

Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church

















ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS

According to the tradition of the Church, the Theotokos was brought to the Temple at three years of age, where she was consecrated to God and spent her days until she was fourteen or fifteen years old; and then, as a mature maiden, by the common counsel of the priests (since her parents had reposed some three years before), she was betrothed to Joseph.

IMPORTANT DATES

- November 1 - 10 am Liturgy for Sts. Cosmas and Damian
- November 3 - GOYA Meeting
- November 6 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- November 8 - 10 am Liturgy for Synaxis of Archangels
- November 9 - 10 am Hope and Joy
- November 10 - Thanksgiving Luncheon and General Assembly
- November 12 - 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- November 13 - 10 am Liturgy for St John Chrysostom and 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- November 14 - 10 am Liturgy for St. Phillip the Apostle
- November 16 - 10 am Liturgy for St. Matthew the Evangelist
- November 17 - Oxi Day Celebration
- November 19 - 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- November 20 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- November 21 - 10 am Liturgy for Entrance of the Theotokos
- November 30 - 11 am Stewpot

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Harvest Festival	28	29 Women's Bible Study 4:30 p.m.	30 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	31	1 8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Sts. Cosmas and Damian 	2
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Strict Fast



Fish Allowed



Dairy Allowed



Wine and Oil Allowed



GREETINGS,

Greetings,

As always, we'd like to start by thanking all of those who have been able to help with recent events. Our community has had a number of projects and events take place over the past year and it is difficult to remember them all. Most recently, the Harvest Festival, another gyro-drive-through, and the upcoming Philoptochos bake sale. These take time and effort to pull off and are not possible without the hard work and dedication of our community.

Next, the Parish Council was able to meet on October 13th. Topics included marketing/outreach, Taste of the Mediterranean (TOM) 2025, and more. TOM will take place on May 2, 2025, at Old Capital Inn. The committee has enlisted Chris Sarris out of Birmingham to be the DJ for the event. They are in the process of planning and preparing for the event with more information to come soon.

Marketing/Outreach was discussed at length. Our website is live post-renovation with more changes/modifications to come. Overall, it is a significant improvement and we hope to utilize its functionality for existing parishioners and future visitors. On that same note, we agreed to proceed with a six-month marketing campaign at \$1,000 a month. This campaign will initially be run through social media (Facebook and Instagram) and focus on young families living within a twenty-mile radius of the church. Ads will feature photos and text touting our unchanging faith in an ever-changing world. Traffic will be driven to the website where viewers can find more information about the church and faith. The media section will allow viewers to watch services, listen to certain ministries, or only watch the sermon as needed (more coming). The hope is that they will then take the next step and visit our church.

This brings us to the most important aspect of growth. We have started and completed a number of large projects in the past year. We have increased the number of events and stepped up outreach. Our parish has seen an increased commitment to attending those events and services. However, we must now show the community who we are as Orthodox Christians. Discuss the faith with those outside of our parish. Bring others into the church. Pack the church for services and ministries and show visitors who we are.

"People should be ready to share the gospel at all times and in all circumstances." 2 Timothy 4:2

**IN CHRIST,
THE PARISH COUNCIL**

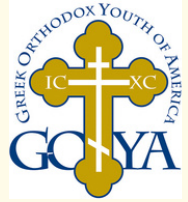




Hope and Joy

On Saturday, November 9th at 10:00 a.m. we will have our next Hope and Joy session for this year. We will meet at the church for a lesson on thankfulness before going to the park to give the kids some time to play together. We will look forward to seeing all of our younger members there.

GOYA



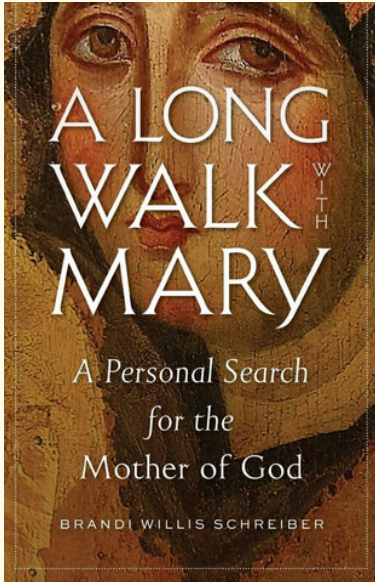
On Sunday, November 3rd after the Divine Liturgy we will have our next GOYA meeting. At our last meeting Henry Hadden volunteered to be president and Katherine Efstratiou volunteered to be treasurer. We discussed the process of running a meeting and will still be looking for a vice president and secretary going forward. We thank them for their willingness to help and will look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting.

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study will be starting back up on Tuesday, November 19th at 5:30 p.m. at Broad Street Baking Company and Cafe at Banner Hall, 4465 I-55 Suite #101, Jackson, MS 39206. They will meet on a biweekly basis, alternating with the Women's Bible Study.

We will be working our way through Know the Faith by Rev. Michael Shanbour. It can be downloaded free of charge on the Ancient Faith store.

Women's Bible Study



Our Women's Bible Study will have its next meeting on Tuesday the 15th at 4:30 p.m. at Ellen Hontzas' house. They will continue to meet on a biweekly basis, working through "A Long Walk with Mary by Brandi Schreiber. If

this is something you are interested in joining, speak to Kari East to be added to the GroupMe to find out about upcoming locations.



Fall Women's Book Study

"A Long Walk with Mary: A Personal Search for the Mother of God"

Author: Brandi Willis Schreiber

September 3 rd	Introduction and Chapter 1
September 17 th	Chapter 2 and 3
October 1 st	Chapter 4 and 5
October 15 th	Chapter 6 and 7
October 29 th	Chapter 8 and 9
November 12 th	Chapter 10 and 11
November 26 th	Chapter 12 and 13
December 10 th	Chapter 15 and 16

If you would like to purchase a book, please contact Kari Grillis.

Please review the exploratory questions for open discussion at each meeting.

Please join the Women's Bible Study group on group me for important updates and location details!

NEW WEBSITE

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS LIVE AND CAN BE FOUND AT HOLYTRINITYJACKSON.ORG. WE HAVE MOVED TO A WEBSITE WITH A MORE MODERN APPEARANCE AND A SHORTER ADDRESS. AS A RESULT, FR. MIKE'S EMAIL ADDRESS IS NOW FRMIKE@HOLYTRINITYJACKSON.ORG. THE OLD EMAIL ADDRESS AND OLD WEBSITE ADDRESS WILL STILL WORK; THEY SIMPLY REDIRECT TO THE NEW ADDRESS. THIS CHANGE SHOULD HELP OUR COMMUNITY AS WE STRIVE TO REACH OUT TO POTENTIAL NEW MEMBERS AND GROW OUR CHURCH.

AS WE APPROACH OUR PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY TO THE COMMUNITY THAT AFTER DISCUSSING OUR BY-LAWS WITH THE METROPOLIS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD NOT REQUIRE PLEDGE CARDS TO VOTE. WHILE THEY ARE CERTAINLY HELPFUL AND WE THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO FILLED THEM OUT, THE ATTACHED LIST INCLUDES EVERYONE WHO HAS GIVEN TO STEWARDSHIP AND PRIMARILY ATTENDS THIS PARISH. THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION.

TO BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, A PERSON MUST BE ORTHODOX, ACTIVE IN THE SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE CHURCH, AND CONTRIBUTE TO STEWARDSHIP. WE ASK THAT EVERYONE TAKE A MOMENT TO LOOK OVER THE ATTACHED LIST TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR NAME IS THERE. IF IT SEEMS THAT BY SOME OVERSIGHT A NAME IS MISSING, PLEASE CONTACT FR. MIKE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE ANY NEEDED CORRECTIONS.

OUR GOAL IS TO MAKE ANY CORRECTIONS BY NOVEMBER 24TH AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST. THE RATIONALE IS THAT WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO FIX ANY MISTAKES AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IN THE COMING MONTH IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY CONFLICTS THAT COULD ARISE DUE TO LAST MINUTE SURPRISES ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND PARTICIPATION AS WE STRIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

Gregory Auger

Elaina Baggett

Carl and Laura Boschert

Chris and Katie Broome

Gene and Emilia Burnham

Ben and Christina Childers

Theo Costas

Sophia Cox

Bob Crechale

Fr. Mike and Presv. Christina Downs

Kari East

Steve and Stephanie Efstratiou

Pete and Laura Efstratiou

Michael Fowler

Paula Fowler

Costa Glennis

Michael Glisson

Janet Grillis

TJ and Jean Hare

Ellen Hontzas

John and Lauren Hontzas

Jonathan and Heather Hontzas

William Hontzas

Fr. Andrew Koufopoulos

Jerry and Sarah Kountouris

Michael and Georgia Kountouris

Mary Malone

Stephanos and Despina Mangafakis

Theo and Sharon Mavridoglou

Betta Miller

Cristina Nica

Soula Nikolis

Chuck and Toulia Odom

Lampros and Dimitra Papadimitriou

Dot Pavlou

Angeliki Polles

George and Teresa Provias

Despina Roehner

Mary Stough

Frank Sturgen

Ted and Kimberly Thompson

Nick Valsamakias

Chris and Sheron Valsamakias

Christopher Zeppos

Constantine and Leslie Zouboukos

Pat and Malissa Zouboukos

FALL GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
November X, 2024

- Call to Order and Opening Prayer – Father Mike
- Election of Chairman
 - Selection of Secretary
- Minutes of 2023 Fall/2024 Spring General Assembly for approval
- Priest's Comments
- President's Comments
 - 2024 State of the Parish
- Stewardship Reports – Toula Odom
- Financial Reports – Toula Odom
 - 2024 Financials
 - 2024 YTD Report
- Approval 2025 Budget
- Nomination of Parish Council candidates
- Election of the Election Committee
- Election of the Audit Committee
- New Business - Comments
- Adjournment and Closing Prayer