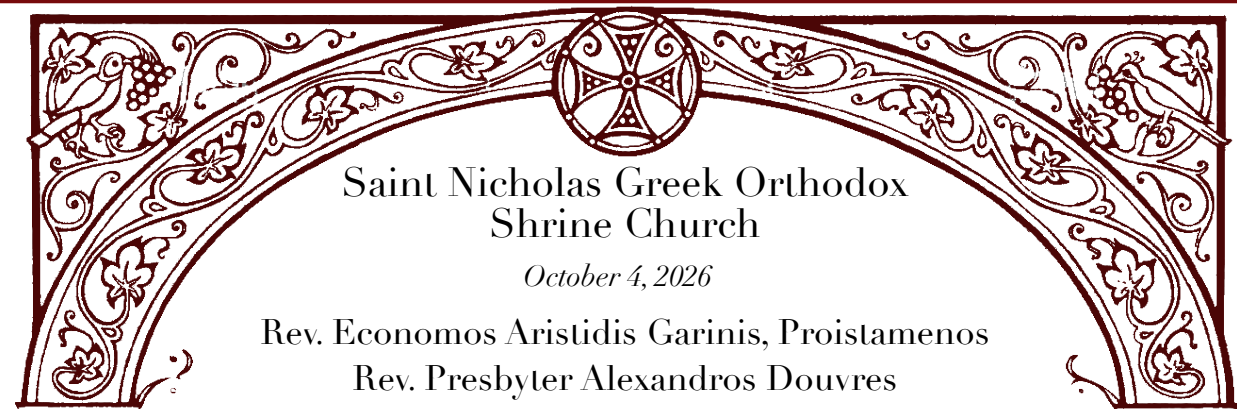




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October 4, 2026

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Β' Λουκᾶ - 2nd Sunday of Luke

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

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

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀγίου Νικολάου

Κανόνα πίστεως, καὶ εἰκόνα πραότητος,
εγκρατείας διδάσκαλον, ἀνέδειξε σε τὴ ποίμνη
σου, ἡ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀλήθεια διὰ τοῦτο ἐκτίσῃ
τὴ ταπεινώσει τὰ υψηλά, τὴ πτωχεία τὰ πλούσια.
Πάτερ Ιεράρχα Νικόλαε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ
Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε,
μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ
παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ
πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν
πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν,
καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ,
Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

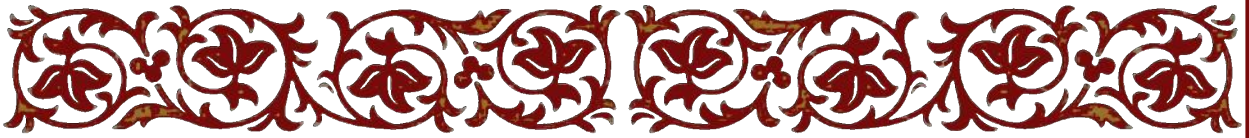
The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief
priests, and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by
soldiers, You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior;
granting life unto the world. Then the powers of the
heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted,
“Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Your eternal
rule! Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent
God!”

Apolytikion for St. Nicholas

A model of faith and the image of gentleness, the
example of your life has shown you forth to your sheep-fold
to be a master of temperance. You obtained thus through
being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches through poverty,
Nicholas, our father and priest of priests, intercede with
Christ our God that He may save our souls.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never falls,
intercession with the Creator that never fails, we
sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our
prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come
unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry
to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O
Theotokos who protect now and ever those who
honor you.



ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Β' Κορ. 9:6 11)

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

EPISTLE READING (2 Cor. 9:6 11))

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.





ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΛΟΥΚ. 6:31 - 36)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ’ ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανεῖζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανεῖζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστιν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρμων ἐστί.

GOSPEL READING (LK. 6:31 - 36)

The Lord said, “And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.”



ΕΟΡΤΟΛΟΓΙΟΝ

OCTOBER 2026

Oct 2 **SS. Cyprian and Justina**
FRI **Αγ. Κυπριανό και Ιουστίνας**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 4 **2nd Sunday of Luke**
SUN **Β' Κυριακή Λουκά**
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
Second Liturgy 10:45 a.m.

Oct 7 **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**
WED **Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου**
7:00 p.m.
Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Oct 11 **Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Synod**
SUN **Κυριακή της Ζ' Οικουμενικής**
 Συνόδου
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 14 **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**
WED **Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου**
7:00 p.m.
Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Oct 18 **St. Luke the Apostle**
SUN **Αγ. Ευαγγελιστή Λουκά**
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
Second Liturgy 10:45 a.m.

Oct 20 **St. Gerasimos of Kephalonia**
TUE **Αγ. Γερασίμου**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 21 **Paraklesis to the Theotokos**
WED **Παράκληση της Θεοτόκου**
7:00 p.m.
Discovering Orthodoxy Class

Oct 23 **St. Iakovos the Apostle**
FRI **Αγ. Αποστόλου Ιακώβου**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 25 **6th Sunday of Luke**
SUN **ΣΤ' Λουκά**
7:30 a.m. Orthros / 8:45 a.m. Liturgy
Second Liturgy 10:45 a.m.
Athletic Sunday

Oct 26 **St. Demetrios the Myrrh-streamer**
MON **Αγ. Δημητρίου Μυροβλήτης**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 28 **Holy Protection of the Theotokos**
WED **Αγίας Σκέπης της Θεοτόκου**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy

Oct 31 **Great Vespers of the Holy Anargyroi**
SAT **Μ. Εσπερινός Αγ. Αναργύρων**
7:00 p.m.



TO APXONTAPIKI THE ARCHONTARIKI MUSIC FOOD ΠΑΡΕΑ

The Archontariki is a monthly gathering of our senior parishioners. At St. Nicholas, we strive to reach out to all ages and offer opportunity for community fellowship and engagement. Please encourage your loved ones to participate in this wonderful new program. Please rsvp with the Church office. Thank you!

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THURSDAY, October 15th at
12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**Ελάτε να μας κάνετε
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7:00 P.M.

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- MEET NEW FRIENDS
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HALL



SUNDAY
OCT 11, 2026



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The crowd was hushed as the museum proprietor got ready to unveil the prized display of the evening, the Stomach of the Ocean Diamond, only to find it had been stolen while the crowd mingled in ignorant bliss. Now it is up to you, your guests, and the detective to find the thief and restore the diamond to its rightful place to get the unveiling back on track!

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OCTOBER 7

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Discovering Orthodoxy Class:

A catechism for Orthodox and those inquiring about the faith

Catechism is Christian instruction which includes lessons on the history, teachings and spiritual practices of the Orthodox Christian Church.

What is Orthodoxy?

Where did it come from?

What does it mean to live as an Orthodox Christian today?

These are some of the questions that we will be discussing during our time together.

Classes meet every Wednesday evening after the Supplication Service to the Theotokos

Literature requirements:

The Orthodox Study Bible

Introducing the Orthodox Church: Anthony Coniaris

A Commentary on the Divine Liturgy: St. Nicholas Cabasilas

The Orthodox Way: Bishop Kallistos Ware

These books will be in stock at our parish bookstore.

KIDS BULLETIN PAGE

 **Unscramble the Words! Can you unscramble these Orthodox Church words?**

A N D L E C _____

(Hint: We light this when we enter the church)

O R S C S _____

(Hint: Symbol of Christ's love for us)

T A L R A _____ (

Hint: The holy area at the front of the sanctuary)

M S Y H N _____

(Hint: Sacred songs we sing during Liturgy)

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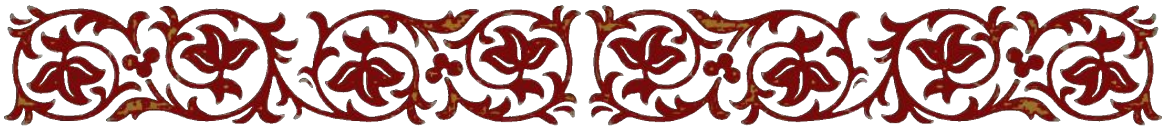
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Ζαχαρούλας Τρουμούχη
Θεωδόρου Τσιμπίδη



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Son of Alex and Gillian Pritsos
Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Christen Kalkanis & George Scoufaras
Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 4:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Following the Divine Liturgy this morning everyone is invited to the Sarantakos Hall
for coffee and fellowship.

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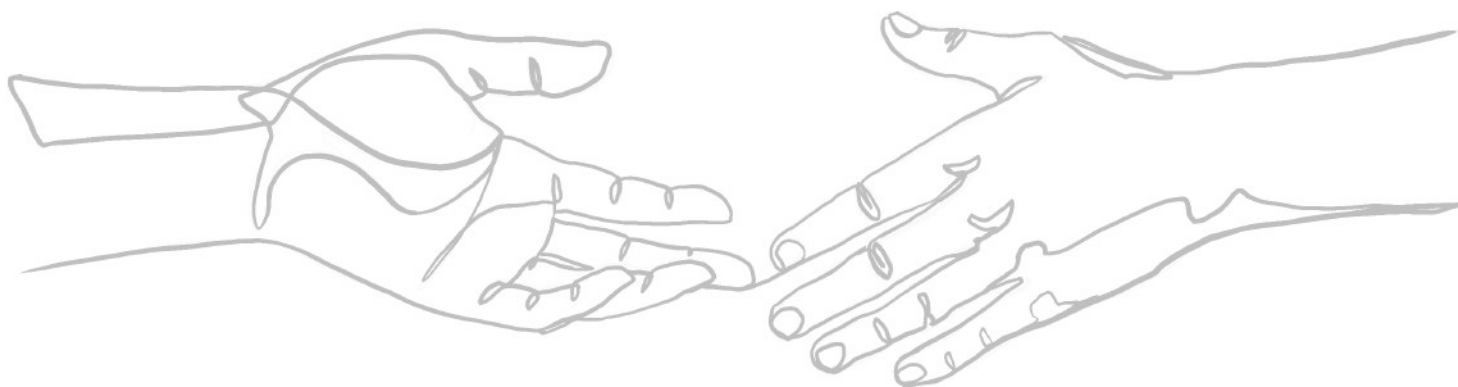


DIAKONIA

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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *Luke 6:31-36*

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)



“Love your enemies...”

The most amazing miracles of our Christian faith might not be the ones we think of first. Our minds are drawn to those stunning marvels that violated the laws of nature, as when Jesus walked on water or multiplied loaves and fishes in the wilderness. Today's Gospel reading, though, reveals another kind of miracle that is every bit as stunning and every bit as rare. This type of wonder might not overcome the laws of physics. Rather, it overcomes the norms of human habits and the conventions of human behavior. Jesus tells us to love our enemies and to give to those who cannot return the favor. This teaching is difficult! Obeying it requires a divine power to be at work in our lives, a power no less miraculous than walking on water. Everyone understands that you should

help your friends and not your enemies. Likewise, we all know how to give in order to get something in return. But Jesus shows the world a very different way. After all, he did not die for us because we deserved it, or because we were good. He did not die for us because we could give him anything in return. He died for us because he loves us, period. To be a Christian is to show this same love to the world and to share it, even with those who do not deserve it and who cannot repay it. We cannot do this on our own, but only with a divine power active in our lives. If we wish to follow Christ's teaching in today's Gospel, we must become people of prayer and fasting, in order to make space in our hearts for God's miraculous love and for this generosity to be observed in all we do and say.

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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: Schisma (Σχίσμα)

What does “Schism” mean?

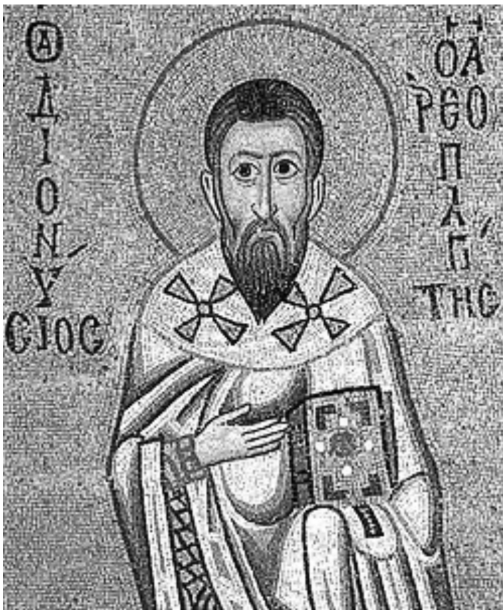
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The word “schism” is commonly used to describe a religious division, but it does not have an inherently religious meaning. The word comes from the Greek verb **schizō**, which has both a

strong and a weak sense. The strong sense refers to violent acts that split a thing in two, as when a storm at sea “slices” a boat in half or an axe “tears apart” a piece of wood. The weaker sense is used by Greek writers to describe less violent things, as when the Nile “divides” Egypt into two parts. The

stronger sense is much more common in biblical usage. Jesus says, for instance, that putting new wine into old wineskins will “rip apart” the wineskins, and that the veil in the temple is “ripped” from top to bottom at the crucifixion. The term takes on our common sense of describing religious division when St. Paul refers to the schisms dividing the Church in Corinth (1 Cor 1:10; 11:18). Schism is distinguished from heresy by the Church Fathers, because heresy involves false teaching, while a schism is a division in the Church over politics or personalities that does not necessarily involve a deviation from true belief.



11th Century mosaic of St. Dionysios. Hosios Loukas Monastery, Greece. Public Domain.

THIS WEEK’S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY

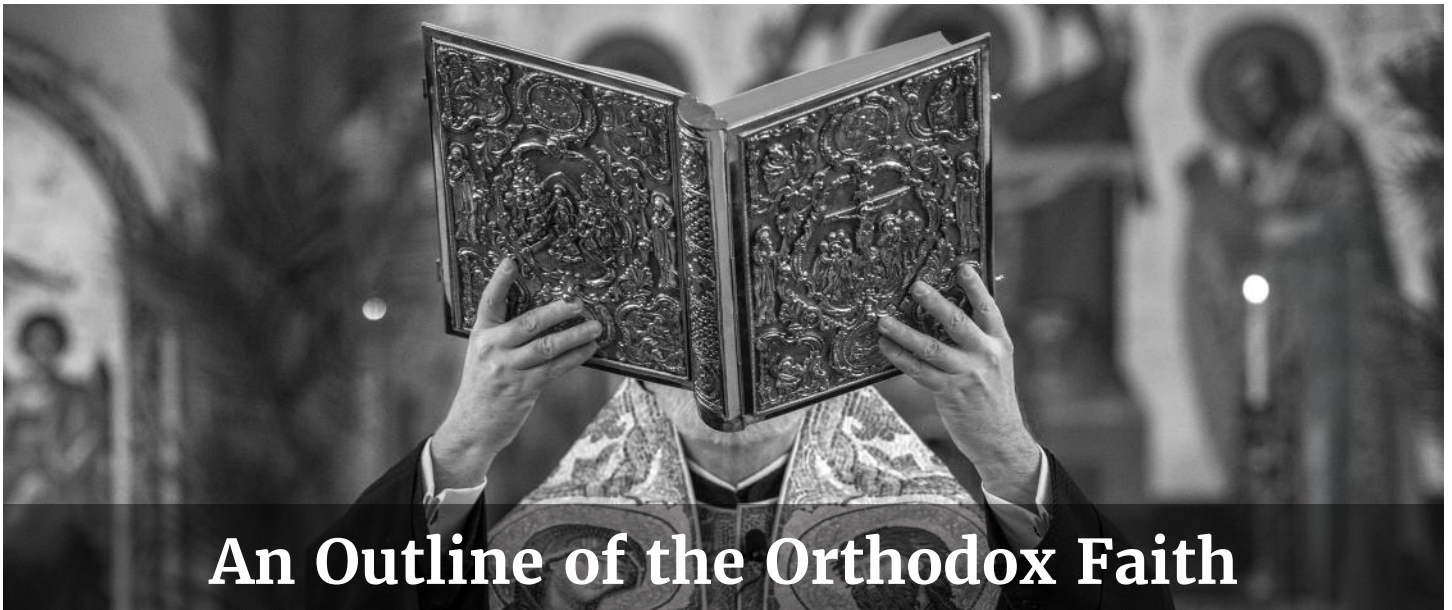
St. Dionysios the Aeropagite

Ben Malian, MTS-Holy Cross 2026

Few figures in Church history have been more influential yet personally elusive as St. Dionysios the Aeropagite, whose feast day is celebrated October 3rd. Following St. Paul’s famous oration before “the philosophers” in Athens, we are told “some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysios the Areopagite” (Acts 17:34). Church tradition maintains that Dionysios, a judge in the Areopagus—the open-air law court just beneath the Acropolis—soon became Athens’ first bishop.

Centuries later, some remarkably sophisticated theological texts began circulating under the name of Dionysios the Aeropagite. While doctrinal debates divided the Christian East, the Dionysian corpus seemingly provided an ancient and authoritative source of right belief, one whose adoption subsequently influenced both Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic theology.

Since the 15th Century, however, scholars have been split regarding the authenticity of the Dionysian corpus. It is certain, nevertheless, that the Orthodox Church has been thoroughly enriched by these texts, whether they are the theological legacy of Athens’ patron saint or the works of a forever faceless, though evidently faithful, 5th century author.



An Outline of the Orthodox Faith

Orthodoxy teaches that God's saving revelation in Jesus Christ is preserved in the living Tradition of the Church through the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Holy Scripture stands at the center of this Tradition as the written witness to God's revelation, while Holy Tradition encompasses the Church's ongoing life and experience under the Spirit's direction.

Orthodox Christians believe in one Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Creation is the work of the Holy Trinity. The world was brought into being by God's wisdom, power, and will. God the Father is the source of creation, while the Son perfects it and the Holy Spirit gives it life. Jesus Christ is truly God and truly man. As the eternal Son of God, He was begotten of the Father before all time and is consubstantial with Him. He fully shares human nature, except for sin. To deny His divinity or humanity is to deny His incarnation and humanity's salvation. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father, as affirmed in the Nicene Creed.

The Church was founded by Jesus Christ for our salvation. We share one faith and partake of the same sacraments. We are called to lead lives worthy of God. Orthodox clergy trace an unbroken succession back to the Apostles.

Orthodoxy emphasizes seven sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation (Confirmation), Holy Eucharist, Confession, Ordination, Marriage, and Holy Unction. Baptism is entry into the Church, and Chrismation completes it. In the Eucharist, we receive the true Body and Blood of Christ for forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Through Confession, Christ forgives sincerely repented sins. Ordination conveys divine grace through a bishop's prayer and laying on of hands. Marriage sanctifies the union of husband and wife. Holy Unction brings healing by anointing with blessed oil.

At death, the body returns to the earth. The soul remains conscious and undergoes the Particular Judgment. Our final destiny is revealed at the General Judgment. During the Intermediate State, souls experience a foretaste of blessing or punishment. We honor the saints and seek their intercessions. We venerate icons and relics, directing honor not to the objects themselves but to the holy persons they represent.

Based on a longer article titled, "An Outline of the Orthodox Faith," found on goarch.org (<https://bit.ly/3Td6zUJ>)



FOR REFLECTION

Do my worship, prayer, and daily choices show that I truly believe that Jesus Christ is present and active in His Church and in my life?

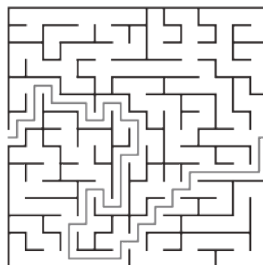
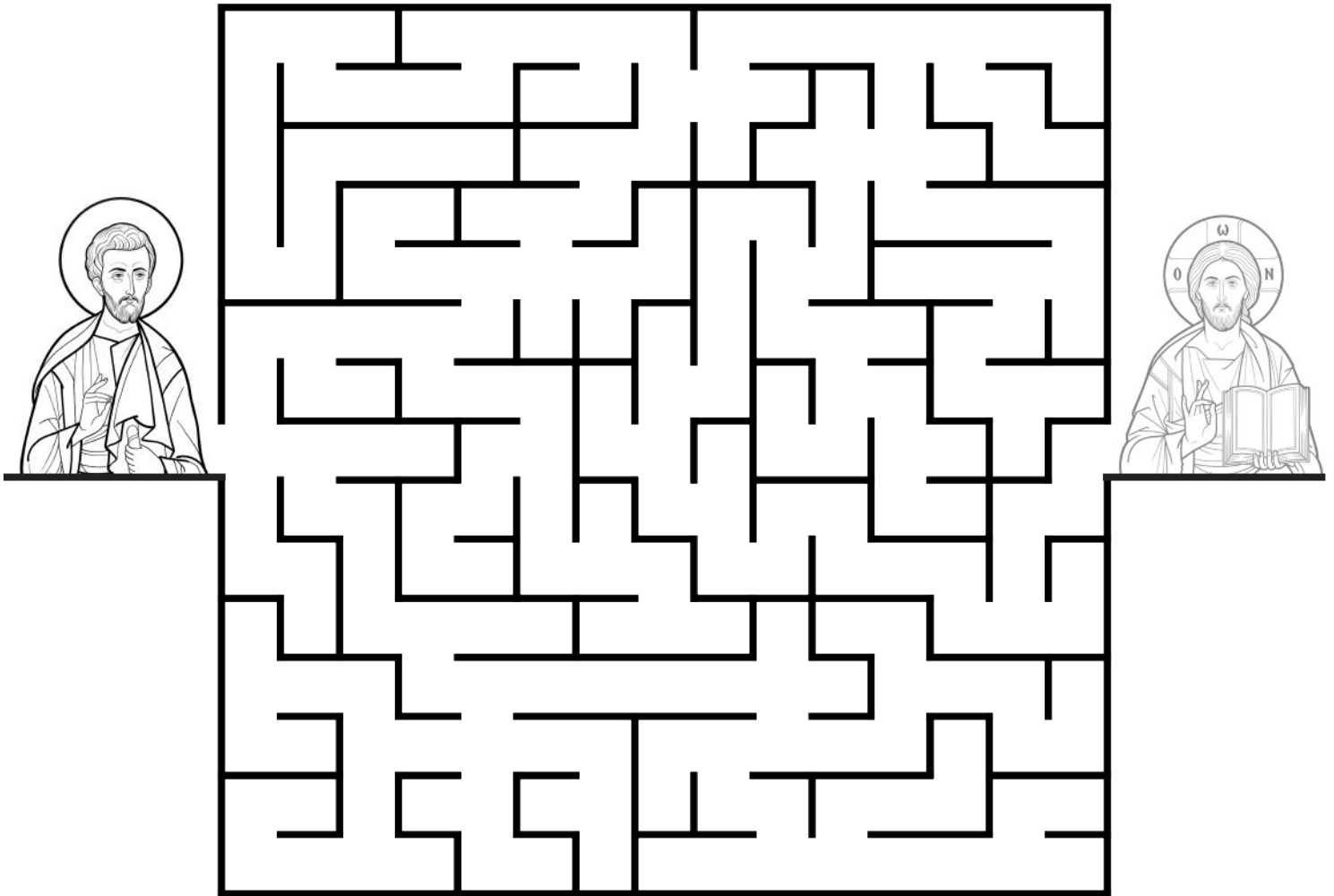


MAZE

St. James the Apostle

On Friday, we celebrate the feast of St. James the Apostle, son of Alphaeus. He was one of the 12 disciples of Christ who loved and followed Him with all his heart. In this maze, help St. James navigate the winding path as he journeys to follow Christ. Along the way, remember that we are also called to follow Jesus through faith, prayer, and obedience!

Just For Kids!
(...and the young at heart)



ANSWER KEY: