



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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January 7, 2018 St. John the Baptist & After Feast of Epiphany * Tone 6
Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Acts 19:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

Saints Commemorated Today: Synaxis of John the Holy Glorious Prophet, Baptist, & Forerunner; Afterfeast of the Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; Cedd, Bishop of Scotland; Fursey, Abbot of Lagny

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.

Upcoming Liturgies & Services

Wed Jan 10 6:00 pm Vespers

Tue Jan 16 5:45 pm Liturgy St. Anthony the Great

Wed Jan 17 5:45 pm Liturgy St. Athanasios & Cyril

Wed Jan 24 5:45 pm Liturgy St. Gregory

Tue Jan 30 5:45 pm Liturgy The Three Hierarchs

Second Collection today by Philoptochos to support St. Basil Academy, please be generous.

Second Collection January 14 for OCF Real Break for helping Jacob Sparks go on a Pilgrimage to Israel.

Holy Water Available Please take one bottle per family and drink before you have antidoron.

2018 Liturgical Calendars are available, one per family.

At a Glance

Monday, January 8, 2018

6:30pm ~~Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting~~ CXCL –Go Dawgs!!

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:30am Church Cleaning Day – indoor 3 hours

6:30pm Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

6:00pm Vespers

6:45pm Sunday school teachers meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2018

6:45pm Inquirers' Class

Saturday, January 13, 2018

Philoptochos Women's Retreat

Sunday, January 14, 2018

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

Monday, January 15, 2018

6:00pm AHEPA Meeting

7:00pm Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

10:00am Mother's Day Out

5:45pm Liturgy for the Feast of St. Anthony

Wednesday, January 17

5:45pm Liturgy for the Feast of St. Athanasios

7:00pm Parish Council

Thursday, January 18

12:00pm Senior Community Luncheon hosted by Philoptochos

6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner

6:45pm Inquirers' Class

Sunday, January 21, 2018

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

Wednesday, January 24

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS	
Jan 7	Ken Lamson Tammy Andros	Gavrielides, Stephanie	Presvytera Christine	Anna Herndon	Max Salzman
Jan 14	Joyce Hannan Tess Pottier	Justinn	Lynn Manzione	Pam Demos	Ruth Fuzman
Jan 21	Elaine & Bill Pappas	Kimberis	Elton Manzione	Stacey Cramer	Charlotte Chromiak

Marswood Hall: Event Saturday, clear Narthex Thursday evening, MoD David. Next MoD meeting is Sun. Jan 28 following the Divine Liturgy.

HYMNS & READINGS: January 7, 2018

St. John the Baptist & After Feast of Epiphany / Tone 6

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.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

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At Your baptism in the Jordan, O Lord, the worship of the Trinity was made manifest. for the Father's voice bore You witness by calling You His beloved Son, and the Spirit in the form of a dove confirmed the truth of the Father's Word. O Christ our God, You have appeared to us and enlightened the world. Glory to You.

Apolytikion for St. Philothea: Tone 4

The fame city of Athens does honor Philothea, the righteous martyr whose relics it now revere with faith. 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.

Kontakion

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You have revealed Yourself to the world today, and Your light shines forth on us, who sing to Your praise with full knowledge: You have come to us, O Lord; You are made manifest, O in accessible Light.

Megalynarion

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Magnify, O my soul, the woman more honorable and more glorious than the powers of heaven. I see a mystery, strange and most wondrous: The cave has become heaven, the Virgin, the throne of the cherubim. The manger holds Him who cannot be held or contained, Christ our God, whom we praise and magnify.

Page numbers are from the Divine Liturgy Hymnal. AGES take from <http://www.agesinitiatives.com>

Prokeimenon. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.11,1

The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.

Verse: Oh God, hear my cry.

Acts of the Apostles 19:1-8

In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the

baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

The Gospel According to John 1:29-34

At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

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

Men's Lunch	Every Wed 12:00 pm at Mannaweenta Rest.		
Inquirers' Class	Thu	Jan 11, 18, 25	6:45 pm
Grief Support	Mon	Jan -tbd--	6:30 pm
Mother's Day Out	Tue	Jan 16	10:00-1:00 pm / Pot-Luck
Spaghetti Dinner	Thu	Jan 18	6:00 pm
Parish Council	Wed	Jan 17	7:00 pm
OCF	Thu	Jan -tbd--.	7:00 Chew and Chat
AHEPA Mtg	Mon.	Jan 15	6:00 pm
Women's Bible Study	Tue	Jan 9	6:30 pm @ Lamson's
Philoptochos Retreat	Sat	Jan 13	11:00 am at Kovac home
A.C.T.S.	Tue	Feb 6	9:00 -1:00 pm in Bogart
Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting	Mon	Jan 15	7:00 pm

Upcoming Garage Sale – Start putting aside items for our Spring **Garage Sale fundraiser**. Date and details to come. Please do not bring any items to church- we do not have storage space.

Sunday School News and Notes

- January 7 - Whole group lesson and cutting of the Vasilopita **We will also introduce and welcome Jacob. Father will deliver Vasilopita to students.**
- January 10 - **Sunday School Teachers meeting, for Spring semester and events.**

Adult Religious Education

- **Women's Bible Study** – Studying Philippians, and I & II Peter. MEETS TUESDAY JAN 9, 6:30 PM AT LAMSONS'
- **Inquirers Class** Will be meeting on most Thursday evenings at 6:45 pm
- **Men's Lunch & Discussion** at Manaweenta every Wednesday, 12:00 pm.
- **Adult Sunday School** – Meeting currently at 9:00 am on Sundays. Speak to Nina Lamson for more information. Upcoming Dates: 1/7, 1/14 and 1/28

Church Cleaning Day Tuesday, Jan 9, 9:30 – 12:30. We will do general indoor cleaning and organizing. The more the merrier – please let Presvytera know if you plan to come to the January Cleaning Day.

Epistle Readers If you would like to be trained to be a regularly scheduled reader on Sundays please contact Presvytera Christine for more information.

Donate Online We 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.

Greeters Meeting and Group Photo Sun. Jan. 13 after church. Please attend if you are serving in the Spring.

Marswood Hall Next Committee Meeting Jan. 29th 6:00 pm.

Swearing in of Parish Council and Executive Board Elections today following the Liturgy.

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

Cutting of the Vasilopita Today To Commemorate the New Year and the Feast of St. Basil the Great (Jan 1) we remember how St. Basil would distribute loaves of cake or bread with coins in them to the needy. May this 2018 be peaceful and blessed for all of us in our Lord Jesus Christ. If you get a coin, please stay after and we will say a prayer and bless them.

House Blessings See sign up schedule during coffee hour, or turn in form sent out on line, to set a date for Father to come visit you.

OCF Chew and Chat Please sign up to host an OCF dinner this semester. Host in your home or at the church or make a \$65 donation for dinner. Next meeting is Thurs. Jan. 11 at 7:00 pm Place TBA.

Spaghetti Dinner Committee Meeting Mon. Jan. 15 at 7:00 pm.

Women’s Philoptochos Retreat Saturday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m. at the home of Catalina Kovac, 1077 Spratlin Mill Rd, Hull GA 30646. The day will include fellowship, food, craft project and an inspirational presentation by Father and Presvytera on “What is True?”

Catching up on Pledges for 2017 Many of you have caught up on your pledge for 2017. The Parish Council thanks you. If you are not sure where you stand contact Dean Kimbaris to complete your pledge for 2017.

2018 Stewardship Pledge Cards – if you have not submitted your card for the New Year, please do so as soon as possible. Extra cards are available in Narthex or at www.stphilothea.org

Attendance →	ADULTS: 39	YOUTH: 3	-----On Dec. 31-----
Receipts →	Stewardship Income:		Budget projection: \$2,188