



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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February 21, 2021 ~ Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins No Fasting this Week

Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 3:10-15

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:10-14

Saints Commemorated Today: Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee; Timothy the Righteous; John III, Patriarch of Constantinople; Eustathius, Bishop of Antioch; Zachariah, Patriarch of Jerusalem

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.

DIVINE LITURGY Sign up to attend services scheduled in February [HERE](#).

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES - please remember to sign up if you plan to attend.

Feb. 24	6:00 pm	<i>Vespers</i>
Mar 3	6:00 pm	<i>Paracleseis</i>
Mar. 6 Sat.	8:30am	<i>Divine Liturgy - First Saturday of Souls and Pet Blessing</i>

May God watch over us and protect us.

St. Philothea is open and in person attendance is permitted. We will try to celebrate the Divine Liturgy every Wednesday and Sunday to give more people an opportunity to attend. **We will need 3 volunteers each Liturgy to take temperatures, light candles, usher and help set up and clean up. We could use a few more.** *Everyone must follow the protocols and guidelines for attending Liturgy, including wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing and having your temperatures taken, as well as other guidelines put forth by the CDC and the Archdiocese.* To attend the liturgy in person please sign up online. New sign-ups will be required each month.

The February 2021 sign-up is available online [HERE](#). Also, all attendees should familiarize themselves with the special requirements for safe worship in the Church [HERE](#). **All services are also live-streamed.**

For Live-Streaming Services please refer to our [web page](#) for instructions to attend via Facebook or YouTube. And we ask your patience as we work to optimize our new video system. “Like” us on [Facebook](#) or “Subscribe” on [YouTube](#) to get notifications of all live streaming services. Also, for more information about the pandemic and Parish life go to our [COVID web page](#).

Stewardship Please continue your Stewardship, as you are able and impacted by the Covid-19 crisis, either on-line or by check. Checks can be mailed directly to Kate McClain 1001 Kings Court, Watkinsville, GA 30677

NOTE: This is the correct address for the McClain’s. The address in the directory is in error. Also, if you know of anyone in need of assistance contact Fr. Anthony.

Please join this effort Pray every evening at 8:00 pm the [PRAYER DURING THE CORONOA VIRUS PANDEMIC](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE While we practice social distancing and wear face masks to protect us from infection and these offer reasonably effective protection, please understand that there remain risks of exposure in any gathering. Our chapel's HVAC system includes ionization units which sanitize the air as it recirculates, so the chapel space is clean for Liturgies.

Capital Campaign Update. Thanks to all who have pledged to our Capital campaign. We have 70% of pledges received which is phenomenal and right on track. If you would like to join the effort, and have not yet done so, please see Paul Cramer and Mike McClain. With the beginning of a new year now is a good time to get in this year's donation or make a special donation toward mortgage reduction.

HYMNS & READINGS ~ February 21, 2021
Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

Resurrectional Apolytikion When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion for St. Philothea: Mode 4 Phonetics

Atheené-on ee Polis ee péri-ónimos, Philothé-éen timá, teen Osio Máryra, ke aspázete afteés to theé-on leéps-anon; ó-ti eveé-o-se semnós ke meteé-laxá to zeen athleé-see ke martireé-o ke presvé-vee pros ton Sotíra thee-thónai pásee tau theé-on éleos.

Kontakion: Let us flee the Pharisee's * exalted parlance; * let us learn the Publican's * humble demeanor, and with sighs * unto the Savior cry out and say, * To us be gracious, O only forgiving Lord.

Megalynarion: It is truly right to bless you, Theotokos, ever blessed, most pure, and Mother of our God. More honorable than the Cherubim and beyond compare more glorious than the Seraphim, without corruption you gave birth to God the Logos. We magnify you, the true Theotokos.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.24,1

*O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.
Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.*

The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned

it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Pet Blessing Invite your friends to this unique witness of our Orthodox faith; caring for the environment and all of creation through the blessing of the waters. Saturday March 7, at 10:00 a.m. following the Divine Liturgy and Saturday of Souls prayers (8:30 am). Bring your pet on a leash if it is not a goldfish. Let Tracey O'Malley know if you would like to help with this outreach ministry.

Next Bigger Vision Meal will be served this Monday, February 22. Providing a meal for the homeless is a monthly event on the 4th Monday of the month, and we need a protein, a starch, a vegetable, bread and dessert each month. Drop off is at the church at 4:30pm the Monday of the meal and Fr. Anthony will deliver it. Kosta Vavlas, Nina Lamson, Anne Duke, and Sarah Scherer are providing the protein, bread, starch and vegetable, respectively, **but we still need a dessert.** Please consider helping us on February 22, our next event is March 22. Sign up online [HERE](#).

Covid.News As of Wednesday, Feb 17, 2021, the Athens-Clarke County Health Department has received its quota of vaccines and is continuing to distribute vaccinations. At this time, they do not have a shortage of vaccines. "The total number of second doses of Covid-19 vaccine administered now represents 3.1% of the population of the Northeast Health District."¹ Presently, there is a reduction of new cases of Covid in the 10 county Northeast Health District which includes Clarke and Oconee Counties. In addition, there has been a reduction of Covid patients in both Athens hospitals and a reduction in Covid ICU patients.

Child Protection Training Renewal. Background checks for Youth workers are good for another year, but training (on-line course) is free and mandatory every year. Check with Christina if you need help logging on, we are encouraged to complete our re-training ASAP.

General Assembly will be Sunday March 22 to present Council of Ministries reports, update on Marswood Hall and a financial report. Please put it in your calendar.

OCF Meeting on February 25, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Place TBA. Fr. Anthony is on campus every Thursday at the Tate center from 11:00-3:00 pm. Come by and visit. Thank you to all those who have supported this important ministry of our church by hosting an OCF meeting. **Also we are painting the hallway and the Narthex Saturday Feb. 27th as a service project beginning at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to join us. Work Daze** will be March 19-21 this year and [sign up](#) is limited to 35 people, cost is \$25 and there are Philotochos travel scholarships.

Financial Status

Income sources:

STEWARDSHIP, COLLECTIONS, HALL RENTALS, & FUNDRAISERS*

Jan Income	\$11,650	Jan Expense	\$11,591
Feb Income to date	\$8,874	Feb Expense to date	\$12,449

Income from PPP: \$11,566

Capital Campaign Results

Mortgage Balance: **\$490,060**

Pledged - **\$136,280**

Collected - **\$112,138**

A.C.T.S.	1 st Tues, every other month	9:00 am - 1:00 pm → Apr 6
Grief Support	ON HOLD	
Mother's Day Out	ON HOLD	
OCF	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	Spring 2021 Semester
Parish Council	via Zoom Conference call if needed	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm → Mar 17
Spaghetti Dinner	ON HOLD	
Divine Liturgy	Now Every Sunday. (Live Stream & on site with Covid restrictions) and Vespers or Paracleseis on Wed.	Check Calendar

Recurring Ministry Meetings – go to stphilothea.org/calendar for details

MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED. *PLEASE note that LINK has been repaired.*

Please sign up [HERE](#) to assist the parish in serving one another. Once you sign up, your name will be on a list of those available to prepare meals when a parishioner or another has a need due to health concerns, medical recovery or other. You will be called when your help is needed on a rotating basis, so it may only be once or twice a year depending on how many people sign up. We are also collecting names of those who are able to deliver meals.

INQUIRERS CLASS – We will bake Prosforon by Zoom Monday Feb. 22 at 6:30 pm. You will receive a link tomorrow. If you would like to be included to learn how to bake Prosforon, please contact Fr. Anthony.

Stewardship — If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider your family’s Stewardship of time, talent, and treasurer for your 2021 Pledge Card and turn it in today or mail it to our treasurer, Kate McClain, in the return envelope provided. It is a great help in planning our budget for 2021 if you turn your card in on time and indicate which ministries you would like to participate in. **Stewardship update:** *Currently we have received 37 pledge cards for a total of \$98,600. If you have not turned your pledge card in for 2021 please do so, so we can finalize our budget. Blank cards are available online or in the narthex.*

Youth Schedule

Jr and Senior High students will meet tonight at 6:30-8:30 for dinner and discussion (OCF format) RSVP to frantonios@ilicons.us if you are coming. We will watch and discuss a movie of the life of St. Philothea

6-11 year olds will meet after Liturgy in person for a TOTS session with SS lesson with Stephanie Knisely \$5 per child, bring a snack to share 4th Sunday of every month. RSVP to Stephanie. We will be meeting next Sunday, Feb. 28th at 12:30 pm.

3-6 year olds will meet after Liturgy in person for a TOTS session with SS lesson with Stephanie Knisely \$5 per child, bring a snack to share 2nd Sunday of every month. RSVP to Stephanie.

Pod-Casts/Zoom Lectures Since there is a plethora of on-line resources and Zoom lectures coming up, we will include interesting lectures with links in the weekly bulletin that you might find interesting. If you know of an event that you would like to post please send it to Fr. Anthony and Christina White for consideration.

Description	Date	Time
<p>Voices of the Liturgy: Orthodox Worship Traditions <i>Guest speaker, Professor Susan Ashbrook Harvey of Brown University who will be participating in a conversation with Sister Mary Priniski, the director of the Aquinas Center. MUST PRE REGISTER Registration Link for Webinar:</i> https://bit.ly/catholic-orthodox2021</p>	<p>Tues, Feb 23</p>	<p>7:30pm</p>