

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: FEBRUARY 21, 2016

THE TRIODION BEGINS: SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, chapter 3 verses 10-15. It is found in our books on page 116.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Τιμόθεον δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 10-15:
Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίᾳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστάθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 10-14. It is found in our books, on page 275.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ παρικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 10-14. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 274.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειρᾶι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Introduction to Orthodoxy (Sundays, 9.a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

TIMOTHY THE RIGHTEOUS; EUSTATHIOS OF ANTIOCH

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY AT ANNUNCIATION:

Basketball games will be played at the Annunciation Cathedral today, as follows:

2:00 p.m.	Annunciation Boys Elementary School vs. Holy Cross
3:00 p.m.	Annunciation Girls Middle School vs. St. Nicholas
4:00 p.m.	Annunciation Boys Middle School vs. Ascension

CRAB FEED ON MARCH 4: The situation with the crab this year did not allow for us to hold our crab feed, as we usually do, the last Friday in January. However, we've been assured that the crab is now safe and plentiful and, so, the Crab Feed will take place on **Friday, March 4**. A flyer/reservation form has been included in the February *Herald* for your perusal. Please complete the form and return it to the Cathedral, c/o Crab Feed. For additional information, please contact **Angie Leventis**, aleventis3@comcast.net.

ANNUNCIATION DANCE GROUPS: WELCOME BACK FROM FDF! This year marks the 40th anniversary of the FDF. The Cathedral was represented this year by the following groups: **Spithes**, our middle & high school group, **Thisavri**, our elementary school group, 3rd-5th grade, and **To Mellon**, preschool-2nd grade group. **To Mellon** made its first appearance as an exhibition group, with 17 dancers! While the children, the directors and the parents will take a much-needed hiatus from dancing for a while (we'll let you know when we start up again), we are welcoming new members, so that, when dancing resumes, the new students will be full participants. If you are interested in participating or in enrolling your children, please contact Lea Lyberopoulos at karthia808@yahoo.com. Our groups are as follows:

Pre-K group, turning 3 1/2 - 4 in 2015, or entering PreK or Kindergarten in fall 2016

Beginning elementary group: Kindergarten-2nd grade in Fall 2015,

Thisavri, 3rd-5th grade in Fall 2015; Spithes, 6th-10th grade in Fall 2015; Ekrixi, 18 and older.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The Parish Council will be meeting next Sunday, February 28, following the Divine Liturgy, at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the second floor conference room.

OIKOS LECTURE SERIES BEGINS: As announced in the March *Herald*, OIKOS (Orthodox in Koinonia Outreach Services), under the direction of Dr. Katina Kostoulas, Ph.D., is sponsoring a series of talks aimed at informing, engaging, and edifying our parishioners in any number of areas involving individual growth, family dynamics, and parish life. The lectures will take place the first Sunday of each month, during the coffee hour. For **Sunday, March 6**, our speaker will be **Alexander Kozak**, a freelance writer and web developer, who studied classics at Harvard and King's College, Cambridge, and who has a master's degree in Greek from U. C. Berkeley. He has taught Annunciation Cathedral's Introduction to Orthodoxy class since 2007. His topic will be "What if the Fall Had Never Happened?" and he will make special reference to the thought of St. Maximus the Confessor.

COUNT THE WINDOWS: There are 135 of them. Some have already been installed. We hope to complete the window installation, weather permitting, by the end of February. This will be followed by the scratch coat, stucco, tile roofs, stone along the base of the new Cathedral as well as the planted areas and, finally, the placement of the cross over the entrance and the cross on the dome.

The crosses are ready. The large cross, which will go over the dome, measures 7 feet and weighs 500 pounds. The smaller cross, which will go over the entrance, above the Narthex, is 4'10" and weighs less. We're planning to bring them and place them for viewing in our chapel until such time as they will be installed—probably September, to coincide with the Feast of the Holy Cross. Some one out there may want the privilege of placing the cross above the dome, or above the narthex, thus donating the dome or the narthex, as the case may be. Father Stephen is looking for a donation of \$1 million and is confident one of you will step up for this honor. Meanwhile, we've noted on a number of occasions that we have raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project, including the normal functioning of the garage: October 31, 2016. At that point, we are planning to hold a **Gala event**, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we begin work on the interior. The Gala will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2016. By now, you should all have received a save the date card in the mail. **Tessa Ambus**, co-chair of the Gala committee, talked about the gala briefly a couple of weeks ago, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. With God's help, we hope to be able to complete the Cathedral by the end of 2017, and to consecrate the Cathedral in 2018 or 2019, well before our 100th anniversary in 2021.



"The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified."

(Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew, Ground breaking,
November 6, 1997)