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Services Schedule

9:00 AM Sunday Orthros

10:00 AM Sunday Divine Liturgy

11:00 AM Sunday School - As announced

12:00 PM Sunday, Fellowship after Divine Liturgy

Bulletin for Sunday, March 01, 2026

Service Schedule

"We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

- John 1:45

Friday, February 27: 6:00pm **Salutations to the Theotokos**

Sunday, March 1: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of Orthodoxy - **Fr. Angelo Pappas**

Friday, March 6: 6:00pm **Salutations to the Theotokos**

Sunday, March 8: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas - **Fr. Angelo Pappas**

Friday, March 13: 6:00pm **Salutations to the Theotokos**

Sunday, March 15: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of the Holy Cross - **Fr. Angelo Pappas**

Friday, March 20: 6:00pm **Salutations to the Theotokos**

Sunday, March 22: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. John Climacus - **Fr. John Takahashi**

Friday, March 27: Time TBA, **Akathist Service** - **Fr. Angelo Pappas**

Sunday, March 29: 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy - Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt - **Fr. John Takahashi**

PRAYERS FOR ALL IN NEED

+Richard Phinney+, Presvytera Naomi (Robin) Takahashi, Father Marin State, Presvytera Vaso Paris, David Zomer, Dafina Molman, Harriet Mainis, Maura, Vlad Voinea, Fotini Ballas, Bob Rible, Jim Deamant, Yorgos Hadzis, Connie Mellis, Karen Krilanovich, Inna Shkolnik, Sam Khalil, Lesley, Leola, Dawn Sculley, John Demas, Twan, Athena Wolfe, Evangelia, Marie, Adam Nikolopoulos, Bob Roberts, Selah, Stacy, Evangelia, Helene Doss, Panos Kakaris, Helen Sirakides, Cynthia (Anna) Baldwin-Thanos, Brad Dyer, John, Muriel, Irina Sanchez, Eleni, Maria, Paraskevi, Constantine Mellis, Spiro Mellis

Call the church office (831) 429-6500 to add the name of someone in need of prayers.

Our News

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IN CHURCH THIS SUNDAY. YOU WILL WANT TO BE THERE!

This **Sunday, March 1st**, after the Divine Liturgy, we look forward to sharing an incredibly special goal for our church which will allow us to glorify God, celebrate our dedicated and resilient past, and ensure a wonderful future for our growing church family.

Please plan to join us to hear our plans, share in the excitement and begin thinking of ways that you would like to participate.

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

This coming **Sunday, March 1st**, we will observe the **Sunday of Orthodoxy**, a significant day in the Greek Orthodox faith commemorating the restoration of the veneration of icons. This day is especially meaningful as it honors the triumph of our faith and the importance of icons in our worship and spiritual lives during our Lenten journey.

Remember to **bring your favorite icon** from home to participate in the procession. There are icons available for you if you prefer to use one from the church. See you then!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Please join us **Sunday, March 22** for our general assembly meeting and participate in the life of our church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Families,

I hope you are all doing well! We're looking forward to gathering for Sunday School on **Sunday, March 8**. This week's lesson will focus on **St. Gregory of Palamas**, a beloved saint who teaches us about prayer, stillness, and opening our hearts to God.

Our goals for this week include:

- Understanding that prayer is talking to God, who always hears us and responds in His own way
- Learning that we connect with God through **silence and stillness**, and practicing this together
- Identifying things we can pray for and recognizing a **prayer rope** and how it's used
- Recognizing **St. Gregory of Palamas** on the icon and learning that he taught the importance of quiet, still prayer
- Recalling facts about St. Gregory's life, naming types of prayer with examples, and practicing the **Jesus Prayer**

We are also running low on snacks and juice boxes for the children. If anyone is able to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 8th.

With Love in Christ,

Angela Santiago

Sunday School Teacher

Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Thank you everyone for the **2025** contributions to the Prophet Elias stewardship. It's time to shift our focus to **2026**. Our goal for this year has been set to **\$120,000**. Let us pray, hope, and work together to exceed our expectations.

Kostas Amberiadis
Stewardship Chairman

THE PHILOPTOCHOS CORNER

Hello everyone,

Please join us for our next Philoptochos meeting on **March 8th** after fellowship.
We have so many things to discuss for the upcoming Pascha season.

Your voice is important to us. Please renew your membership or become a member !

Your sister in Christ
Respectfully
Aphrodite

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Alexa Bolas continues to lead our recycling efforts. Please remember to bring your recyclable items.
Ask neighbors and friends to help out. Any containers that have CA-CRV can be recycled such as:

- **Aluminum cans**
- **Glass bottles: Including wine and liquor bottles**
- **Plastic bottles: including juice**

Please do NOT bring us any other types of plastic containers for our recycling fundraising, ONLY plastic bottles please.

Proceeds directly help out the church. Here are some items that recycling money has contributed toward:

- Communion travel kit: \$425
- One of the new alter gowns: \$275
- Icons for the Narthex: \$175
- Rug binding church carpet: \$150
- New Stove \$1,000 donation
- Donation to Fire extinguishers bill for 2022 food fair: \$300

Thank you to all who have brought in recycling.

DECLUTTER Books/CD/DVD

Also, the Philoptochos declutter fundraiser is back in action!! If you have books, CDs, or DVDs that you no longer want, please tell us what you wish to donate in an email to:

stkatherine@propheteliassc.org or contact Alexa Bolas

Thank you again for supporting St. Katherine Philoptochos philanthropic missions.
Together we are making a difference!

WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP

All are welcome to our weekly fellowship at **Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church!** We gather immediately following the liturgy in the church hall upstairs. Whether you are a longtime member of our church or visiting us for the first time, we are glad you are here.

Please join us.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Matins Gospel Reading

Fifth Orthros Gospel

The Reading is from Luke 24:12-35

At that time, [Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home wondering at what had happened. That very day] two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" and they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find His body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was not it necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into this glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; and He vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. 4th Mode. Daniel 3.26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40.

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Gospel Reading

Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Reading is from John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no

guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Plagal 1st Mode

Let us, the faithful, give praise and worship to the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit and born of the Virgin for our salvation. Of his own will he mounted the cross in the flesh, suffered death, and raised the dead by his glorious resurrecti

Apolytikion for Sun. of Orthodoxy in the 2nd Mode

O Christ our God, begging forgiveness of our sins, we venerate Your Pure Image, O Good One. Of your own will you condescended to ascend upon the Cross in the flesh and deliver those You created from the bondage of the enemy. Wherefore, thankfully, we cry out, "When You came to save the world, Your filled all things with joy, O Our Savior."

Hymn to Prophet Elias in the 1st Mode

The incarnate messenger and cornerstone of the Prophets. The second forerunner of the second coming of Christ. Elias the Glorious! He sent down upon Elisha the gift from above. He drives away diseases and cleanses lepers. Wherefore he is the source of healing to those who honor him.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal 4th Mode

To you, Theotokos, invincible Defender, having been delivered from peril, I, your city, dedicate the victory festival as a thank offering. In your irresistible might, keep me safe from all trials, that I may call out to you: "Hail, unwedded bride!"

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2026

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 1st	 <i>TRIODION WEEKS</i> Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:10-15 Gospel: Luke 18:10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 8th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 15th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare FEBRUARY 22nd FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! <i>FORGIVENESS SUNDAY</i> Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 1st	 <i>GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS</i> SUNDAY of ORTHODOXY Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 8th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12	Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 15th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS <i>HALF WAY TO PASCHA!</i> Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!
4th Sunday of Lent MARCH 22nd	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
5th Sunday of Lent MARCH 29th	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 Gospel: Mark 10:32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 5th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 <i>GREAT AND HOLY WEEK</i> ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 10th	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY <i>JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS</i> CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 12th NO FASTING!	 <i>BRIGHT WEEK</i> HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

March 1, 2026



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INVITES YOU TO

***SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY
VESPERS
5PM***

Ss Peter & Paul
Antiochian Orthodox Church
9980 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond 95005

Join us for a Lenten Potluck afterwards.
Please bring a dish to share.



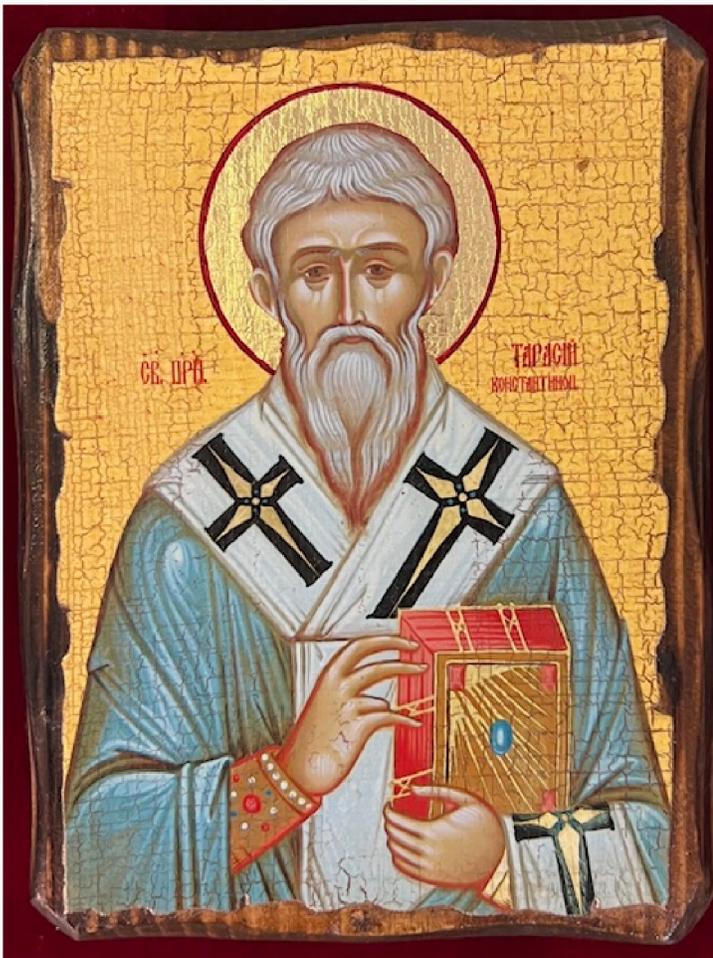
of faith & fellowship

Saint Basil GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Invites you to join us for the celebration of

Saint Tarasios

Two part celebration will take place



Ascension Cathedral
4700 Lincoln Ave
Oakland, CA 94602

On Wednesday, February 25th at 4:30 pm we will have a short supplication for the saint at St. Basil's before driving the relics in a caravan procession to the Ascension Cathedral in Oakland, where Presanctified Liturgy will begin at 6:00 pm.

On Saturday, February 28th, we will receive the relics back from the Cathedral at 5:00 pm followed by Great Vespers & Artoklasia in celebration of the saint and end our celebration with a warm agape lenten meal.





2026 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

Senior Division (Grades 10-12) • Junior Division (Grades 7-9)

AWARDS

National finalists are eligible to receive the following:

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$750 to \$3000

FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced

Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following:

Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

Parish Festival Date & Time: Sunday, March 22 at 11:30am after the Divine Liturgy

Parish Chairperson: Maria Daltayanni

Contact Information: mariadal1@gmail.com, 951-282-7259

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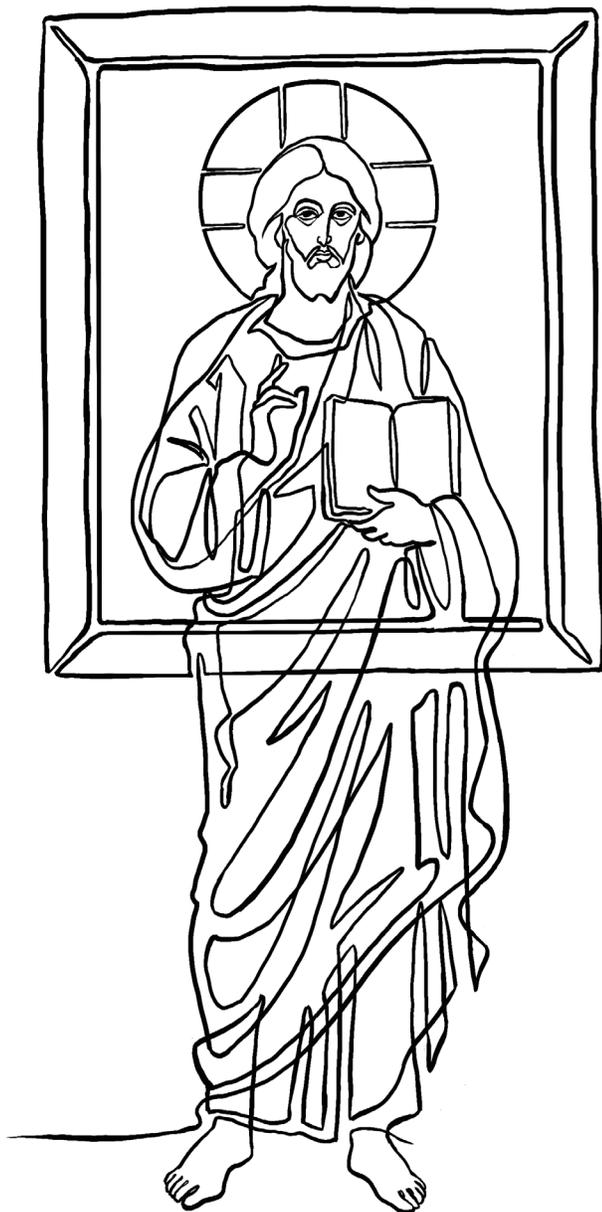
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING - *John 1:43-51*

“Come and See!”

Fr. George Parsenios



Today's Gospel reading focuses our attention on the sense of sight. Words related to “seeing” occur seven times in this brief passage, in keeping with how the Gospel of John more generally emphasizes the five senses. It is in the Gospel of John that the sheep *hear* the voice of their Good Shepherd (John 10:3). People marvel at the *taste* of the water that Jesus turned to wine (John 2:9). Thomas “the Doubter” is told to *touch* the wounds of Jesus (20:25). And when Jesus is anointed, the *smell* of scented oil fills the house (12:3). Seeing. Hearing. Taste. Touch. Smell. The paradox of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that the invisible, immaterial God has become visible, material flesh, and John refers so often to the five senses in order to stress that Jesus has made God accessible to human senses. Today's Gospel reading is perfectly chosen for the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the day we proclaim and defend the importance of icons for the Orthodox faith. When the validity of icons was challenged in the 8th and 9th centuries, the defenders of icons argued that removing the material image of Christ in icons was equivalent to denying the material appearance of Christ in the flesh. Christ is accessible to our senses in icons to underscore and defend our belief that he became accessible to the senses when he dwelt on earth with the apostles. As we celebrate this great mystery on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, therefore, the words of today's Gospel are addressed to each of us individually: “Come and see!”

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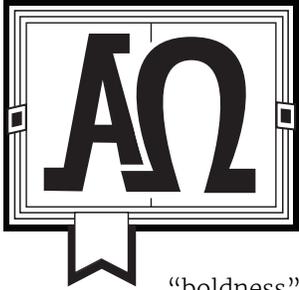


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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: *Parresia* (Παρρησία) What is “Boldness?”

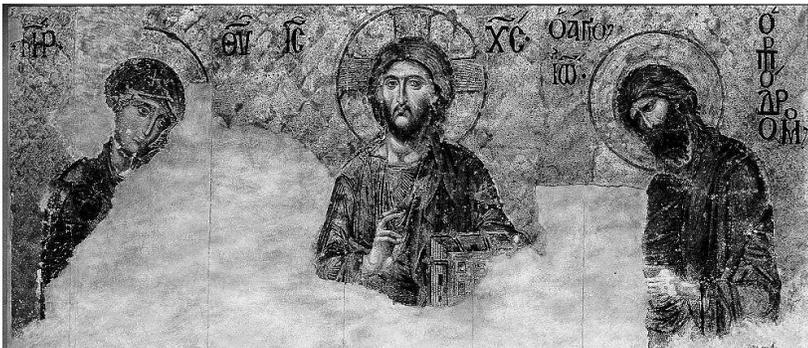
Fr. George Parsenios



In every Divine Liturgy, prior to reciting the Lord’s Prayer, the priest asks that the congregation be granted to speak this prayer “with boldness and without fear of condemnation.” What is “boldness,” and why does it matter? The term “boldness” translates the Greek word *παρρησία/parresia*, which is a compound noun consisting of *pas* “all, every” and *resis* “statement, utterance.” To possess *parresia* is to “say everything,” which was a political virtue in the ancient cities,

especially Athens. Athenian citizens were asked to speak freely in their public assemblies and on juries without restraint and with no fear of punishment or reprisal. Philosophers also relied on *parresia* to admonish their disciples without holding back difficult truths. In this spirit, 1 John urges Christians to live in virtue and truth, in order to have precisely this same boldness before the Father and not shrink from God’s presence (2:28). Our faith should make us humble, but our humility should not be timid. We must be bold and unashamed in our Christian faith. A life of faithful, disciplined devotion will banish all timidity from our hearts so that we can pray the Lord’s Prayer with boldness and without fear of condemnation.

THIS WEEK’S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY Restoration of Holy Icons



The Sunday of Orthodoxy, observed on the first Sunday of Great Lent, commemorates the restoration of holy icons on March 11, 843. This ended more than a century of controversy, and firmly re established the place of icons in Orthodox worship.

The groundwork for this victory was laid by the Seventh Ecumenical Council, convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Patriarch Tarasios of

Constantinople. The Council, attended by 367 bishops, addressed the misuse of icons by those who treated them with near idolatrous reverence, and the reaction that sought to remove them entirely from the Church. Those who defended the icons saw them as expressions of divine truth, bearers of beauty, and essential witnesses to Orthodox doctrine.

The Council affirmed that icons are to be venerated—not worshipped. Veneration directed toward an icon passes to the one depicted, while worship belongs to God alone. In 843, a synod in Constantinople under Empress Theodora formally restored icons at the great church of Agia Sophia, an event now celebrated each year on the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

PHOTO: Painted copy of Deesis Mosaic in Agia Sophia. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Faith That Stands Firm

Eva Konstantakos



The first Sunday of Great Lent celebrates the triumph of truth—the restoration of holy icons and the affirmation that Christ truly became human for our salvation. Icons are not mere art; they proclaim the reality of God’s presence among us. As St. John of Damascus wrote, *“I do not worship matter, but I worship the Creator of matter who became matter for my sake.”*

This day reminds us that faith is not abstract; it is lived and expressed in real life. Icons teach us that God entered history, took on flesh, and dwells among His people. In a world that often questions or dismisses faith, this Sunday calls us to stand firm—not by arguing, but by living authentically. As Scripture says, *“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong”* (1 Corinthians 16:13, RSV).

Lent is a time to rediscover what we believe and why it matters. Faith is shown in choices, relationships, and the way we treat others.



Personal Challenge:

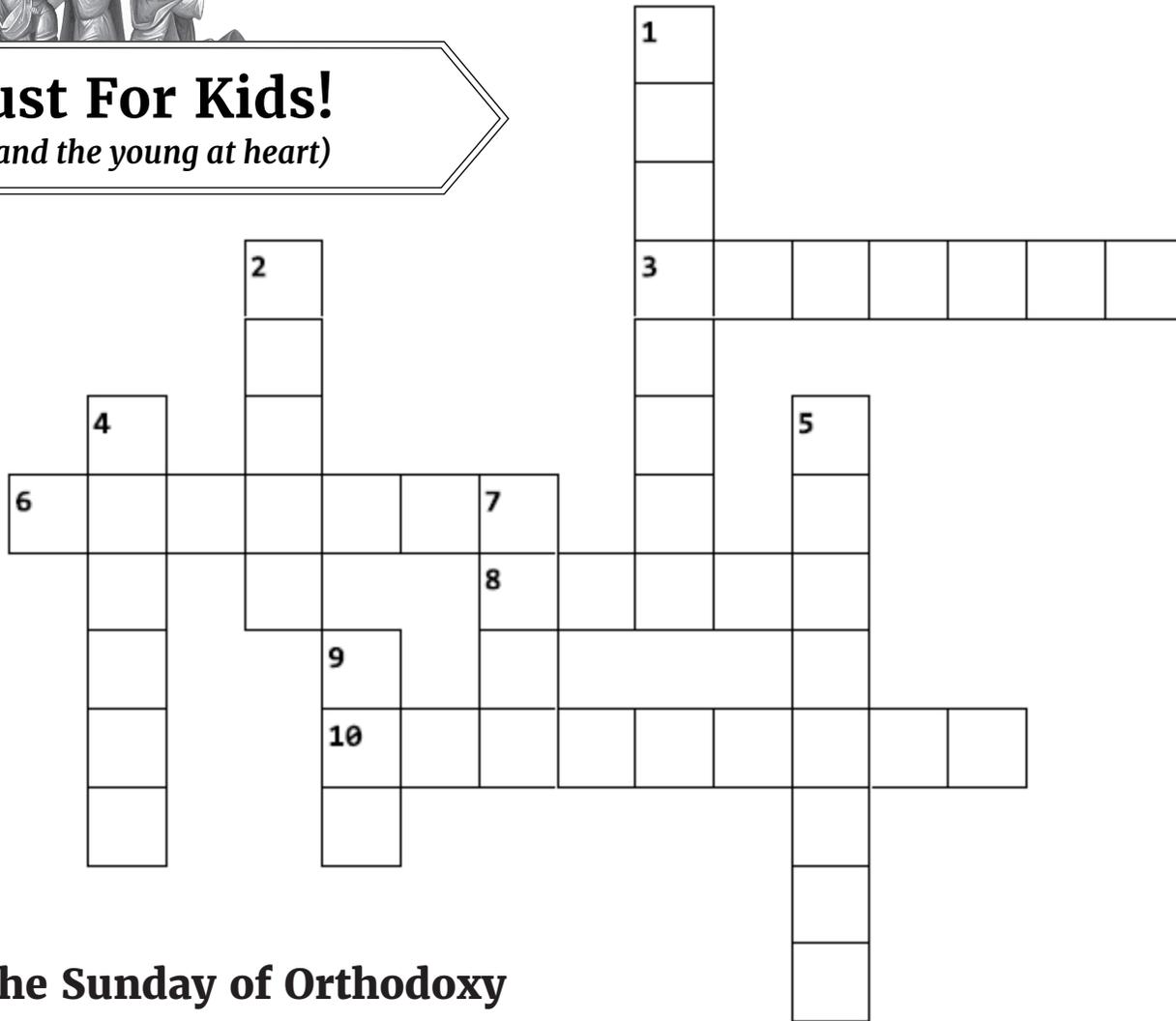
Place an icon in a visible spot – in your room, on your desk, in your locker, in your car, or even as the background on your phone/tablet. Let it remind you daily to pray—even briefly—and to live with integrity, reflecting Christ in all you do.

Father Thomas FitzGerald on *The Icons*

The icon is not simply decorative, inspirational, or educational. Most importantly, it signifies the presence of the person depicted. The icon is like a window linking heaven and earth. When we worship, we do so as part of the Church which includes the living and the departed. We never lose contact with those who are with the Lord in glory. This belief is expressed every time one venerates an icon or places a candle before it. Orthodox churches have icons not only on the iconostasis but also on the walls, ceilings, and in arches. Above the sanctuary in the apse, there is very frequently a large icon of Mary, the Theotokos and the Christ Child. The Orthodox Church believes that Mary is the human person closest to God. This very prominent icon recalls her important role in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.



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



The Sunday of Orthodoxy

The Sunday of **Orthodoxy** is celebrated on the first Sunday of **Great Lent**, when we remember an important **event** that happened on March 11, 843. On that day, holy **icons** were brought back into the Church after many years of people arguing about whether they should be used. This day reminds us that icons have an important place in **Orthodox** worship. Earlier, in 787, a big meeting called the Seventh Ecumenical **Council** took place in Nicaea. **Empress Irene** and Patriarch Tarasios brought together 367 bishops to talk about icons. The Council explained that we **venerate** icons, which means we show respect to the person shown in the icon—not to the wood or paint. Only **God** is worshipped. Finally, in 843, Empress Theodora held another meeting in Constantinople and restored icons to the great church of **Agia Sophia**. We celebrate this every year on the Sunday of Orthodoxy.

ACROSS

- 3. Irene was an _____.
- 6. 367 Bishops met in an Ecumenical _____.
- 8. This is a very important _____.
- 10. This is the Sunday of _____.

DOWN

- 1. We don't worship icons. We _____ them.
- 2. We celebrate _____ in the church.
- 4. The great church in Constantinople (Istanbul) is the Church of Saint (Agia) _____.
- 5. Icons have an important place in _____ worship.
- 7. This is the first Sunday of Great _____.
- 9. Only _____ is worshipped.