



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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September 10, 2017 14th Sunday before Holy Cross * 5th Tone

Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6:11-18

Gospel Reading: John 3:13-17

Saints Commemorated Today: 13th Sunday of Matthew; Anthimus, Bishop of Nicomedeia; Holy Father Theoctistus and his fellow struggler Euthymius the Great; Polydorus the Martyr of New Ephesus; Translation of the relics of St. Nectarius the Wonderworker, Bishop of Pentopolis; Chariton the Martyr; Phoebe the Deaconess

Word about Communion: Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. One must also be in good standing with the Church spiritually and properly prepared. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with Fr. Anthony. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let the children and elderly approach first, when possible.

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is to be the living witness of Jesus Christ-keeping and proclaiming the Orthodox Christian Faith and sanctifying the faithful through God's grace by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

OUR VISION

We will strive to fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and love through worship, witness, fellowship and outreach.

Weekday Worship Schedule

Wed 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy for Holy Cross

Trisagion for the victims of 911

Receiving Holy Communion Families with babies or special needs may approach the chalice first, then the ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows. **Note that since Sunday School occurs 9:00, school children may approach the chalice together with their families.**

- Sunday School resumes today
- Adult Sunday School begins Sep. 24 Topic will be "Parenting Toward the Kingdom"
- Today Slide presentation on Jamaica Mission by Fr. Anthony and Michael McClain.
- Paraclete tonight at 6:00 pm to pray for those in the path of Hurricane Irma and those recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

At a Glance

Sunday, September 10

8:45am Orthros/Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour
 11:30am Jamaica presentation
 12:00pm Festival Meeting

Monday, September 11

11:30am Golf Tournament at The Georgia Club POSTPONED TILL 10/17

Tuesday, September 12

6:00pm Bigger Vision Dinner at United Methodist Church

Wednesday, September 13

12:00pm Men's luncheon Mannaweenta
 3:30pm Festival Set up and Prep
 5:45pm Divine Liturgy for Holy Cross

Thursday, September 14

7:00pm OCF Chew and Chat (TBD)

Friday, September 15

5:30pm - 8:00 pm GYRO NIGHT GREEK FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 16

11:00am – 5:00 pm GREEK FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 17

8:45am Orthros/Matins 10:00am Divine Liturgy 11:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, September 18

6:00pm AHEPA Meeting

Tuesday, September 19

10:00am Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, September 20

12:00pm Men's luncheon Mannaweenta
 6:00pm Vespers
 7:00pm Parish Council

Thursday, September 21

6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner

Date	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS	
Sep 10	Elaine & Bill Pappas	Bauman	Pres. Christine	Anna Salzman	Tina Paninos
Sep 17	Joyce Hannan	Chromiak	Maximos	Tracey O'Malley	Charlotte Chromiak
Sep 24	Mike Carter	Jones	Alex Johns	Stephanie Gavrielides	Anna Herndon

Marswood Hall: Greek Festival, Set up begins Wednesday

HYMNS & READINGS: September 10, 2017

Sunday Before the Elevation of the Holy Cross

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 5

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To the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation, let us, the faithful, give praise and worship. For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to endure death and raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Apolytikion for St. Philothea: Tone 4

Greek

The famed city of Athens does honor Philothea, the righteous martyr whose relics it now revere with joy. For while living in sobriety and holiness, she has exchanged all earthly things for the everlasting life through great contest as a martyr. And she entreateth the Savior to grant His mercy unto us.

Festal Apolytikion

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Your birth, O Theotokos, has filled the world with joy, for there rose from you the Sun of Justice, Christ our God. He destroyed the ancient curse and replaced it with a blessing, thus confounding death by giving us eternal life.

Kontakion

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Your holy birth delivered Joachim and Anna from the reproach of childlessness and liberated Adam and Eve from death's corruption, O Pure One. Thus freed from the stain of sin, we your people honor your birth, crying out to you: A woman thought barren brings forth the Theotokos who nourishes Christ our Life.

*Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2. Psalm 27.9,1
O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.*

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 6:11-18

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who

walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

The Gospel According to John 3:13-17

The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Donate Online We now have an online payment option for donations and/or Stewardship payments to the church. All major credit cards are accepted. Go to stphilothea.org to find the link on our homepage.

Attendance → ADULTS: 41 YOUTH: 4 -----ON September 3 -----
Receipts → Stewardship Income: \$1,708 Budget projection: \$2,188

Ministry Meetings* *For more information see our Council of Ministries chart on website or ask Nina Lamson*

Men's Lunch	Wed	Sep 13 12:00 pm	Mannaweenta Rest.
Grief Support	Mon	Sep 25	6:30 pm
Festival Meeting	Sun	Sep 10	after church
Women's Bible Study	Tue	Oct 3	6:30 pm @ Lamsons
A.C.T.S.	Tue	Oct 3	9:00 -1:00pm in Bogart
Mother's Day Out	Tue	Sep 19	10:00-1:00 pm / Pot-Luck
Spaghetti Dinner	Thu	Sep 7 & 21	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Parish Council	Wed	Sep 20	7:00 pm
AHEPA Mtg	Mon.	Sep 18	6:00 pm

Sunday School News and Notes

September 17 - Class and Procession of the Holy Cross

September 24 - Class and Bake Sale. Adult Class will start.

Parent Meeting: During the parent meeting, we had parents from 5 of our 18 families. I will send out Parent Meeting notes. Please send any questions, or concerns, to Vee Price. Classes will resume on Sep 10 for children K - 12th

Sunday School Meets: 9:00-9:50 for Synkentrosi & Sunday School Class

Nursery times and availability will stay the same this year. Our Nursery is available for toddlers through Pre-K children. Michelle Hancock our Nursery Coordinator, is making the schedule. Please watch for her communication and think about donating your time to helping the Nursery!

Adult Sunday School - Sundays 9:00 am to 9:50 am beginning on September 24 Book study/discussion group led by Dr. Nina

Lamson, Associate Professor of Psychology, will work from "Parenting Toward the Kingdom: Orthodox Christian Principles of Child Rearing" by P. Mamalakis, Ph.D. The text will be available in our bookstore or as ebook

Jamaica Mission Presentation A slide presentation today following the Divine Liturgy by Fr. Anthony and Michael McClain.

Come and See (and Taste) The Early Church in Africa A presentation by Dr. Bill Black, OCMC missionary. Dinner by Manaweenta, (Traditional Eritrean/Ethiopian food) \$7 each. September 28, 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:30) at St. Philothea. See Mike McClain for tickets. Order by Sept. 21.

Men's Lunch & Discussion at Manaweenta every Wednesday, 12:00 pm.

OCF Sept. 14 7:00 pm Place TBD Please sign up with Kate to host an evening meal for OCF this semester (Orthodox Christian Fellowship – College Ministry)

Welcome to our Guests Today –we look forward to greeting you after the Liturgy. Please join us for fellowship in the social hall.

Greek Festival Friday & Saturday September 15 & 16

Festival Meeting Today after church at 12:00 pm,
Festival Set Up Schedule:

Today **Men Needed**, to cut meat for the Festival after Liturgy, See Stacey.

Wednesday 3:30 – 7:30 pm Set up and food prep- volunteers needed!!!

Bigger Vision Dinner at United Methodist Church Tuesday Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm. See Michael McClain for tickets and or details.

Exploring the Richness of the Christian Faith 2nd Annual Conference Friday Sept. 22-Sunday Sept. 24. See flyer in the narthex for more information and to register. There will be scholars from Catholic University speaking about the state of the Christian Church in America and how it got that way and what can be done about it. This will be a very valuable seminar.

St. Philothea Golf Classic: To Benefit Bread for Life, Inc and St. Philothea. Event Date: Postponed to Tuesday October 17 at The Georgia Club. See our website for Online Registration and **Silent Auction**. Brochures available to share with friends, acquaintances and family.

Baby Shower for Daria Threlkeld at the Salzman's house Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 am. She is registered on amazon.com Hosted by Michelle Hancock, Anna Salzman and Presvytera Christine.

Donor for the Orthodox Study Bible Banner Old and New Testament. It is a beautiful color banner listing all the books of the Bible. If anyone would like to donate it for \$100 please see Presvytera Christine.

Council of Ministry Reminder Ministry leaders need to turn in their plans and budget to the Ministry Chairs by October 1st.