

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!

October 4, 2026

Ἱερόθεος Ἐπίσκοπος Ἀθηνῶν | Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Memorial

Dean (Κωνσταντῖνος) Stathakis - 1 Year

Please join us after liturgy for a
Community BBQ at the Church Parking and Hall

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

Saints Constantine and Helen - Established 1913

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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

The stone having been sealed by the Pharisees and chief priests, * and Your all-immaculate body being guarded by soldiers, * You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. * Then the powers of the heavens cried out to You, O Giver of Life, and shouted, * "Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ! * Glory to Your eternal rule! * Glory to Your plan for saving us, only benevolent God!

Apolytikion of the Day

Since thou hadst been instructed in uprightness thoroughly and wast vigilant in all things, thou wast clothed with a good conscience as becometh one holy. Thou didst draw from the Chosen Vessel ineffable mysteries; and having kept the Faith, thou didst finish a like course, O Hieromartyr Hierotheus. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be save.

Kontakion

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.

Ἀπολυτικὸν Ἀναστάσιμον

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

Ἀπολυτικά τῆς Ημέρας

Χρηστότητα ἐκδιδαχθεὶς, καὶ νήφων ἐν πάσιν, ἀγαθὴν συνείδησιν ἱεροπρεπῶς ἐνδυσάμενος, ἤντησας ἐκ τοῦ Σκεύους τῆς ἐκλογῆς τὰ ἀπόρρητα, καὶ τὴν πίστιν τηρήσας, τὸν ἴσον δρόμον τετέλεκας, Πάτερ Ἰερόθεε. Πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς Ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, 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 after Holy Communion
- Altar Boys Orientation after Divine Liturgy

Our work would not be possible without the support of our community members.

Please consider making a donation by scanning the QR code.



SAINT CONSTANTINE AND HELEN'S

COMMUNITY PUMPKIN PATCH

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24TH**

**JOIN US FOR SNACKS,
PUMPKIN DECORATING,
ACTIVITIES,
AND MORE!**

\$25 per child (includes pumpkin)

**2:00PM-5:00PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL AND LOT
64 SCHERMERHORN ST**

**Please RSVP with the QR Code to reserve your Pumpkin
EVEN IF YOU'VE RSVP'D. Contact Kristiana Neonakis at
(917) 502-9623 for more information or if you'd like to
help!**



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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. 9:6 – 11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

The reading is from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Lk. 6:31 – 36)

The Lord said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, despairing of no man; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Απόστολος και Ευαγγέλιον της Ημέρας

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (Β' Κορ. 9:6 – 11)

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει, καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. ἕκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ, μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ Θεός. δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ Θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν, καθὼς γέγραπται· ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκε τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγῆσαι καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ Θεῷ.

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἁγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. (Λουκ. 6:31 – 36)

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος· Καθὼς θέλετε ἵνα ποιῶσιν ὑμῖν οἱ ἄνθρωποι, καὶ ὑμεῖς ποιεῖτε αὐτοῖς ὁμοίως. καὶ εἰ ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τοὺς ἀγαπῶντας αὐτοὺς ἀγαπῶσι. καὶ ἐὰν ἀγαθοποιῇτε τοὺς ἀγαθοποιοῦντας ὑμᾶς, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιοῦσι. καὶ ἐὰν δανείζητε παρ' ὧν ἐλπίζετε ἀπολαβεῖν, ποία ὑμῖν χάρις ἐστί; καὶ γὰρ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἁμαρτωλοῖς δανείζουσιν ἵνα ἀπολάβωσι τὰ ἴσα. πλὴν ἀγαπᾶτε τοὺς ἐχθροὺς ὑμῶν καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖτε καὶ δανείζετε μηδὲν ἀπελπίζοντες, καὶ ἔσται ὁ μισθὸς ὑμῶν πολὺς, καὶ ἔσεσθε υἱοὶ ὑψίστου, ὅτι αὐτὸς χρηστός ἐστίν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀχαρίστους καὶ πονηροὺς. Γίνεσθε οὖν οἰκτίρμονες, καθὼς καὶ ὁ πατὴρ ὑμῶν οἰκτίρων ἐστί.