



**Saints Constantine & Helen
Greek Orthodox Church of Washington, D.C.
September 27, 2026
1st Sunday of Luke**



Church Announcements

SCHGOCDC Ministry Fair: Today! The ministry fair will be held in the Antigone Recachinas Grand Hall immediately following the Divine Liturgy.

SCHGOCDC Teaching the Divine Liturgy-Sunday October 4th!



Grief Share Ministry: Fall/Winter 2026 Session starting October 5th -7:00pm-8:30pm, every Monday (for 14 weeks) in the Versis Center. For more information please contact Katy Tzamaras at (240) 938-6549 or ktmom3@gmail.com.

Chanting Classes - An Introduction to the Psaltic Art: Beginner and Intermediate classes will begin on October 7, 2026 - March 10, 2027. Please see Stelios Kontakiotis for more information.

Monte Carlo Gala: Please join us at our Monte Carlo Gala on Saturday October 24th, in the Antigoni Recachinas Grand Hall. Please see Christina Clifton, or call (301) 467-7072, and buy your tickets today!

Greek Fest Food for Sale: We are selling uncooked souvlakia, cases of frozen uncooked tiropites and cases of Spanakopites. If interested see Andy Recachinas!

Upcoming Church Services:

Sunday, October 4th: 2nd Sunday of Luke
Orthros 8:15am | Divine Liturgy: 9:30am

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TEACHING THE DIVINE LITURGY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4





THE EPISTLE - St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1

Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ - Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:16-18, 7:1

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ θεὸς ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω· καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε· καγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

THE GOSPEL - According to Luke 5:1-11

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ - Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 5:1-11

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐστὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς παρὰ τὴν λίμνην Γεννησαρέτ, καὶ εἶδε δύο πλοῖα ἐστῶτα παρὰ τὴν λίμνην· οἱ δὲ ἁλιεῖς ἀποβάντες ἀπ' αὐτῶν ἀπέπλυναν τὰ δίκτυα. ἐμβὰς δὲ εἰς ἓν τῶν πλοίων, ὃ ἦν τοῦ Σίμωνος, ἠρώτησεν αὐτὸν ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἐπαναγαγεῖν ὀλίγον· καὶ καθίσας ἐδίδασκεν ἐκ τοῦ πλοίου τοὺς ὄχλους. ὥς δὲ ἐπαύσατο λαλῶν, εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμονα· ἐπανάγαγε εἰς τὸ βάθος καὶ χαλάσατε τὰ δίκτυα ὑμῶν εἰς ἄγραν. καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Σίμων εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἐπιστάτα, δι' ὅλης τῆς νυκτὸς κοπιάσαντες οὐδὲν ἐλάβομεν· ἐπὶ δὲ τῷ ῥήματί σου χαλάσω τὸ δίκτυον. καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσαντες συνέκλεισαν πλῆθος ἰχθύων πολὺ· διερρήγγυντο δὲ τὸ δίκτυον αὐτῶν. καὶ κατένευσαν τοῖς μετόχοις τοῖς ἐν τῷ ἑτέρῳ πλοίῳ τοῦ ἐλθόντας

συλλαβέσθαι αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἦλθον καὶ ἔπλησαν ἀμφοτέρα τὰ πλοῖα, ὥστε βυθίζεσθαι αὐτά. ἰδὼν δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος προσέπεσε τοῖς γόνασιν Ἰησοῦ λέγων· ἔξελθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἁμαρτωλὸς εἰμι, Κύριε· θάμβος γὰρ περιέσχεν αὐτὸν καὶ πάντας τοὺς σὺν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἁγρᾷ τῶν ἰχθύων ἢ συνέλαβον, ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ Ἰωάννην, υἱοὺς Ζεβεδαίου, οἱ ἦσαν κοινωνοὶ τῷ Σίμωνι. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μὴ φοβοῦ· ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἀνθρώπους ἔσῃ ζωγρῶν. καὶ καταγαγόντες τὰ πλοῖα ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ἀφέντες ἅπαντα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

MEMORIALS



Michael Joseph O'Donnell, is the beloved husband of Panayiota (Penny) Pantazopoulos O'Donnell. Loving and adored father of Patrick Joseph O'Donnell. Dearly loved son of the late Dorothy Louise and the late Joseph O'Donnell and brother of Laura (David) Sykes. Cherished son-in-law of Sotirios P. Pantazopoulos and most beloved brother-in-law of Pete S. Pantazopoulos, Bruce (Rhonda) Donald and John (Susan) Berberoglu. May his memory be eternal!

FUTURE MEMORIALS

October 11th - George Floros and George Sideris & Athanasios P. Mantzouranis

October 18th - George J. Mantzouranis, Ekaterini Markatatos and Demetrios P. Tsipianitis

October 25th - Harry James Perrus and The Vourvoura Society's Annual Memorial

November 1st - Louis J. Tiches

November 8th - John & Helene Catsouras and James & Constance Cokas

****Please call the church office to schedule Memorials and Artoklasies at 240-389-1366. Artoklasies must be scheduled one week prior with the church office in order to be celebrated during the Divine Liturgy.**

PRAYER LIST

Christina, Anna, John, Harry, Susan, Paul, Konstantinos, Faye, Panagiota, Maria, Sophia, Nicholaos, Panagiota, Michael, Maria, Annette, Kathy, Aliki, Ernie, Anastasia, Christos, Vasilis, John, Cedric, Margaret Arianna, Cleopatra, Tiffany, Maria, Marvin, Tiffany, Annette, Jodie, Evan, Despina and John.

PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON

Heavenly Father, physician of our souls and bodies, who have sent Your only-begotten Son and our Lord Jesus Christ to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal me Your servant from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Christ. Grant me patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. I pray that You heal me as Your servant and grant me the gift of complete health. For You are the source of healing and to You I give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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STARTING October 5, 2026

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For more information contact

Katy Tzamaras

240-938-6549

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To sign up, go to our page on the griefshare.org site and click on the link to register for our group. Our group is free to attend, but please purchase the participant's guide for \$25 and bring it with you to our sessions.



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- ♥ Bring our parish together in fellowship

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Coffee, plates, napkins, and guidance are provided by Philoptochos.



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AVAILABLE SUNDAYS

October 4 – December 27
(dates subject to change)



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CHANTING CLASSES

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PSALTIC ART

✦ INSTRUCTOR: ✦

Mr. Stelios Kontakiotis, Protopsaltis

✦ EVERY WEDNESDAY STARTING ON ✦

OCTOBER 7, 2026 ~ MARCH 10, 2027

❖ BEGINNERS 6:00PM ~ 7:15PM

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REGISTRATION/INFORMATION:
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JAMES 5:13

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Our ***Rizes and Elpida*** dancers will start their practices on Sunday, August 30.

Step into the vibrant world of Greek folk culture! Our Ministry is more than just learning exciting Greek dances; you'll also explore the traditional music, songs, and folk instruments that make this culture unique. In our warm, welcoming Orthodox Christian environment, you'll have fun at special events, workshops, and performances, all while gaining a strong sense of belonging, building your self-esteem, and helping us preserve and promote the beautiful heritage of Greece. Come join the fun and let's dance!





Project Sam

Special Abilities Ministry

Identifying and reconnecting individuals with special abilities to the Orthodox Faith.

If you would like more information, or if you have family or friends who could benefit from this initiative, please reach out below.

**Saints Constantine & Helen
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**Rev. Father Dimitrios Lee
- Presiding Priest**

**Very Rev. Father
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- Assistant Priest**

Phone: (240) 389-1366



Project Sam is created in loving memory of Samantha Eliades (1989-2023) and her deep love for the Greek Orthodox Church.

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and Sara Tillingier Wolkenfeld
(moderated by Mark Oppenheimer)

OCTOBER 5, 2026

6–7:30 P.M.

George Washington University
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City View/State Room

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Saturday, October 17, 2026
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

St. Theodore
Greek Orthodox Church
7101 Cipriano Road
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Evgenia (Jenny) Gourgari
Pediatric Endocrinologist, MedStar Health Washington, D.C.

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The Children's AGAPE Foundation, a 501c3 organization, is a joint collaboration of the DC area Philoptochos societies that provides confidential financial assistance for medical & medical-related expenses to families of Orthodox children up to age 22
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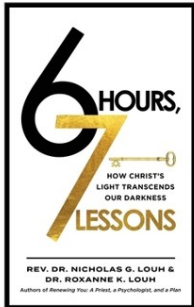
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6 Hours, 7 Lessons: How Christ's Light Transcends Our Darkness

By Roxanne Louh and Nicholas G. Louh

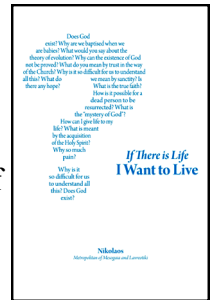
During His darkest moments, Jesus uttered seven statements on the Cross that offer us tremendous wisdom in our own dark seasons-when we feel alone, forgotten, and unable to surrender, forgive, or let go of our mistakes. In 6 Hours, 7 Lessons, Orthodox Christian priest Father Nicholas Louh and licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Roxanne Louh show us that there is no darkness so dark that our Lord hasn't already experienced it.



If There Is Life I Want to Live

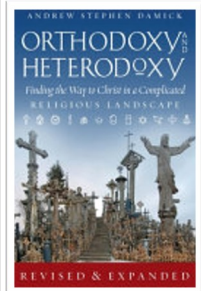
By Metropolitan Nikolaos of Mesogaia

100 questions and answers on matters of faith. Written by Metropolitan Nikolaos of Mesogaia when he was on Mount, Athos, during a period of complete solitude, while staying at the kathisma or monastic dwelling of St. John the Theologian, near the small harbor of Simonopetra Monastery.



Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: Finding the Way to Christ in a Complicated Religious Landscape

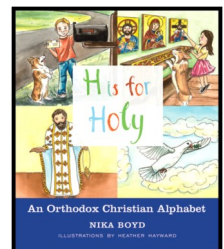
By Andrew Stephen Damick



Are you an Orthodox Christian who wonders how to explain to your Baptist grandmother, your Buddhist neighbor, or the Jehovah's Witness at your door how your faith differs from theirs? Or are you a member of another faith who is curious what Orthodoxy is all about? Look no further. In Orthodoxy & Heterodoxy, Fr. Andrew Stephen Damick covers the gamut of ancient heresies, modern Christian denominations, fringe groups, and major world religions, highlighting the main points of each faith. This book is an invaluable reference for anyone who wants to understand the faiths of those they come in contact with as well as their own.

H is for Holy: An Orthodox Christian Alphabet

By Nika Mary Boyd and Heather Hayward





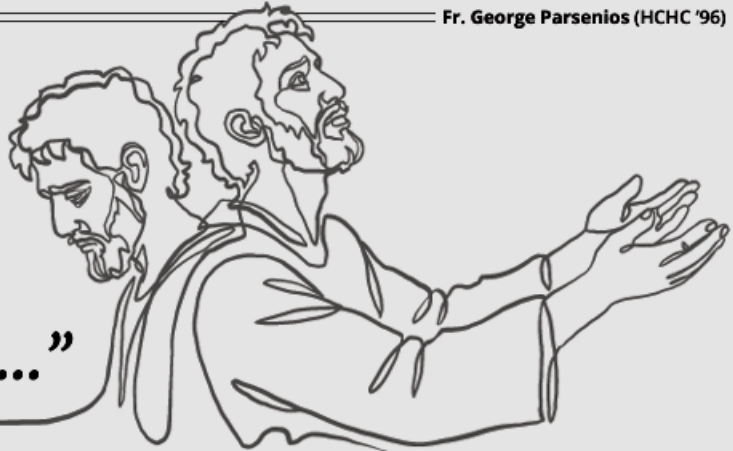
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REFLECTIONS FROM TODAY'S READING | *II Corinthians 6:16-18; 7:1*

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)

**“Let us
separate
ourselves...”**



The power of the Gospel lies in the fact that Jesus welcomes everyone to a new way of life, but then requires everyone to change. No one can squeeze the eternal message of Christ into their own narrow way of thinking. For example, some people are attracted to the ethical standards and the moral purity that the Gospel requires, but they might imagine that they are the “good” people who can scorn and revile the “bad” sinners. These “good” people have forgotten that Jesus also says in Matthew 9:13, “I desire mercy and not sacrifice.” On the other extreme are the people who reject entirely the ethical and ritual norms of the Church which they label as “the rules of men.” Wherever the Church has a boundary between believers and unbelievers to protect Church discipline, these people imagine that such boundaries should be erased. Jesus, after all, told us to

love our neighbors. This more permissive group needs to hear today’s epistle reading, where St. Paul lists a series of Old Testament passages that call the people of Israel to shun the sinful lives of their pagan neighbors: “Therefore...be separate from them, says the Lord.” St. Paul ends the passage by saying, “Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit.” The moral rules of the Church, therefore, are not made by men but by God. A worldly way of thinking might focus only on purity or only on mercy, but Christians are called to a higher way of thinking. Our separation from worldly sin is multifaceted. In the most obvious sense, we are to shun all acts of impurity and unholiness. But, at a higher level of thinking, we are also to shun the worldly self-righteousness that comes from living a holy life. Everyone is welcome in the Church, but everyone has to change.

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FROM THE ORIGINAL GREEK: Αποφαιτικός (Ἀποφαιτικός)

What does “Apophatic” mean?

Fr. George Parsenios (HCHC '96)



The mystical theology of the Orthodox Church is often described as “apophatic.” By analyzing of this word, we can better comprehend the theological orientation that it describes. The English word “apophatic” comes from two Greek words: *apo*, which means “away from,” and *phasis*, which means “utterance” or “statement.” If a *phasis* is a positive statement, then an *apophasis* is the negation of a statement, a denial. When we follow the path of “apophatic theology,” we define God not by saying what

he is, but what he is not. This is in direct opposition to heretics like Eunomius in the 4th century AD, who insisted that human beings can both comprehend and define the nature of God. The negative way of apophatic theology describes God, therefore, by saying that God does not die, God does not sin, God is not contained by time or space. We can, of course, say positive things about what God has revealed to us, as we do in the Nicene Creed. But, as we draw closer to God by living holy lives, we enter into a mystical connection that transcends all human knowledge and is impossible to describe in words. It is an apophatic experience.



St. Nicholas Church beneath the Twin Towers, 1976. Library of Congress.

THIS WEEK'S LOOK AT CHURCH HISTORY

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Ben Malian, MTS-Holy Cross 2026

When the South Tower of the World Trade Center collapsed at 9:59 a.m. on the morning of September 11th, 2001, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church was inundated by falling debris. Although empty of people at the time, many of its precious relics and historical artifacts were forever lost in the smoldering rubble.

An exceptionally small church—originally a tavern constructed in the 1830's—St. Nicholas had been home to Lower Manhattan's Greek Orthodox Christians since 1922. Yet as the surrounding skyline soared, St. Nicholas hardly changed. Its humble, whitewashed facade was a curious sight for commuters and tourists alike, a charmingly odd anachronism at the heart of America's busiest city.

As the only house of worship destroyed on 9/11, support immediately flowed in from around the world in a coordinated effort to rebuild St. Nicholas as a memorial shrine at Ground Zero. At last, on July 4th, 2022, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine was consecrated, later officially opening to the public on December 6th for the feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

DIVINE LITURGY:

Commemorating the Saints

Fr. Steven Tsichlis

Throughout the Liturgy we are asked to “commemorate...all the saints” beginning with “the Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary” and her “yes” to God’s plan for her life (Luke 1:38); and then, like all of them, to commit “our whole life to Christ our God.” The saints are those men and women who, throughout the centuries and in every culture, have loved God and borne witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and remained faithful to Him to the end, often at the cost of their own lives. They are people who have been transformed by their faith and truly are the “real deal” as Christians. They are men and women from every generation who have been canonized, i.e. set up as models of what it means to truly follow Christ and be faithful to Him, seeking and striving for His kingdom as their first priority in life (Matthew 6:33).

When we speak of Saints Peter and Paul and the apostles, Saints Katherine, Irene and Barbara the martyrs, Saints Basil, John Chrysostom and Nektarios the bishops, we are speaking of people who chose to live their lives in complete dedication to God, never betraying their innermost beliefs and striving to live with integrity and honesty, no matter what the cost. To know the saints is to deepen our relationship with their Master and ours—the Lord Jesus.

The Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Messiah, our Savior and King, the Mother of the Lord Jesus, the Theotokos or Mother of God. The theological significance of this title for Mary lies in the fact that in the womb of this teen-aged Jewish girl the Word of God, who was with God and was God from all eternity, and through whom all things were created, became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1-3, 14).



Theotokos as a title for the Virgin Mary is found in ancient Christian writings and is used for the first time in surviving documents by an early Christian scholar named Origen (185-254 AD). Theotokos was officially proclaimed as a title to be used by Christians to describe the Virgin Mary at the Third Ecumenical Council held in the ancient city of Ephesus in 431 AD.



YOUR FAITH IN ACTION

Today, following the example of the Theotokos and all the saints, say your personal YES to Jesus Christ and entrust your whole life to Him.

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WORD SEARCH

Jesus Calls His Disciples

In today's Gospel, we learned about Christ calling His disciples, who at this point in their life were fishermen! Jesus wasn't asking them just to walk behind Him. He was inviting them to be His special friends and helpers. He wanted to teach them how to love God, help people, and share God's message with the world. The fishermen trusted Jesus. They left their nets and went with Him. They learned from Jesus every day and became His disciples, which means followers and students of Jesus. Just like Jesus called the disciples, He calls us too!

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

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