



Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

August 9th, 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Blessing of the Backpacks	10	11 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	12 5:30 Paraklesis	13	14	15 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Gyro Drive Thru 11 am - 2 pm
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16 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Divine Liturgy Adult Class Begins 6:30 pm Sunday School Webinar	17	18	19 5:30 Paraklesis	20	21	22
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✙ 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 Cheryl, and Karen.

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:

7/27 - 8/2 = \$1,408.00.

Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Michael Fowler and Malissa Zouboukos.

Extra Services

On Wednesday, August 12th at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.

On Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for the Dormition of the Theotokos.

On Wednesday, August 19th at 5:30 p.m. we will have Paraklesis.



Gyro Drive Thru

On Saturday, August 15th from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. we will have our next Gyro Drive Thru. We hope that all of our parishioners will invite friends and family to stop in for a meal in support

of our church community.

Blessing of the Backpacks

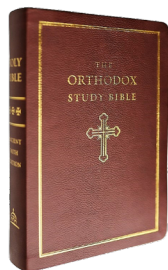
On Sunday, August 9th at the end of the Liturgy we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks for the coming school year. All of our parents are encouraged to have the children bring their backpacks and sanctify the start of the new year.



Adult Class on Sundays

Starting on Sunday, August 16th we will have an adult class offered by Dr. Michael Psikogios in the Greek School room.

This will begin with a focus on the role of repentance in the Orthodox faith. Texts will be available in class.



Men's Bible Study

Starting on August 11th, our Men's Bible Study will begin a new book, *Blessed is the Kingdom* by Fr. Stavros Akrotirianakis. We will continue to meet every other Tuesday at 5:30 at Broad Street Baking Company. We will hope to see you there.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.

Although the stone was sealed by the Jews, * and the soldiers guarded your most pure body, * You arose on the third day, O Savior, * giving life to the world. * For this reason, * the heavenly powers cried out to You, * o Giver of life. * Glory to Your resurrection, o Christ! * Glory to Your kingdom! * Glory to Your dispensation, only lover of mankind. (p. 91)

Apolytikion of the Feast. Grave Mode.

You were transfigured upon the mountain, O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we may be, shine Your everlasting light, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of light. 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. Grave Mode.

Upon the mountain were You transfigured, and Your disciples beheld Your glory as far as they were able, O Christ our God; so that when they would see You crucified they might understand that Your Passion was deliberate, and declare to the world that in truth You are the Father's radiance.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel According to Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."