



# Holy Trinity St. John the Theologian

Fr. Mike Downs

## September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>14</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Parish Council Holy Cross	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 4:30 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Philoptochos Tea Party
<b>21</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:30 pm Men's Bible Study	<b>24</b> 5:30 p.m. Paraklesis	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 8:45 a.m. Orthros 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy	<b>27</b> 11:00 a.m. Stewpot

 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, Bini, Anna, Matt, John, Demitri, Joey, Anastasia, Georgia, Despene, Emmanuel, Georgios, Vasilios, Rachel, Alex, Hannah, Evelyn, Delbert, Peter, Chuck, Martha Ann, Alyssa, Will, Bob II, Lynn, Regina, Nan, and TJ.

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:

9/1 - 9/7 = \$4,007.58.

## Parish Council Leads/ Greeters

The parish council leads serving as greeters for this Sunday are Michaelae Glisson and Jonathan Hontzas.

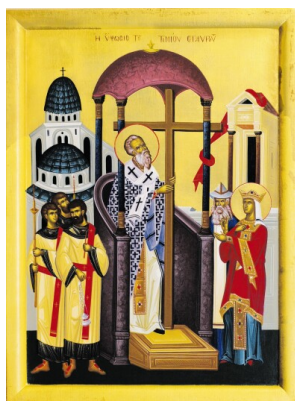
## Extra Services

On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for the Conception of John the Baptist.

On Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have a Paraklesis.

On Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. we will have a Divine Liturgy for the Repose of St. John the Theologian.



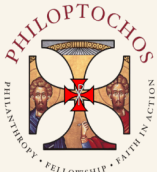
## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Every year, on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Orthodox Church commemorates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. The Feast is an opportunity outside of the observances of Holy Week to celebrate the full significance of the victory of the Cross over the powers of the world, and the

triumph of the wisdom of God through the Cross over the wisdom of this world. This Feast also gives the Church an opportunity to relish the full glory of the Cross as a source of light, hope and victory for Christ's people. This year, the 14<sup>th</sup> falls on a Sunday. We will have the procession at the end of Liturgy after communion and all of the children will be invited to join in as we proceed around the church.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A DELIGHTFUL

# LUAU THEMED TEA PARTY



**20 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**1 – 3 PM**

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church  
50 S. Ann St.  
Mobile, AL 36604

**Come For The Tea, Stay For The Good Company!**

## **Apolytikion. For the Cross. Mode 1**

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by Your Cross protecting Your commonwealth.

## **Kontakion Mode 4.**

You who were lifted on the cross voluntarily, \* O Christ our God, bestow Your tender compassions \* upon Your new community to which You gave Your name. \* Cause our faithful emperors to be glad in Your power, \* granting them the victories against their adversaries. \* And for an ally, Lord, may they have You, \* peace as their armor, the trophy invincible.

## **St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 1:18-24**

Brethren, the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **John 19:6-11, 13-20, 25-28, 30**

At that time, when the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him, for I find no crime in him." The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he has made himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard these words, he was the more afraid; he entered the praetorium again and said to Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. Pilate therefore said to him, "You will not speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you, and power to crucify you?" Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore he who delivered me to you has the greater sin." When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus out and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called the Pavement, and in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the day of Preparation of the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. He said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" They cried out, "Away with him, away with him, crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Then he handed him over to them to be crucified. So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote a title and put it on the cross; it read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek.

But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. Then when Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.