



Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

August 30th, 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy First Day of Sunday School	31	1 Ecclesiastical New Year	2 5:30 Paraklesis 	3	4 	5
6 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy	7	8 9 am Orthros 10 am Divine Liturgy 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	9 9 am Orthros 5:30 Divine Liturgy 	10	11 	12

 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: Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Hannah, Peter, Martha Ann, Lynn, Regina, Nan, Liddell, Thomas, Lori, Larry, Andrew, Linda, Dot, Mary, Aubrey, James, Ellen, Melanie, Mishra, and Cheryll, Karen, and Ed.

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:

8/17 - 8/23 = \$1,201.45.

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Malissa Zouboukos and Ben Wise.

Extra Services

On Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Tuesday, September 8th at 10 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for the Nativity of the Theotokos.

On Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 p.m. we will have Divine Liturgy for Joachim and Anna.

Handmaidens

It has been brought to our attention that some of the parents would like for the girls to have more involvement in some of the services. There is an optional ministry for this purpose. The girls are called Handmaidens and may be up to twelfth grade. Their service offers real value to the community and helps them learn practical skills which they will use as adults. Fr. Mike has already spoken with the Typikaris of the Metropolis about this ministry and has received informational materials. If this is something you would like to be involved in, send Fr. Mike an email at frmike@holytrinityjackson.org to be added to the list and find out more.

First Day of Sunday School

Sunday, August 30th will be our first day of Sunday School. We will look forward to the coming year in which we introduce a completely new curriculum and will also plan to introduce musical material from the National Forum of Greek Orthodox Church Musicians. This will allow our children to learn the music used in our church so that they can increase their participation in the services. We will hope to see everyone here this Sunday.



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)

For the Forerunner. Mode 2.

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us 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. Mode 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel According to Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"