



# St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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## December 2, 2018 ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

**Sunday Services:** Orthros at 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

**Epistle Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 18:35-43**

**Saints Commemorated Today** 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke; Habakkuk the Prophet; Myrope the Martyr of Chios; Our Righteous Father Cyril of Phileus; Joannicos the Monk of Devich; Porphyrios of Kavsokalyvia; Theophilos the Hermit

**Word about Communion:** Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated in the Orthodox Faith. One must also be in good standing with the Church spiritually and properly prepared. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with Fr. Anthony. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let the children and elderly approach first, when possible.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church is to be the living witness of Jesus Christ-keeping and proclaiming the Orthodox Christian Faith and sanctifying the faithful through God's grace by celebrating the Divine Liturgy and Sacraments.

### OUR VISION

We will strive to fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ and grow in faith and love through worship, witness, fellowship and outreach.

## Holy Services – *weekday schedule*

Wed., Dec. 5	5:45 pm	Liturgy, St. Nicholas
Sat, Dec 15	6:30 am	AT PARACLETOS MONASTERY
Mon, Dec 17	9:00 am	Liturgy in Preparation for Nativity
Tue, Dec 18	9:30 am	Liturgy in Preparation for Nativity
Wed, Dec 19	9:00 am	Liturgy in Preparation for Nativity
Thu, Dec 20	9:00 am	Liturgy in Preparation for Nativity
Fri, Dec 21	8:30 am	Royal Hours for Nativity

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Mon, Dec 24	5:00 pm	Orthros /Matins
	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Liturgy The Nativity of our Lord</b>
	7:30 PM	Champagne Reception

Wed, Dec 26	5:45 pm	Liturgy, St. Stephen
Tue, Jan 1	9:30 am	Liturgy, St. Basil
Fri, Jan 4	8:30 am	Royal Hours for Epiphany
Sun, Jan 6	10:00	Liturgy, Epiphany

## Sunday, December 2

8:45am-- Orthros/Matins 10:00am-- Divine Liturgy 11:30am-- Coffee Hour  
 10:00am – 5:00 pm OCAF Holiday Market – Philoptochos Booth  
 12:00pm **Angel Tree Event**

## Monday, December 3

7:00 pm—Parish Council Training at the church.

## Wednesday, December 5

12:00pm Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta  
 5:45pm Liturgy, St Nicholas  
 7:00pm Inquires Class- changed from 12/12

## Thursday, December 6

6:00pm Spaghetti Dinner (1st Thurs)

## Sunday, December 9

8:45am-- Orthros/Matins 10:00am-- Divine Liturgy 11:30am-- Coffee Hr  
 MoD meeting after Liturgy

## Tuesday, December 11

6:30pm Women's Bible Study at Salzmans

## Wednesday, December 12

12:00pm Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta

## Saturday, December 15

6:30am Paracletos Monastery Divine Liturgy

## Sunday, December 16

8:45am-- Orthros/Matins 10:00am-- Divine Liturgy  
 11:30am Nativity Pageant by Sunday School  
 12:00pm Stewardship Sunday Breakfast & Elections

## Monday, December 17

9:00am Liturgy in Preparation for Christmas  
 7:00pm Grief Support Group (on 3rd Monday)

## Tuesday, December 18

9:30am Liturgy in Preparation for Christmas  
 10:00am Mothers' Morning out

## Recurring Ministry Meetings - go to: [stphilothea.org/calendar](http://stphilothea.org/calendar) for details

<b>A.C.T.S.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tue every other month	9:00 am – 1:00 pm →Dec. 4
<b>Grief Support</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mons	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dec 3 and 17
<b>Men's Lunch</b>	Every Wed	12:00 pm / Mannaweenta Rest.
<b>Mother's Day Out</b>	Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues Dec. 18	10:00-1:00 pm
<b>OCF</b>	Every 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
<b>Parish Council</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
<b>Spaghetti Dinner</b>	1 <sup>ST</sup> & 3 <sup>RD</sup> Thurs	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
<b>Women's Bible Study</b>	Dec 11	6:30 - 8:15 pm at Salzmans'
<b>Vespers or Parakleseis</b>	Every Wed	6:30 pm

## HYMNS & READINGS: December 2, 2018 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone: 2**

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When You descended unto death, O 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.

### **Festal Apolytikion: For St. Porphyrios**

**AGES**

That offspring of Evvoia and Elder of all of Greece, the mystic of theology and genuine friend of Christ, Porphyrios, was filled with gifts of grace from childhood. So, let us honor him. He delivers those oppressed by demons, he cures the sick who shout with faith and gratitude: “Glory to Him who gave you his might; glory to Him who sanctified you; glory to Him who thru you is working cures for all.”

### **Apolytikion for St. Philothea: Tone 4**

The famed city of Athens does honor Philothea, the righteous martyr whose relics it now reveres with joy, for while living in sobriety and holiness, she has exchanged all earthly things for the everlasting life through great contest as a martyr. And she entreateth the Savior to grant His mercy unto us.

### **Kontakion: Preparation of the Nativity**

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Today the Virgin goes forth, making her way to a cave where from her, ineffably, God the eternal Word will be born. Let the world be filled with joy, hearing these tidings. Joining the angels and shepherds let us give glory to Him who is God from all ages, yet wills to be seen as a little child.

*Page numbers are from the Divine Liturgy Hymnal. AGES take from <http://www.agesinitiatives.com>*

**Inquirer’s Class** – This Wednesday 12/5 at the Salzman home (1169 Old Farm ) Road, Watkinsville at 7:15 pm. Bring a Lenten snack to share. Note that Divine Liturgy for St. Nicholas will be at 5:45 pm at the church and we will dash over to the house afterwards. Topic: The Orthodox Arts – all are welcome.

**Women’s Bible Study** – Tuesday, Dec 8 at the Salzman home. Bring a Lenten snack to share for fellowship hour from 6:30 to 7:15 pm and your Bibles for study from 7:15 to 8:15 pm.

**Prokeimenon. Mode 2 Psalm 117.14,18**

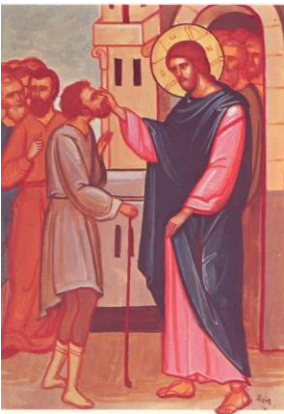
The Lord is my strength and my song.

Verse: The Lord has chastened me sorely.

**St. Paul's Second Letter to the Ephesians 6:10-17**

Brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**The Gospel According to Luke 18:35-43**



At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**Fall Foliage Tour: Vermont- to- Massachusetts**

**September 30 – October 7, 2019**

*Highlights Include:* Ben & Jerry's Factory, Trapp Family Lodge, Cabot Cheese Factory, Mount Washington Cog Railway, Kennebunkport, Salem, Boston's Freedom Trail plus optional Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology tour. WE HAVE 9 REGISTERED SO FAR -

**→This is also a fundraiser, so with each booking our church gets a commission!**

**Reserve Today:** <http://www.grouptoursite.com/ninalamson>

**ACTS** St. Philothea will be stocking shelves at our local Food Pantry this Tue. Dec. 4 at 9:00 am, see Fr. Anthony if you would like to help.

**Paracletos Monastery** Fr. Anthony will be serving Divine Liturgy on Saturday Dec. 15 at the monastery leaving Watkinsville at 6:30 am for anyone who would like to attend.

**OCMC Coin Boxes** for Advent are available today and will be collected on Dec. 23.

**Parish Council Training Seminar** is Dec. 3 the church from 5:30-7:00 pm. All nominees are required to attend in order to stand for elections.

**Christmas Eve** Matins at 5:00 pm and Liturgy at 6:00 pm. Followed by our traditional “Champagne Reception”. Everyone is invited to join in this family Holy-day gathering. Please bring fancy finger foods and desserts, sparkling cider or champagne to share as well as your favorite Christmas music. If you would like to offer a musical or vocal performance, contact Presvytera Christine.

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS
<b>Dec 2</b>	F. Vlahos	LoCicero	Bobby Jones	Stephanie Gavrielides
<b>Dec 9</b>	S. Demos	Parish Council	Alex Johns	Karen Kimbaris
<b>Dec 16</b>	N. Herrington	O'Malley	Lynn Manzione	Pam Demos

-----On November 25, 2018-----

**Attendance:** ADULTS: 50 CHILDREN: 15

**Receipts:** For the Week \$1,505 / Collections \$400  
Bookstore \$28 / IOCC \$309 / Christmas Card \$219

**Fixed Weekly Expenses:** \$3,100

**Marswood Hall Event**  
Saturday: empty narthex  
Thursday after SD  
MoD:Constantine

**Welcome to our Guests Today** –We look forward to meeting you after the Divine Liturgy in the coffee hour.

**Parish Christmas Card Sign Up** begins today. Include your name(s) in our Parish Christmas card for a donation of any amount. Funds will be used for needy families in our community. DEADLINE IS Dec. 16.

**Angel Tree** The event will take place today at St. Philothea from 2:00-5:00 pm. See Kate McClain if you are able to help.

**OCAF Holiday Market - Philoptochos Booth** Plan to visit our Baklava Booth TODAY at OCAF in downtown Watkinsville (on School Street). We are in the Gym, first booth as you enter! Sale is to raise money for charity. Visit the Salzman and Johns art booth too.

**Pledge Updates** The treasurer will be closing the books on Dec. 31, if you have not fulfilled your pledge for 2018 please do so soon. Thank you.

**Pledge Cards for 2019**, were mailed on Monday Nov. 26. Please take time to look them over, fill out and bring back to church Sunday Dec. 16 for the ceremonial collection of your offerings.

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## Stewardship Sunday Events– December 16

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- Pledge Cards for 2019 – there will be a ceremonial collection of your pledges of time, talent, and treasure at the end of the Liturgy.
  - Nativity Pageant – presented by our Sunday School. Always a treat!
  - Parish Council Elections – eligible stewards may vote during social hour
  - Stewardship Pancake Breakfast – offered with love by our Parish Council
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**Spaghetti Dinner** this Thursday, come out for some fellowship and fun. This week we will hear some great live music by the Steve Shriver Band...with our own Bill Pappas.