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October 4, 2026

Hieromartyr Hierotheus, Bishop of Athens

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Wed., Oct. 7th	**Daily Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**7 pm**
	Sat., Oct. 10th	**Great Vespers** *Confessions available following*	**6 pm**
	Sun., Oct. 11th	**Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council**	
		Sunday School	**9:15 am**
		Hours	**9:45 am**
		Divine Liturgy	**10 am**

*Take time to read the Scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for next Sunday's Liturgy.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 *(Resurrection)*
Hebrews 13:7-16 *(Fathers)*

Gospel Reading: Luke 7:11-16 *(Resurrection)*
John 17:1-13 *(Fathers)*

Tone 1 Troparion
(Resurrection)

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews, while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst rise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life:

"Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou Who lovest mankind!"

Tone 1 Troparion
(St. Hierotheus)

We the faithful all praise Hierotheus, the disciple of Paul, Hierarch of Athens, the world's teacher and a preacher of the Faith, who revealed to us Christ's Mysteries and poured forth streams of godly doctrine. His life was well-pleasing to God, Who is greatly merciful.

Tone 1 Kontakion
(Resurrection)

As God, Thou didst rise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage and cries to Thee:

"Thou art the Giver of Resurrection to all, O Christ!"

Tone 8 Kontakion
(St. Hierotheus)

Hierarch of Athens, we praise thee for thou hast instructed us in awesome and ineffable things, and thou wast revealed to be a divinely-inspired writer of hymns. Pray that we be delivered from every kind of sin, so that we may cry to thee:

Rejoice, divinely-wise Father Hierotheus!

Tone 1 Prokeimenon
(Resurrection)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on Thee! *(Ps. 32:22)*

V. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just! (Ps. 32:1)

Epistle

(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

But this I *say*: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

So let each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

As it is written:

> *"He has dispersed abroad, He*
> *has given to the poor; His*
> *righteousness endures forever."*

Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have *sown* and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

while *you are* enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.

Gospel

(Luke 6:31-36)

"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

"But 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 back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

"But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

"Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Announcements:

We'll be studying the spiritual and sacramental classic "The Life in Christ" by St. Nicholas Cabasilas. **The first study session** will be at **6 pm** in the parish hall on **October 22nd** and will proceed thereafter at the same time on the first and third Thursdays of the month until we've concluded with the book. The books will be made available for $17 each and those interested in participating can see Leo Wiker to sign up to get a copy.

Here's a "teaser" from the book: The following are St. Nicholas's opening words in the book: "The life in Christ originates in this life and arises from it. It is perfected, however, in the life to come, when we shall have reached that last day. It cannot attain perfection in men's souls in this life, nor even in that which is to come without already having begun here."

Christmas is coming!

We are getting together to bake our famous nut, apricot & poppyseed rolls to brighten the holiday season. As an insert in today's bulletin is our Annual Christmas Bake Sale order form. You can submit your orders at the Candle Stand by **Sunday, November 1st**.

Don't forget to include a valid telephone number(s) on the order form so we can arrange for you to pick-up!

Come on over to lend a hand, enjoy the fellowship and get into the holiday spirit! All Parishioners are invited to come and help bake the Christmas nut rolls on **Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th starting at 7 am.** Nothing beats the aroma of freshly baked Christmas rolls. *Remember, real men ALSO make Christmas rolls!*

A Note from Chef Jack: I wish to thank everyone for their delicious Coffee Hour contributions which helped make every Sunday Coffee Hour a success! However, we have several coffee-hour attendees with food allergies. When dropping off your creation, please take a moment and let me know if it contains nuts, shellfish, etc. **Thanks!**

Very Important Note from Fr. Evan: Please drive carefully and reduce your speed. Its Summer and children are out playing and riding bikes. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

DON'T FORGET: Are you a member of the parish and haven't filled out the directory update form yet? Please do so using the physical forms available at the candle stand or the QR-code below.

Thank You! Thank You!

The Parish Festival Committee gratefully acknowledges everyone's assistance and generosity with this year's Festival. Whether you came to pinch Perohi, roll dough or help cook cabbage for Halushki, we are grateful for your time and effort. If you came to help set up, clean up or offer advice, please know how much you are appreciated. If you were not able to help in any way but through your prayers – it may have just been those very prayers that God heard and made it such a success. From first reckonings, this year's Festival was a notable success! Crowds were steady and continuous throughout the day, but never overwhelming. The good food and fellowship kept the rain and otherwise dreary day at bay!

Thank You! Thank You!

As the dust settles from this year's Festival, we have a few items of note:

- Did you lose a small silver Baptismal cross? See Marie, if it's yours.
- Help is needed with to contact the name of a winner of one of our Chinese Auction baskets. Before we draw another name, does someone know Ms. Tiffany Lesnock? We've been trying to contact her but the phone number on the stub is invalid.