



Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

November 23rd, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Hope and Joy	24	25	26	27	28	29
      						
30 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	1	2 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis	4	5	6 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
      						

 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, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Martha Ann, Will, Bob, Lynn, Regina, Nan, TJ, Theo, Cory, Liddell, Thomas, and Lori.

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

Weekly Collections

Below are the General Fund collections for last week:

11/10 - 11/16 = \$3,324.75.

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Malissa and Constantine Zouboukos.

Extra Services

On Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Saturday, December 6th at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas.

Outreach Efforts This Sunday (Nov 23rd)

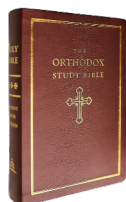
This Sunday we have two different outreach projects being completed after the Divine Liturgy. One is Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse). The shoeboxes are due this week and will be packed this Sunday for donation.

This Sunday is also IOCC Sunday - we will work together as a parish after church to put together hygiene kits. Putting together a small assistance package will make a big difference. Basic materials such as soap, shampoo, paper and pencils seem small, but make a huge difference in an ongoing development program or when disaster strikes.

Hygienic items are among the items most requested by our partners each year. The need is great, and we can never have too many on hand.)

Women's Bible Study Canceled

This Tuesday, November 25th, the Women's Bible Study will be canceled due to preparations being made for the Philoptochos Bake Sale.



Hope and Joy



On Sunday, November 23rd we will have our next Hope and Joy activity. This activity centers around thankfulness and includes a service activity, so the children will first help

with the Operation Christmas Child and IOCC kits before working on their craft. Afterwards, they are all invited to join us at the park to give them some unstructured time to play together. We will look forward to seeing everyone then.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

By your Cross, O Lord, * You shattered death; * to the thief You opened Paradise. * You transformed the Myrrhbearers lamentation, * and commanded Your apostles to proclaim * that You rose, Christ our God, * granting to the world * Your great mercy. (p. 103)

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4.

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: "Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation."

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 Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2:14-22

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

The Gospel According to Luke 12:16-21

The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."