



# The Messenger

Sunday, February 19, 2023  
Κυριακή, 19 Φεβρουάριος

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)  
Κυριακή τῆς Ἀπόκριεω

## Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA

The Holy Apostles of the Seventy Philemon, Apphia, Archippus, and Onesimus  
Philothei the Righteous Martyr of Athens, Niketas the Younger

### Today's Memorials

*Service can be found on p. 127  
of the Divine Liturgy Book*

- 40 Day Memorial for Peter Nicholas
- 3 Month Memorial for Athanasios Kokkinakis
- 1 Year Memorial for Maria Panos
- 3 Year Memorial for Vassiliki (Bessie) Andros
- 5 Year Memorial for Eleni Tsiklistas
- 7 Year Memorial for Aris Panos
- 20 Year Memorial for Pres. Eurydice Constantinides
- 20 Year Memorial for Mary (Mersini) Moses

*Coffee hour sponsored in loving memory of  
Eleni Tsiklistas & Vassiliki Andros by their families.  
May their memory be eternal!*

## Judgement (Meatfare) Sunday



The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds.

It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheesefare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

*(Compiled by Theodore Manzikos)*

# Order of Hymns Following The Small Entrance

## Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος γ'.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἀγίας Ἦχος πλ. α'.

Ἀθηναίων ἡ πόλις ἡ περιώνυμος Φιλοθέην τιμᾷ τὴν Ὁσιομάρτυρα καὶ ἀσπάζεται αὐτῆς τὸ θεῖον λείψανον, ὅτι ἐβίωσε σεμνῶς καὶ μετήλλαξε τὸ ζῆν ἀθλήσει καὶ μαρτυρίῳ καὶ πρεσβεύει πρὸς τὸν Σωτῆρα διδόναι πᾶσι τὸ θεῖον ἔλεος.

## 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· Χαίρει 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 α'.

Ὅταν ἔλθῃς ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης, / καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα, ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἔλκη, / καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καὶ τὰ κρυπτά δημοσιεύωνται, / τότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου, / καὶ ἀξιώσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου μὲ στήναι, / Κριτὰ δικαιοτάτε.

## Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 3.

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of his arm. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the firstborn of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hades and has granted to all the world his great mercy.

## Apolytikion for the Saint. Mode pl. 1.

The famed city of Athens does honor Philothei, the Righteous Martyr, whose relics it now reveres with joy; for while living in sobriety and holiness, she has exchanged all earthly thing for the everlasting life through great contests as a Martyr; and she entreat the savior to grant His mercy unto all of us.

## 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 1.

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

# Readings

Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)  
Κυριακή τῆς Απόκρεω

## Epistle (St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2)

Reader: Nikolaos Constantinides

**PROKEIMENON:** Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

**VERSE:** Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

**Brethren**, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

## Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46)

**The Lord said**, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 51 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK

### 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.

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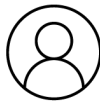
Welcome, everyone!

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.

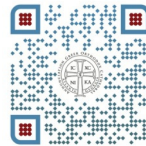
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