεσεν εἰς τὴν γῆν τὴν ἀγαθὴν, καὶ φυὲν ἐποίησε καρπὸν ἑκατονταπλασίονα. ταῦτα λέγων ἐφώνει· ὁ ἔχων ὄτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω. Ἐπηρώτων δὲ αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ λέγοντες· τίς εἷη ἡ παραβολὴ αὕτη; ὁ δὲ εἶπεν· ὑμῖν δέδοτα γινῶναι τὰ μυστήρια τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῖς δὲ λοιποῖς ἐν παραβολαῖς, ἵνα βλέποντες μὴ βλέπωσι καὶ ἀκούοντες μὴ συνιῶσιν. ἔστι δὲ αὕτη ἡ παραβολὴ· ὁ σπόρος ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ· οἱ δὲ παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, εἵτα ἔρχεται ὁ διάβολος καὶ αἶρει τὸν λόγον ἀπὸ τῆς καρδίας αὐτῶν, ἵνα μὴ πιστεύσαντες σωθῶσιν. οἱ δὲ ἐπὶ τῆς πέτρας οἱ ὅταν ἀκούσωσι, μετὰ χαρᾶς δέχονται τὸν λόγον, καὶ οὗτοι ρίζαν οὐκ ἔχουσιν, οἱ πρὸς καιρὸν πιστεύουσι καὶ ἐν καιρῷ πειρασμοῦ ἀφίστανται. τὸ δὲ εἰς τὰς ἀκάνθας πεσόν, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ ἀκούσαντες, καὶ ὑπὸ μεριμνῶν καὶ πλοῦτου καὶ ἡδονῶν τοῦ βίου πορευόμενοι συμπνίγονται καὶ οὐ τελεσφοροῦσι. τὸ δὲ ἐν τῇ καλῇ γῇ, οὗτοί εἰσιν οἵτινες ἐν καρδίᾳ καλῇ καὶ ἀγαθῇ ἀκούσαντες τὸν λόγον κατέχουσι καὶ καρποφοροῦσιν ἐν ὑπομονῇ. Ὁ ἔχων ὄτα ἀκούειν ἀκουέτω.

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