

Holy Trinity - St. John the Theologian Greek Orthodox Church



SEVENTH COUNCIL

On the Sunday that falls on or immediately after the eleventh of this month, we chant the Service to the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council, which gathered in Nicaea in 787 under the holy Patriarch Tarasius and during the reign of the Empress Irene and her son, Constantine Porphyrogenitus, to refute the Iconoclast heresy, which had received imperial support beginning with the Edict issued in 726 by Emperor Leo the Isaurian. Many of the holy Fathers who condemned Iconoclasm at this holy Council later died as Confessors and Martyrs for the holy Icons during the second assault of Iconoclasm in the ninth century, especially during the reigns of Leo the Armenian and Theophilus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 1 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- Oct 4 - GOYA Lock In (New Orleans)
- Oct 5 - Philotochos
- Oct 6th - 9th: National Clergy Retreat
- Oct 7 - 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Oct 12 - Parish Council Meeting
- Oct 14 - 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Oct 15 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis
- Oct 17 - 5:30 pm Vespers (St. Luke)
- Oct 18 - 9:30 am Hope and Joy
- Oct 21 - 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- Oct 22 - 5:30 Paraklesis
- Oct 23 - 10 am Liturgy for St. James
- Oct 26 - Harvest Festival 3:00 - 6:00
- Oct 28 - 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study
- Oct 29 - 5:30 pm Paraklesis

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>28</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Hope and Joy</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Women’s Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>1</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>GOYA Lock In</div>
<div>5</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Philoptochos Meeting</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Fr. Mike at National Clergy Retreat</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Fr. Mike at National Clergy Retreat 5:30 p.m. Men’s Bible Study</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Fr. Mike at National Clergy Retreat</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Fr. Mike at National Clergy Retreat</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>
<div>12</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Parish Council Meeting</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Women’s Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>15</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Vespers (St. Luke the Evangelist)</div>	<div>18</div> <div>9:30 a.m. Hope and Joy (Moseley Meadows)</div>
<div>19</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Men’s Bible Study 5:30 p.m.</div>	<div>22</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>23</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy (St James)</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>
<div>26</div> <div>8:45 Orthros 10:00 Liturgy Harvest Festival 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Women’s Bible Study 4:30 p.m.</div>	<div>29</div> <div>5:30 p.m. Paraklesis</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div>
<div>Strict Fast</div>	<div>Fish Allowed</div>	<div>Dairy Allowed</div>	<div>Wine and Oil Allowed</div>			

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The parish council meeting took place on September 14th. It continued conversations surrounding the narthex, bathrooms, archive room, pantocrator, and community outreach. Of course, A Taste of Greece was discussed at length as well.

The pantocrator projects continues to move along, albeit slowly, as we wait for the iconographer to finish painting and for the other iconographer to come and install the icon. Hopefully that is in the very near future.

The archive/library room, the back left room at the end of the hall, will now be a meeting room in addition to the archive/library room. This will allow Sunday School to utilize the old board room and provide a better meeting space for the parish council, philoptochos, Sunday school, etc. Low profile carpet will soon be installed.

The narthex project nears closer with the needed quotes arriving and the entire project appearing to be at the \$45,000 mark. In addition, we finally move closer to a plan for the bathrooms that will be in the \$10,000 range while providing fresh paint in addition to new hardware, sinks, and countertops in all four bathrooms. These will be a welcome addition and finally complete the remaining “larger” projects. Both will be discussed at the fall general assembly after we finalize the details.

We discussed community outreach and philanthropy. Local colleges have been contacted as we attempt to start college ministry programs and that process is being navigated. In addition, philanthropy is vital to the church. Philoptochos has been a blessing and we hope our parish can get behind their initiatives to continue to grow and expand upon their good works.

Lastly, as seen in a prior notification, A Taste of Greece has been canceled for 2025. It was not done gleefully, but rather with acceptance that competing priorities were making planning and execution difficult. A small parish stretched thin can result in burn-out and distancing. We will continue to execute and grow the drive throughs while putting our main focus on the ministries of the church: Sunday School, Men’s/Women’s Groups, GOYA, bookstore, choir, etc. With God’s blessing our parish is growing.

**Your Servants,
The Parish Council**



A Message from Fr. Mike

This month we remember the Seventh Ecumenical Council. At this council, the fathers of the Church reaffirmed that it is appropriate to use and venerate icons in the Church. This practice had come under significant pressure, both from other religious traditions in the area, and from the imperial throne. Today we have the good fortune to be able to practice our religion, largely free of any such outside pressure. In remembering the sacrifices made by our spiritual predecessors in the Church, as well those made throughout the history of our own country, we should be reminded that the freedom we have today is not something to be taken for granted. Rather, it is a privilege and an opportunity for us to eagerly engage in the many activities of our faith community. We look forward to seeing everyone, not only on Sundays, but at the various services, activities, and occasions for fellowship that we see throughout the rest of the month as well.

- Fr. Mike

Hope and Joy

On Saturday, October 18th at 9:30 a.m. we will have our next Hope and Joy at Moseley Meadows. The children will pick pumpkins and have a lesson on the value of silence. We will look forward to seeing all of our younger members there for this time of learning and fellowship.



HOLY TRINITY
ST. JOHN THE THEOLOGIAN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

HARVEST PARTY

OCTOBER 26, 2025
FROM 3PM TO 6PM

The Hontzas Farm
1004 Patrick Road
Canton, MS 39046



PLEASE RSVP TO
Heather at 601-624-4664
See Back for Directions



HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL NEW ORLEANS, La

1200 AllanToussaintBlvd,

New Orleans, LA70122

WESTERN CONFERENCE LOCK IN

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH,
11:00am - SUNDAY OCTOBER**

**5TH, ENDING WITH DIVINE LITURGY
AND LUNCH**

SIGN UP HERE:



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Leadership 100





DECEMBER 27 - 30 ATLANTA, GA



IMPORTANT DATES
EARLY BIRD PRICE ENDS 11/2
TEAM REGISTRATION 11/14
REGISTRATION CLOSES 12/1

REGISTER TODAY



METROPOLIS
OF ATLANTA





Archangel Michael Award Winners

Every year, the Archangel Michael Awards recognize those parishioners who have been especially impactful on their communities. This year's winners are TJ Hare and Cristina Nica.

Both have helped to spread a positive attitude and optimistic energy throughout the parish in all that they have been involved with. Whether it has been with the Parish Council or Philoptochos, at the Gyro Drive Thrus or the Bookstore, they have both consistently been eager to help move things forward, embracing the challenge of making many improvements in our parish community. They have set an example of Christian service that we can all commend and appreciate. We thank

them for everything they have done and for continuing to be a loving and supportive presence in the community.

