

ICONOGRAPHY AND THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

➤ A 7-PART ADULT EDUCATION SERIES ➤

Join us as we explore the theology, symbolism, and spiritual meaning of Orthodox icons and how they proclaim the faith of the Church. Together we will “read” icons, discover their beauty and purpose, and see how they are connected to the life of the Church and our worship.

We will explore the icons of our Cathedral in the Cathedral.



WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM
OCTOBER 7 – NOVEMBER 18, 2026

ALL ARE WELCOME!
No prior knowledge needed.



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INTRODUCTION TO ICONOGRAPHY AND SYMBOLISM *The Icon of the Nativity of Christ*

What is an icon? Why does the Church venerate icons? Learn to “read” the Nativity icon and discover its rich symbolism and theological meaning.



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THE CHURCH AS AN IMAGE OF THE KINGDOM *Christ Pantokrator and the Structure of the Church*

Explore how the architecture and icons of an Orthodox church reveal the Kingdom of God, with a focus on Christ Pantokrator in the dome and the placement of icons throughout the church.



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THE PASSION AND RESURRECTION IN ICONOGRAPHY *The Crucifixion, Burial, and Anastasis*

Study how icons proclaim the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Explore the Crucifixion, Descent from the Cross, Burial of Christ, and Anastasis—Christ's victory over death and the liberation of humanity.



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ICONS OF THE MOTHER OF GOD *The Annunciation, Platytera, and Dormition*

Examine the unique role of the Theotokos in salvation history through three great icons: the Annunciation, the Platytera, and the Dormition.



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UNDERSTANDING THE APOSTLES AND THE CHURCH *Pentecost and Saints Peter and Paul*

Discover the Apostles as the foundation of the Church through the icon of Pentecost and the example of Saints Peter and Paul, pillars of the Church.



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RECOGNIZING THE SAINTS *Types of Saints and Their Iconographic Characteristics*

Learn to identify saints by their clothing, attributes, and gestures. Explore the major types of saints and what their icons reveal about their lives and callings.



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OUR PATRON SAINTS AND THE CROSS *Saints Constantine and Helen, the Victory of Constantine, and the Elevation of the Holy Cross*

Explore the lives of Saints Constantine and Helen and their connection to the Cross. Compare icons of the Victory of Constantine and the Elevation of the Cross with the Crucifixion and Burial of Christ.



COME SEE. COME LEARN. COME GROW IN FAITH.
Icons are windows into heaven and pathways to prayer.

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Καλημέρα σας! - Good Morning!

September 27, 2026

Μνήμη τοῦ Ἁγίου Μάρτυρος Καλλιστράτου, καὶ τῶν σὺν αὐτῷ
Memory of the Holy Martyr Callistratus and those with him

Memorial

Dean (Κωνσταντῖνος) Stathakis - 1 Year

Rev. Protopresbyter of the Ecumenical Throne Evagoras Constantinides
Dean of the Cathedral

Saints Constantine and Helen - Established 1913

www.stconstantinecathedral.org

Regular Sunday Liturgy Hours:

Orthros begins at 8:15 am. Divine Liturgy begins at 9:30 am.

The Hymns of today's Liturgy | Τα Απολυτικά της Ημέρας

Resurrectional Apolytikion

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

Apolytikion of the Day

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Kontakion

O Protection of Christians that never fails, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

Απολυτικίον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ Εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Απολυτικά τῆς Ημέρας

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Announcements of the Day

- Stathakis Family sponsors the Coffee Hour
- Sunday School starts on October 4th
- Altar Boys Orientation on October 4th

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ORIENTATION FOR PARENTS

Join us for a virtual information session to learn more about our Parishioner Engagement Program.



Get information about how the program will work.



Ask questions and share your comments.



Connect with other PEP families!



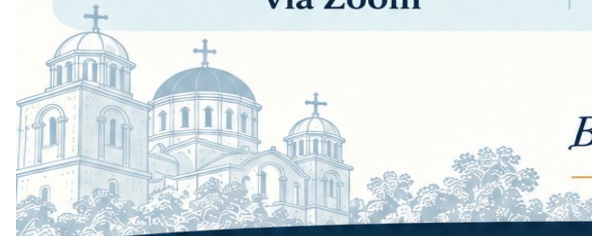
Thursday,
October 1st
7:00 PM
via Zoom



Join Here:

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Building a Stronger Parish.*



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BROOKLYN, NY



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4TH**

JOIN US FOR

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

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**ALL BOYS 1ST GRADE AND OLDER ARE INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE AND SERVE**

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Altar Boys today - All Teams

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The Readings of Today's Liturgy

Epistle & Gospel

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians . (2 Cor. 6:16 – 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.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Lk. 5:1 – 11)

At that time, while 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.

Απόστολος και Ευαγγέλιον της Ημέρας

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (Β' Κορ. 6:16 – 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 ἐξέλθατε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει Κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἅπτεσθε, κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱοὺς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει Κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταύτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρῶς ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἁγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (Λουκ. 5:1 – 11)

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐστὼς ὁ Ἰησοῦς παρὰ τὴν λίμνην Γεννησαρέτ, 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. ὡς δὲ ἐπαύσατο λαλῶν, εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα· ἐπανάγαγε εἰς τὸ βάθος καὶ χαλάσατε τὰ δίκτυα ὑμῶν εἰς ἄγρην. 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· διερρήγνυτο δὲ τὸ δίκτυον αὐτῶν. καὶ κατένευσαν τοῖς μετόχοις τοῖς ἐν τῷ ἐτέρῳ πλοίῳ τοῦ ἐλθόντος συλλαβέσθαι αὐτοῖς· καὶ ἦλθον καὶ ἐπλησαν ἀμφότερα τὰ πλοῖα, ὥστε βυθίζεσθαι αὐτά. ἰδὼν δὲ Σίμων Πέτρος προσέπεσε τοῖς γόνασιν Ἰησοῦ λέγων· ἔξελθε ἀπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι ἀνὴρ ἁμαρτωλός εἰμι, Κύριε· θάμβος γὰρ περιέσχεν αὐτὸν καὶ πάντας τοὺς σὺν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἄγρᾳ τῶν ἰχθύων ἧ συνέλαβον, ὁμοίως δὲ καὶ Ἰάκωβον καὶ Ἰωάννην, υἱοὺς Ζεβεδαίου, οἳ ἦσαν κοινωνοὶ τῷ Σίμωνι. καὶ εἶπε πρὸς τὸν Σίμωνα ὁ Ἰησοῦς· μὴ φοβοῦ· ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἄνθρωπους ἔσῃ ζωγρῶν. καὶ καταγαγόντες τὰ πλοῖα ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν, ἀφέντες ἅπαντα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.