



# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

## February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Godparents Sunday 	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study 	<b>25</b> 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 5:30 p.m. Salutations 	<b>28</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy (Saturday of Souls) Hope and Joy 
<b>1</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <b>Sunday of            Orthodoxy</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 	<b>4</b> 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy 	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 5:30 p.m. Salutations 	<b>7</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, Anna, Matt, John, Joey, Anastasia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Martha Ann, Will, Lynn, Regina, Nan, Cory, Liddell, Thomas, Lori, and Larry.

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:

2/9 - 2/15 = \$2,888.00.

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are TJ Hare and Ted Thompson.

## Extra Services

On Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Presanctified Liturgy.

On Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Salutations.

On Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls.

On Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Presanctified Liturgy.

On Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Salutations.

## Saturday of Souls Liturgies

Starting on February 14<sup>th</sup>, we began offering three Saturday of Souls liturgies as we move into Lent. If you have a list of names of the reposed which you would like to have read at the liturgies, you can turn them in either as hand written notes at the church, or by sending them in an email.

## Godparents Sunday

On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have Godparents Sunday. We invite all godparents to accompany their godchildren when they receive communion.

## Hope and Joy

On Saturday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> we will have our next Hope and Joy activity after the Saturday of Souls, in which we will learn about the sacrament of confession and how it will be helpful to them as they grow and mature.



# Music Class

For the next six weeks we will have music classes following the Divine Liturgy. We invite not only anyone interested in joining the choir, but any parishioner interested in singing along from the pews. We will learn how the various hymns of the liturgy are put together and how to follow the music from the hymnal.

By the end of six weeks we will have covered everything from the beginning of the liturgy up to the sermon, right after the gospel. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity as we take steps towards developing a robust church music program.

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## **Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.**

The women disciples of the Lord, \* having learned from the Angel the joyous news \* of the Resurrection \*and having rejected the ancestral decision, \* then told the apostles elatedly: \* Death has been stripped of its power; \* Christ God has risen, \* granting to the world His great mercy. (p. 97)

## **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 Pl. 2.**

O guide to wisdom, provider of prudence, disciplinarian of fools, and defender of the poor, fortify and discipline my heart, O

Master; You, give me a word, O Word of the Father. For behold, I will not hinder my lips from crying to You: O merciful Lord, have mercy on me who have fallen.

### **St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 13:11-14; 14:1-4**

Brethren, salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for God is able to make him stand.

### **The Gospel According to Matthew 6:14-21**

The Lord said, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."