



# The Messenger

Sunday, May 7, 2023  
Κυριακή, 7 Μαΐου

Sunday of the Paralytic  
Κυριακή Δ' του Παραλύτου

## Weekly Worship Guide

The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation • Atlanta, GA

Commemoration of the Precious Cross that appeared in the sky over Jerusalem in 351 AD

Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem, Akokios the Centurion of Byzantium,  
Repose of St. Nilus, abbot of Sora, Pachomios the New Martyr of Patmos

**ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!  
ΑΛΗΘΩΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!**

### Today's Memorials

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

40-Day Memorial for Georgia Coclin  
40-Day Memorial for Stephen (Stylianos) Missailidis  
3 Year Memorial for Harold (Aristides) Pryles  
7 Year Memorial for James (Demetrios) Coclin  
35-Year Memorial for John N. Demos

**CHRIST IS RISEN!  
TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

### **Congratulations to our 2023 Sunday School Graduates!**

Andonia Alexander Smith, Nikolaos Constantinides,  
Christina Dallis, Nicholas Ioannides, Nicholas  
Karas, Angela Pappadakis, Isabella Pappas,  
Alexander Redd, Elianna Vallianatos

ALL Sunday School students will remain in Church  
for Perfect Attendance & Graduation. Immediately  
following Graduation, students will go to class for  
30 minutes.

### Coffee Hour

Today's Coffee Hour is Offered in Loving Memory of  
Stephen (Stylianos) Missailidis by his Family.

## Repose of St. Alexis Toth of Wilkes-Barre



St. Alexis Toth was born in Austro-Hungary in 1854 to a poor Eastern-Rite Catholic family. His father and brother were priests and his uncle was a bishop in the Uniate church, a branch of the Roman Catholic Church that practices the Eastern liturgy like Orthodox Christians. Alexis was ordained a Uniate priest in 1878 and was assigned to a parish in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1889.

Upon his arrival in America, Fr. Alexis presented himself to the local Roman Catholic diocesan authority, Archbishop John Ireland, since there was no Uniate bishop in America at that time, who greeted him with open hostility over his Eastern liturgical practice as Ireland favored the "Americanization" of all Roman Catholics.

Fr. Alexis, at the prompting of his parishioners, then decided to convert himself and his parish to Orthodox Christianity in 1891. Fr. Alexis quickly became known as a diligent Orthodox Christian and staunch defender of Orthodox Christian theology and practice. He was sent by his bishop to communities of Slavic immigrants like himself to preach and teach, often evangelizing many Uniate communities.

St. Alexis died on May 7, 1909 having guided thousands of Slavic immigrants through the dark confusion of religious challenges in North America back to the unity of the Orthodox Church through his grace-filled words and holy example formed almost twenty Orthodox Christian churches in North America and converting thousands of people to Eastern Orthodoxy in North America. St. Alexis' relics can be visited at Saint Tikhon Monastery in South Canaan, Pennsylvania today.  
*(Compiled by Theodore Mantzikos)*

# 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 κοιτίας ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ τιμίου Σταυροῦ. Ἦχος α'.

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου ὁ τύπος νῦν ὑπὲρ ἥλιον ἔλαμψεν, ὄνπερ ἐξ ὄρους ἁγίου, τόπῳ Κρανίου ἐφήπλωσας, καὶ τὴν ἐν αὐτῷ σου Σῶτερ ἰσχὺν ἐτράνωσας, διὰ τούτου κρατύνας καὶ τοὺς πιστοὺς Βασιλεῖς ἡμῶν, οὓς καὶ περισώζει διαπαντός ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

## 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· Χαῖρε 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 πλ. δ'.

Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατῆλθες ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ Ἄιδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητής, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγξάμενος. Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

## 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 of the Holy Cross. Mode 1.

The image of Your Cross at this time shone brighter than the sun, when You did spread it out from the holy Mount of Olives to Calvary; and in making plain Your might which is therein, O Savior, You did also thereby strengthen the faithful. Keep us always in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Christ our God, and save 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 pl. 4.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrhbearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

# Readings

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## Epistle (Acts of the Apostles 9:32-42)

Reader: Katy Constantinides

**PROKEIMENON:** Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

**VERSE:** Clap your hands, all you nations.

**In those days**, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

## Gospel (John 5:1-15)

**At that time**, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

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.

# 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.

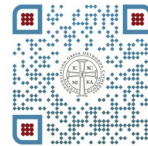
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