







# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

## October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:30 pm <b>Vespers (St. Luke)</b> 	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Hope and Joy</b>
<b>19</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>22</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>

 **Strict Fast**  **Fish Allowed**  **Dairy Allowed**  **Wine and Oil Allowed**

## Welcome Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We would like to remind you that Holy Eucharist is reserved for those who have been baptized or chrismated in the Orthodox Church and have prepared themselves to receive the Eucharist. All visitors are welcome to receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

## Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals in your daily prayers: Collier, Dora, Bini, Anna, Matt, John, Joey, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Martha Ann, Alyssa, Will, Bob, Lynn, Regina, Nan, TJ, Theo, Cory, and Liddell.

To add names to our community prayer list for 40 days of prayer, submit them to [frmike@holytrinityjackson.org](mailto:frmike@holytrinityjackson.org) or call the church office.

## Weekly Collections

Below are the General Fund collections for last week:

9/29 - 10/5 = \$2,820.00.

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Jonathan Hontzas and Michael Glisson.

## Extra Services

On Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Vespers for St. Luke the Evangelist.

On Wednesday, October 22<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for.

## Hope and Joy



On Saturday, October 18 at 9:30 a.m. we will have our next Hope and Joy at Moseley Meadows. The children will pick pumpkins and have a lesson on the value of silence. We will look forward to seeing all of our

younger members there for this time of learning and fellowship.

## Directory

Our directory is nearly complete and most people have responded. We are still waiting on a few responses, but everything will be submitted for printing in the near future. If you have not already done so, please contact Jonathan Hontzas to submit any information and a picture if you would like to have it included.

The National Philoptochos Society, the philanthropic ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 27, 2025, for its historic 20th Biennial Children's Medical Fund (CMF) Luncheon. They awarded a \$30k grant to Children's of Mississippi. This grant supports the purchase of three cardiac monitors for the hospital's cardiac step-down/post-surgery medical-surgical unit, enhancing care and improving outcomes for pediatric cardiac patients.



### Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews, \* and the soldiers guarded your most pure body, \* You arose on the third day, O Savior, \* giving life to the world. \* For this reason, \* the heavenly powers cried out to You, \* o Giver of life. \* Glory to Your resurrection, o Christ! \* Glory to Your kingdom! \* Glory to Your dispensation, only lover of mankind. (p. 91)

### 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!

### Of the Parish Church Mode Pl. 4.

O blessed are you, o Christ our God. Who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fishermen wise and through them illumined the world, and to you, the universe was ever drawn all glory to You, o Lord.

### Of the Parish Church Mode 2.

Apostle beloved of Christ God hasten to deliver a defenseless people, for He who allowed you to recline on his breast will allow you bowing in intercession. Implore Him o Theologian to disperse the adversary, and grant us His peace and abundant mercy.

## **Kontakion Mode 4.**

The protection of Christians unshameable, \* intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, \* do not turn from \* 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 intercession \* and speed now to supplication \* as a protection for all time, \* Theotokos, for those who honor you. (p. 111)

### **The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to Titus 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 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.

### **The Gospel According to Luke 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."