





Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian



Fr. Mike Downs

April 20th, 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 12:00 a.m. Paschal Liturgy 4:00 p.m. Agape Vespers	21	22 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	23	24	25	26 11:00 a.m. District Oratorical Festival
27 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	28	29 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	30 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	1	2 Taste of the Mediterranean 	3

 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, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Anastasia, Rachel, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Fred, Delbert, Peter, and Chuck.

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:

4/7 - 4/13 = \$2,815.59.

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council lead serving as greeter for this Sunday is TJ Hare.

Extra Services

On Saturday, April 19th at 11:00 the Paschal Vigil will begin.

On Sunday, April 20th at midnight we will have the Pascha service. At 4:00 p.m. we will meet at St. Peter's Antiochian Orthodox Church for Agape Vespers.

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

Taste of the Mediterranean

This year's Taste of the Mediterranean, which will be held on Friday, May 2nd, now has tickets available for purchase at GreekJacksonMS.org. Please note that this year, **tickets are presale only** and **tickets will not be sold at the door**. We hope that everyone in our community will make every effort to support this event by ordering tickets as early as possible. We will look forward to seeing everyone there.

Agape Vespers

As in past years, the local Orthodox churches take turns hosting Agape Vespers each year. This year it will be hosted by St. Peter's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Madison at 4:00 p.m.

We will hope everyone will join us as we represent our community at this shared celebration of the Resurrection.



Great and Holy Pascha

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day,

which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting.

Apolytikion. Mode Pl. 1.

Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. 3x (Page 127)

Hypakoe. Mode 4.

When the women with Mary had come before dawn, and they found that the stone had been rolled away from the sepulcher, they heard from the Angel, "Why do you seek among the dead, as a mortal man, the One who exists in everlasting light? See the grave clothes in the sepulcher. Run and proclaim to the world that the Lord has risen and put death to death; for He is the Son of God who saves the human race."

Kontakion of Pascha. Mode pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

In the first book, O Theophilos, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" He said to them, "it is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John bore witness to him, and cried, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.'") And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.