



Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

February 23rd, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Meatfare Luncheon	24 8:45 am Orthros 10 am Liturgy	25 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	26 5:30 pm Paraklesis	27 Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.	28	1 11:00 am Stewpot
2 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy	3	4 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	5 5:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy	6	7 5:30 Salutations	8 8:45 am Orthros 10 am Liturgy Saturday of Souls

 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, Matt, John, Demetri, Joey, Sofia, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Sharon, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Anastasia, Rachel, Costa, Susan, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Fred, and Delbert.

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:

2/10 - 2/16 = \$5,782.58

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

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

Extra Services

On Monday, February 24th at 10:00 a.m. we will have a liturgy for St. John the Baptist.

On Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Presanctified Liturgy.

On Friday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Salutations service.

On Saturday, March 8th at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls.

Can Collections and Stewpot

For the remainder of the month of February we will continue to collect canned goods to be donated to Stewpot on March the 1st. We appreciate everyone's generosity and support. We will also meet at Stewpot on Saturday, March 1st to assist in serving the less fortunate in our local community. We hope to see everyone there for this ministry, which is a fitting and appropriate way to begin our lenten season.

Meatfare Luncheon



This Sunday, February 23rd, after the Divine Liturgy we will have our Meatfare Luncheon provided by the ladies of Philoptochos. We hope that everyone will join us as we enjoy a meal together before the beginning of the Lenten Fast.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.

When You descended unto Death, O Lord, You who are immortal Life put Hades to death, by the lightning of Your divinity. And when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the hosts of heaven sang aloud to You, "O Christ God, Giver of life, 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 1.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For

If any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."