



Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

March 30th, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Parents Meeting	31	1 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	2 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	3	4 5:30 p.m. Akathyst	5
6 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy	7	8 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 5:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy	10	11	12 8:45 Orthros 10 Liturgy 11:30 Pancake Breakfast 12:00 Oratorical Festival

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, Demitri, Joey, Sofia, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Anastasia, Rachel, Costa, Susan, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Fred, Delbert, and Peter.

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:

3/17 - 3/23 = \$1,372.25.

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

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

Extra Services

On Wednesday, April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Presanctified Liturgy.

On Friday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m. we will have the Akathyst service.

On Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Presanctified Liturgy.

On Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday.

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival

On Lazarus Saturday at 12:00 noon we will have our parish level Oratorical Festival. Two winners from each division will proceed to the district level festival, which is hosted by our parish this year. It will occur at 11:00 a.m. on April 26th. The finalists from the district level event will

then compete at the Metropolis festival, which will take place on May 3rd at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Savannah, Georgia.

Details regarding topics and rules will be discussed at the parent's meeting this coming Sunday, March 30th. We hope everyone will make the effort to participate in this important yearly event, which gives our youth a chance to develop public speaking skills, learn about their faith, and represent our parish.



Lazarus Saturday Pancake Breakfast and Palm Crosses



On Saturday, April 12th following the Divine Liturgy, we will have the Pancake Breakfast and folding of palm crosses. We will hope to see everyone there as we prepare for Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

Parents Meeting March 30th

On Sunday, March 30th after the Divine Liturgy we will have a meeting for all parents of middle school and high school aged students. This meeting will be important in that it will better enable our church to minister to the needs of the youth of our community. We urge all parents to make every effort to attend if at all possible. Topics will include the Oratorical Festival, summer activities, GOYA, and an altar boy outing. We will look forward to seeing everyone there.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

You destroyed death by Your Cross, You opened Paradise to the Robber. You turned the Myrrh-bearing Women's lament into joy, and You commanded Your Apostles to preach that You rose, O Christ God, granting the world the great mercy.

For the Devout Man. Mode Pl. 4.

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O John, our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

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. 4.

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you* Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude* Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. * Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,* From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you* I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."