







# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian



Fr. Mike Downs

## April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:30 Paraklesis 	<b>30</b> 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 11:30 a.m. Stewpot
<b>3</b> 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 Men's Bible Study	<b>6</b> 5:30 Paraklesis 	<b>7</b> 5:30 p.m. Vespers	<b>8</b> 5:30 p.m. Vespers 	<b>9</b> Greek Festival 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.

 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: Dora, Anna, Matt, John, Joey, Anastasia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Martha Ann, Will, Lynn, Regina, Nan, Liddell, Thomas, Lori, Larry, Andrew, and Linda.

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:

4/13 - 4/19 = \$1,821.30.

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

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

## Extra Services

On Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a vespers for St. John the Theologian.

On Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a vespers for the prophet Isaiah.



## **Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2.**

When you descended unto death of Life Immortal, \* You rendered to Hades a mortal blow\* by the lightning of Your divinity, \* and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, \* all the heavenly powers cried out: \* O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You. (p. 93)

### **Mode 2.**

When he took down Your immaculate Body from the Cross, the honorable Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen shroud with spices and laid it for burial in a new tomb. But on the third day You rose, O Lord, and granted to the world the great mercy.

### **Mode 2.**

The Angel who had come to the sepulcher said to the Myrrh-bearing women, "Ointments are appropriate for mortal men; but Christ is indeed a stranger to decay. Now go proclaim that the Lord has risen and granted to the world the great mercy."

### **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 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.

### **The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven

men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

### **The Gospel According to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8**

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James saw where he was laid.

And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.