

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY REACHES ITS MIDWAY POINT

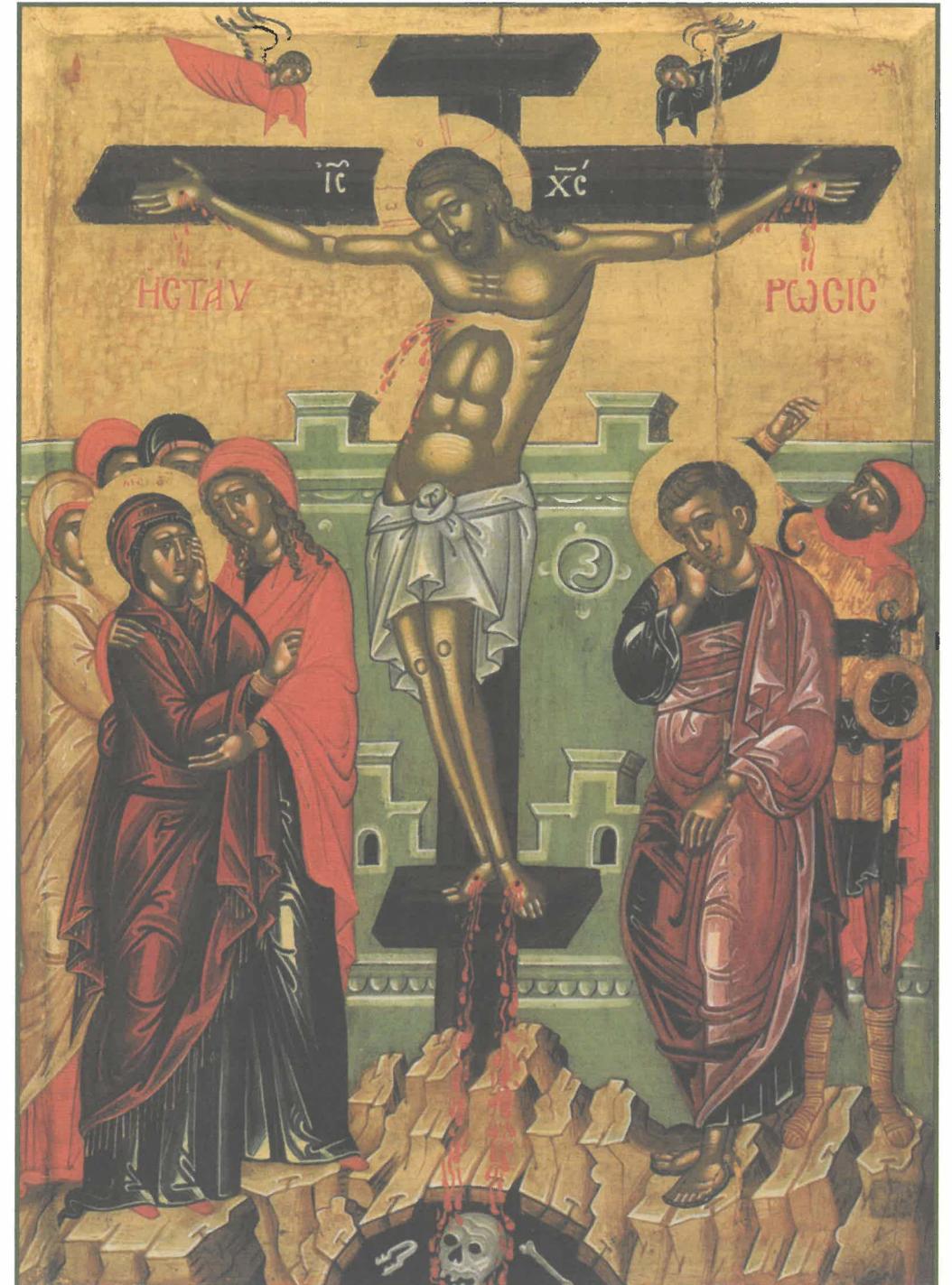
Those involved with athletics are fully aware of the importance of “halftime” in any sporting event. It is an opportunity to pause before continuing with the vigor of the game. More importantly, it is a time to correct any mistakes or deficiencies in one’s “game plan” and to become recommitted to the ultimate goal of victory.

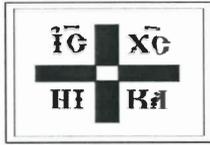
This morning, our Holy Church has reached the midway point of Great Lent. For three weeks, the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting have been emphasized. The theme of repentance has been placed before us repeatedly. Those who are “weak in spirit” may be faltering on this 40-day journey to Pascha.

In her wisdom, the Church places before us the greatest of symbols today: The precious and life-giving Cross. We are encouraged to focus our attention on this instrument of Christ’s passion. At the same time, we are reminded of the necessity of being willing to deny ourselves, take up our own cross, and follow Christ. These thoughts should serve to strengthen us as we continue along the road that will take us to Golgotha and, ultimately, to the empty tomb!

On the third Sunday of Lent, the following hymn from Matins clearly expresses the essence of today’s spiritual message: “On this day, when we look at the precious Cross of Christ, let us adore it in faith, let us embrace it, fervently asking our Lord, Who of His own choice, gave Himself to be crucified upon it, to make us worthy of adoring His most precious Cross, so that, free from all defilement, we may attain the day of Resurrection.”

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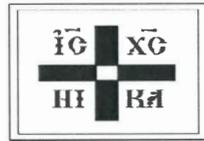




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On the beautiful day of the fast grant me clouds of tears, O Christ, that I may weep and wash away the filth of my desire for sweet things.



The mission of St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Parish of Savannah, Georgia is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and to serve the spiritual needs of the faithful through worship and sacramental life. We enable individuals to come together in communion with God and with each other through ministries that are centered on the beliefs and values of our Orthodox Faith.

Sunday March 22nd, 2020

Sunday of The Holy Cross

The Saints Commemorated Today: Basil of Ancyra
Kalliniki & Vassilisa

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

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Hymn of the Church - You (Paul) became the chosen vessel of the Savior, enduring persecution and perils upon the sea, your preaching enlightened all the nations. And you revealed the unknown God to the Athenians. Paul the Apostle, Teacher of the nations, our patron and protector; from every possible adversity, save those who honor you.

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To our Visitors and Guests

We welcome you to worship this morning! One of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Eucharist (Holy Communion) to anyone except Orthodox Christians. We believe the Eucharist is an ultimate act of unity among like believers and not a means by which such unity is achieved. However, we welcome you to consider becoming an Orthodox Christian. We invite you to come forward and receive antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

This Week At St. Paul's

March 25—Annunciation - Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10 am

March 27 Salutations to the Theotokos— 6 pm

March 29—AHEPA Greek Independence Day Luncheon Cancelled

Presanctified Liturgy Lenten Meals— Cancelled

Bookstore News— Closed