







# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

## June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <b>Orthodoxy 101</b>	<b>30</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study	<b>2</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy <b>Orthodoxy 101</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 4:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	<b>9</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis 	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 	<b>12</b>



Strict Fast



Fish Allowed



Dairy Allowed



Wine and Oil Allowed

## Welcome Visitors

We extend a warm welcome to visitors worshipping with us today. We would like to remind you that Holy Eucharist is reserved for those who have been baptized or chrismated in the Orthodox Church and have prepared themselves to receive the Eucharist. All visitors are welcome to receive the blessed bread at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

## Prayer List

Please keep the following individuals in your daily prayers: Collier, Dora, John, Bini, Nancy, Anna, Matt, John, Demitri, Joey, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Laura, Fr. Paul, Lee, Martha Ann, Lee, Alyssa, Will, Bob II, Lynn, and James.

To add names to our community prayer list for 40 days of prayer, submit them to [frmike@holytrinityjackson.org](mailto:frmike@holytrinityjackson.org) or call the church office.

## Weekly Collections

Below are the General Fund collections for last week:

6/16 - 6/22 = \$628.00.

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Michael Fowler and Kari East.

## Extra Services

On Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for the Synaxis of the Apostles.

On Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

# Pantokrator Fundraiser



As many of you heard at our General Assembly, we will be moving forward with having the ceiling painted blue and the Pantokrator icon installed in the sanctuary. It was approved that we could use up to \$15k of church funds to complete the project, but we would like to

minimize the need to do so. Our total goal for fundraising is \$40k, of which \$25k has already been pledged. If this is something you would like to support, go to this address to give online via credit card or bank transfer:

<https://onrealm.org/HTSJT/give/pantokrator>

You can also text "HTSJT pantokrator" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. If you choose to give by check, just write "pantokrator" in the memo line. We appreciate your support as we continue working to make our church the best it can be.

## **Mode 2**

When you descended unto death of Life Immortal, \* You rendered to Hades a mortal blow\* by the lightning of Your divinity, \* and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, \* all the heavenly powers cried out: \* O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You. (p. 93)

### **For the Apostles. Mode 4.**

Preeminent Apostles and teachers of the universe, intercede with the Master of all, to grant peace to the whole world, and great mercy to our souls.

### **Of the Parish Church Mode Pl. 4.**

O blessed are you, o Christ our God. Who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fishermen wise and through them illumined the world, and to you, the universe was ever drawn all glory to You, o Lord.

### **Of the Parish Church Mode 2.**

Apostle beloved of Christ God hasten to deliver a defenseless people, for He who allowed you to recline on his breast will allow you bowing in intercession. Implore Him o Theologian to disperse the adversary, and grant us His peace and abundant mercy.

### **Kontakion. Mode 2.**

The protection of Christians unshameable, \* intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, \* do not turn from \* the prayerful cries of those who are in sin, \* instead, come to us for you are good; \* your loving help bring unto us, \* who are crying in faith to you: \* Hasten to intercession \* and speed now to supplication \* as a protection for all time, \* Theotokos, for those who honor you. (p. 111)

### **St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:21-33; 12:1-9**

Brethren, whatever anyone dares to boast of -- I am speaking as a fool -- I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they descendants of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one -- I am talking like a madman -- with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. Five times I have received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. Three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. Three times I have been shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in

danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brethren; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure upon me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### **The Gospel According to Matthew 16:13-19**

At that time, when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."