SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

MEATFARE SUNDAY/JUDGEMENT SUNDAY

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 8 Verse 8 – Chapter 9 Verse 2:

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 25, Verses 31-46:

The Lord said, “When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then he will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.’ And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πέτρος Κορινθίων σ’ κεφ. 8 ἐδάφ. 8 - κεφ. 9 ἐδάφ. 2

FDF WEEKEND: We wish our dancers, directors, and parents the best of luck as they represent the Cathedral in Phoenix, Arizona at FDF this weekend to compete with hundred of other groups from all over the Metropolis and Archdiocese. Καλή επιτυχία παιδιά! Good success to all our kids!

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at https://agkozak.com/intro to learn more.

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PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is time to get more pavers inscribed in our courtyard! Join our “Adopt a Paver” program. To learn more, pick up a brochure at the pangari, call Jim Vorries, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or email at jim.vorrises@annunciation.org

Today’s Apolytikon (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three: Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεισθο τὰ υψών, ἀγαλλιάσθο τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὡς ἐποίησε κράτος ἔν χειρὶ αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπέτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἀδοῦ ἐφόρασε ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἐλέος.
“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.”