



St. Philothea Greek Orthodox Church



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April 7, 2019 ~ Sunday of St. John Climacus

Sunday Services: Orthros at 8:45 am

Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 6:13-20

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

Saints Commemorated Today Sunday of St. John Climacus; Calliopos and Akylina the Martyrs; Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America; Righteous Father Savvas the New of Kalymnos; George, Bishop of Lesvos; Gerasimos the God-Bearer of Byzantium

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.

Lenten Services

<i>Apr 10</i>	<i>5:45 pm</i>	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
<i>Apr 12</i>	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Akathist Hymn</i>
<i>Apr 17</i>	<i>5:45 pm</i>	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>
<i>Apr 20</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Lazarus Saturday</i>

Cannon of St. Andrew of Crete the complete Cannon will be read/chanted this Thursday at 7:00 pm, it is a very moving and edifying service, come for even part of it if you can.

Sunday, April 78:45am – **Matins** 10:00am – **Divine Liturgy** 11:30am – **Coffee Hour****Tuesday, April 9**6:00pm **Bread for Life Board Meeting, at Nina L****Wednesday, April 10**12:00pm **Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta**5:45pm **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gift/Lenten Meal Book Ch 4 & 5****Thursday, April 11**7:00pm **Cannon of St. Andrew of Crete****Friday, April 12**6:00pm **Akathist Hymn****Saturday, April 13**5:45pm **Last Bigger Vision Dinner****Sunday, April 14**8:45am – **Matins** 10:00am – **Divine Liturgy** 11:30am – **Coffee Hour****Monday, April 15**7:00pm **Grief Support Group (on 3rd Monday)****Tuesday, April 16**10:00am **Mothers' Morning out**6:30pm **OCF Chew and Chat****Wednesday, April 17**12:00pm **Men's Lunch at Mannaweenta**5:45pm **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**7:00pm **Parish Council****Thursday, April 18**6:00pm **Easter Special Dinner – Chicken Cacciatore****Saturday, April 20****Lazarus Saturday**9:00am **Divine Liturgy followed by Palm Folding, Confession, Breakfast and Cleaning****Recurring Ministry Meetings** – go to stphilothea.org/calendar for details

A.C.T.S.	1 st Tues, every other month	9:00 am - 1:00 pm → June 4
Grief Support	Every 1 st & 3 rd Mon	7:00 pm - 7:00 pm →
Men's Lunch	Every Wed	12:00 pm / Mannaweenta Rest.
Mother's Day Out	Every 1 st & 3 rd Tues	10:00 - 1:00 pm → April 16
OCF	Every 1 st & 3 rd Tues	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm → April 16
Parish Council	3 rd Wed	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm → April 17
Spaghetti Dinner	1 st & 3 rd Thurs	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm → April 18
Women's Bible Study	TBD	
Vespers or Parakleseis	Every Wed	See Lent and Holy Week Schedule

HYMNS & READINGS: April 7, 2019
4th Sunday of Lent / Sunday of St. John Climacus

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone: 4

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The joyful news of Your resurrection was proclaimed by the angel to the women disciples. Having thrown off the curse that fell on Adam they ran elatedly to tell the apostles: death has been vanquished: Christ our God is risen from the dead, blessing the world with His great mercy.

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Like warm and gentle rain, your tears of compunction made the desert burst forth in bloom. Your patient endurance made your suffering bear fruit one hundred-fold and your wonderous deeds have filled all the world with light. O holy father John, intercede with Christ our God to save our souls.

Kontakion:

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Victorious Lady, mighty champion, defending us, we your servants now inscribe to you this hymn of thanks, for you rescued us from suffering and tribulation. Theotokos, with your power that can never fail, keep us safe from every sanger our whole life long that we may cry to you: Rejoice, O Bride unwedded.

Megalynarion

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In you, O woman full of grace, all creation rejoices, the orders of angels and the race of mankind O hallowed temple and spiritual paradise, glory of virginal souls, from You our God was incarnate and became a child, He who is God from all ages by making your womb His throne He made creation, all creation rejoices. Glory to you.

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.24,1

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20

BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things,

in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31



At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast

him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."



SUNDAY SCHOOL

CUSTOM DESIGNED WITH YOUR CHILDREN IN MIND.
EVERY SUNDAY!

Last Week's **Attendance: 9** students (for 4 classes)

Philoptochos News ~ Annual Membership Drive is underway. We are looking forward to sharing plans for upcoming service projects and a Spring Women's retreat, so don't forget to sign up! Membership forms will be available in the narthex and from Sarah Jones and Nina Herrington.

Easter Donations As we prepare to celebrate the death and Resurrection of our Lord, we want to begin gathering donations for flowers for the Kouvouklion, and meats for the Pascha celebration. Please give your donations to Kate or Fr. Anthony. *The Pascha sign up list for volunteers is out, as is the schedule and letters for students who want to attend Good Friday services and have an excused absence from school.*

OCMC Coin Boxes update. Please bring back your coin boxes chocked full of change (and bills) on Palm Sunday. We will bless them and send them to the Mission Center to support missions throughout the world.

DATE	GREETERS	COFFEE HR HOSTS	EPISTLE READERS	NURSERY MONITORS
Apr 7	F.Vlahos K.Knisely	Cain	Jacob Sparks	S Gavriliedis, C White
Apr 14	J.Hannan S.Cramer	Andros	Michael McClain	A. Herndon, K. Kimbaris
Apr 21	T. Andros S. Paninos	Carter	Elton Manzione	A. Salzman, Tracey O'Malley

-----On March 31, 2019-----

Attendance: ADULTS: 68 CHILDREN: 12
Receipts: For the Week \$1218 **Collections** \$179
 Mortgage reduction Total \$8,787 Holy Cross \$140
 Pascha \$300 **Fixed Weekly Expenses:** \$3,100

Marswood Hall Event

Saturday the 13th: MoD
Constantine. Clear Narthex
Friday after Akathist hymn.

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

Dana Johns has an exhibit at the Oconee County Library and will be hosting a reception today at 3:00 pm. Stop by and see her beautiful work.

Lenten Book and Meal We are reading *Time and Despondency, Regaining the Present in Faith and Life* by Nicole M. Roccas. Read CH. 4 and 5 this week.

“The Life of St. Philothea” a beautifully illustrated hardback book about the life of our beloved patron, available today in the bookstore. \$26.

St. Stephens Camp Registration is full, there is only waiting list space left. Many of our students are signing up for the 4th week July 14 - July 20.

OCF Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 pm, place TBA.

Mother’s Day Out will be Tuesday, April 16, at 10:00 am. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and discussion and bring something to share for lunch. Child care will be provided.

Spaghetti Dinner will be hosting an Easter Chicken Cacciatore Family dinner on Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm. We have 3 Spaghetti Dinners left for the year. We need two extra volunteers for each dinner. Please sign up to help finish the year strong. **Color flyers have been printed, please take them and post them in places you visit and shop.**

iPhone Needed Barb is looking for a larger screen iPhone Plus if anyone has one or knows someone.

Bigger Vision will be serving meals through the summer. As a church we would like to cover one meal a month. Please see Mike or Kate McClain if you would like to help in this important ministry.