



# The Messenger

Sunday, December 3, 2023  
Κυριακή, 3 Δεκέμβριος

14th Sunday of Matthew  
Κυριακή ΙΔ' Λουκᾶ

## Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA

The Holy Prophet Sophonias (Zephaniah), Our Righteous Father John, Bishop and Hesychast Holy Martyrs Agapius and Seleucius, Theodore, Archbishop of Alexandria, Angelis the New Martyr Karpos the Hieromartyr

### Today's Memorials

Memorial Service can be found on p. 139  
of the Divine Liturgy Book

1 Year Memorial for Wayne (Paul) Kemp  
3 Year Memorial for Elaine Andrews  
3 Year Memorial for Patricia (Pygi) Morris  
18 Year Memorial for Regina Pagoulatos  
33 Year Memorial for John Loverdos

65 Year Memorial for Dionysios Loverdos  
67 Year Memorial for Kali Pagoulatos  
85 Year Memorial for Petro Pagoulatos  
Memorial for Virginia Loverdos  
Memorial Service for Cathedral Archons

### Today's Artoklasia

Service can be found on p. 139  
of the Divine Liturgy Book

Offered by the Daughters of Penelope in Honor of their Patron Saint Barbara  
Artos donated in memory of Mary George by Ellen George & Mary Alice George  
Decoration of the icon of St. Barbara donated by Karen Stamatiades

## St. Barbara The Great Martyr



Saint Barbara was from Heliopolis of Phoenicia (in modern Lebanon) and lived during the reign of Maximian. She was the daughter of a certain idolater named Dioscorus. When Barbara came of age, she was enlightened in her pure heart and secretly believed in the Holy Trinity. About this time Dioscorus began building a bath-house; before it was finished he was required to go away to attend to certain matters, and in his absence Barbara directed the workmen to build a third window in addition to the two her Father had commanded. She also inscribed the sign of the Cross with her finger upon the marble of the bath-house, leaving the saving sign cut as deeply into the marble as if it had been done with an iron tool. (When the Synaxarion of Saint Barbara was written, the marble of the bath-house and the cross inscribed by Saint Barbara were still preserved, and many healings were worked there.) When Dioscorus returned, he asked why the third window had been added; Barbara began to declare to him the mystery of the Trinity. Because she refused to renounce her faith, Dioscorus tortured Barbara inhumanely, and after subjecting her to many sufferings he beheaded her with his own hands, in the year 290.

# Order of Hymns Following The Small Entrance

## Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος α΄

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτῆρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλανθρώπε.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Προφήτου. Ἦχος β΄.

Τοῦ Προφήτου σου Σοφονίου τὴν μνήμην, Κύριε ἐορτάζοντες, δι' αὐτοῦ σε δυσωποῦμεν· Σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

## Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστάσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

## Κοντάκιον. Ἦχος γ΄. Αὐτόμελον.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χορευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρό αἰώνων Θεόν.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.

Although your tomb was sealed by the Jews O Savior, and your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, you rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: Glory to your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to your kingdom. Glory to your saving dispensation, O only lover of mankind.

## Apolytikion of the Prophet. Mode 2.

As we celebrate the memory of Your Prophet Sophronios, through him we importune You, O Lord, that You save our souls.

## Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

## Kontakion for the Departed. Mode pl. 4.

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

## Kontakion. Mode 3. Automelon.

On this day the Virgin Maid \* goes to the grotto to give birth \* to the pre-eternal Word \* in an ineffable manner. \* Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. \* Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds \* Him who willed that He appear as \* a newborn Child, \* the pre-eternal God.

# Readings

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**Epistle** (St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 5:8-19)

Reader: Amalea Mondore

**PROKEIMENON:** Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.  
**VERSE:** Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

**Brethren,** walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

**Gospel** (Luke 18:35-43)

**At that time,** as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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### Reminders for Receiving Holy Communion

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and/or chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion.

Thank you.

# Support our Cathedral

Welcome, everyone!

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshipping with us today in our Cathedral. You are invited to join us for our fellowship following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our hospitality table and sign the register in the Narthex.

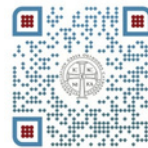
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