







# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>12</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Parish Council Meeting 4:00 Outdoor Blessing of the Waters	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>15</b> 5:30 pm Paraklesis 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy
<b>19</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>22</b>  5:30 pm Paraklesis	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Enthronement of Met. Sebastian in Atlanta

 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, John, Bini, Nancy, Anna, Larry, Mary Matt, Demitri, Joey, Sofia, David, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Lampros, Maria Efthymia, Dimitra, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Anastasia, Rachel, Sharon, Costa, Susan, Alex, and Hannah.

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:

12/30 - 1/5 = \$1,527.75

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Michael Fowler and Kari East.

## Extra Services

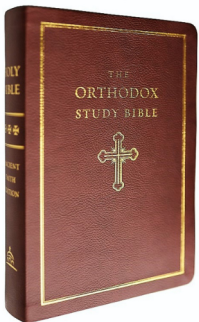
On Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. we will have the Blessing of the Waters at the reservoir.

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

On Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for Sts. Athanasios and Cyril.

On Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. the enthronement of Metropolitan Sebastian will take place at Annunciation Cathedral in Atlanta, GA.



## Men and Women's Bible Study

**Our Men and Women's Bible Studies started up again for the new year as of January 7<sup>th</sup>. They will again alternate Tuesdays, with the next Men's Bible Study taking place on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at Broad Street Baking Company.**

**We hope that everyone who is available will try to take advantage of this opportunity for learning and fellowship. We will look forward to seeing you there.**

# Outdoor Blessing of the Waters

**On Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. we will meet with the other Orthodox communities at Crab's Seafood Shack on the reservoir for the outdoor Blessing of the Waters. We hope that everyone will make an effort to join us and represent our community at this annual pan-Orthodox event.**

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## Swearing in of the Parish Council

**We have received ratification of our elections from the Metropolis and this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have the swearing in of our incoming Parish Council members. We thank them for their commitment to serving our church and we thank our Board of Elections for their service in helping us to have a smooth and timely election process.**

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## House Blessings

**Starting on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> Fr. Mike has been visiting homes for house blessings. Soon everyone will be receiving emails to sign up for times that work for you. You may also get calls or text messages as Fr. Mike**

**tries to schedule as many of our parishioners as possible to take part in this annual tradition.**



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## Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.

**When the women disciples of the Lord heard the Angel joyously proclaim the resurrection, they cast aside the ancestral verdict, and boasting in glory they said to the Apostles, "Death has been despoiled! Christ God has risen, granting the great mercy to the world!"**

## **Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 1.**

When You were baptized in the River Jordan, O Lord, it was revealed that God is worshiped in Trinity. For the voice of the Father, who had begotten You, also bore witness to You, calling You "beloved Son," and the Spirit, in the form of a dove, confirmed that what was said is true. In Your epiphany, O Christ God, You appeared and illumined the world. Glory 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.**

You revealed yourself today on earth, O Master, \* and Your light was stamped on us, who in the knowledge of the truth, \* O Lord, extol Your epiphany. \* You came; You revealed yourself, O unapproachable Light.

## **St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 4:7-13**

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

## **The Gospel According to Matthew 4:12-17**

At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."