



# The Messenger

Sunday, July 31, 2022  
Κυριακή, 31 Ιουλίου 2022

7th Sunday of Matthew  
Ζ' Κυριακή Ματθαίου

## Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA

Forefeast of the Precious Cross, Dionysios the Righteous Martyr of Vatopaidi, Joseph the Righteous of Arimathea, Eudocimus the Righteous of Cappadocia

### Today's Memorials

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

- 6 Month Memorial for Mary Panos
- 1 Year Memorial for Xarilaos (Harry) Katsoudas
- 3 Year Memorial for Gregory Javo
- 3 Year Memorial for Louis Elias Pataki
- 8 Year Memorial for Georgia Steenekamp

### 40 Day Baby Blessing

40 Day Blessing for Baby Boy of Maria (Leboukas)  
& Eyinsan Odugba

### Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the  
Katsoudas family in loving memory of  
Xarilaos (Harry) Katsoudas

## Forefeast of the Precious Cross



As well as being the feast of the above-listed saints, today is also the Forefeast of the Precious Cross celebrated on August 1st. St. Constantine's cross (pictured right) is the only remaining of three crosses commissioned as war banners for the Battle of Milvian Bridge (October 28, 312). St. Constantine saw a vision of a cross in the sky over the battlefield with the words, "In this sign, you will defeat." His victory is attributed to his vision and the presence of this cross on the frontline. St. Constantine's victory marks a turning point in the Roman Empire towards Christianity. His subsequent legalization of Christianity, construction of churches, and conversion allowed Christianity to flourish even within his lifetime.

Processions around Constantinople with crosses like this one or the actual wood of Christ's cross on the evening of July 31st became tradition after St. Constantine's victory as a blessing on the city. It is also said that these processions were performed for the protection of farmlands, animals, and people from an increase in disease and disaster that comes on account of August heat.

*(Compiled by Theo Matzikos)*

# Order of Hymns Following The Small Entrance

## Απολυτίκια

### Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. ᾠχος πλ. β'.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου. ᾠχος δ'.

*Ταχὺ προκατάλαβε.*

Ἐκ γῆς ὁ καλέσας σε, πρὸς αἰωνίους μονάς, τηρεῖ καὶ μετὰ θάνατον ἀδιαλώβητον, τὸ σῶμά σου, Ἄγιε· σὺ γὰρ ἐν σωφροσύνῃ, καὶ σεμνῇ πολιτείᾳ, μάκαρ ἐπολιτεύσω, μὴ μολύνας τὴν σάρκα· διὸ ἐν παρρησίᾳ Χριστῷ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμᾶς.

### Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. ᾠχος δ'.

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

### Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος 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. ᾠχος βαρῦς.

Ἐπὶ τοῦ ὄρους μετεμορφώθης, καὶ ὡς ἐχώρου οἱ Μαθηταὶ σου τὴν δόξαν σου, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἐθεάσαντο, ἵνα ὅταν σε ἴδωσι σταυρούμενον, τὸ μὲν πάθος νοήσωσιν ἐκούσιον, τῷ δὲ κόσμῳ κηρύξωσιν, ὅτι σὺ ὑπάρχεις ἀληθῶς, τοῦ Πατρὸς τὸ ἀπαύγασμα.

## Apolytikia

### Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode pl. 2.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

### Apolytikion for the Saint. Mode 4.

*Come quickly.*

The Master who called you to eternal mansions on high \* preserves incorrupt your body even after you died, \* O holy Evdokimos; \* for you had led a lifestyle of self-restraint and decorum, \* never staining your flesh; and therefore truly you are blessed. \* With confidence intercede with Christ to 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 grave.

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.

# Readings

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St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:1-7

## Epistle

Matthew 9:27-35

PROKEIMENON: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

VERSE: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

**Brethren**, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

## Gospel

**At that time**, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

**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. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

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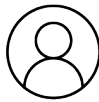
We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshipping with us today in our Cathedral.

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.

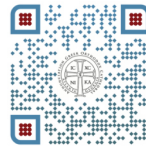
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