EPHRAIM THE SYRIAN

15th SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to Timothy Chapter 4, Verses 9-15: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 19, Verses 1-10: At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One:

- The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto Your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

- Τοῦ λίθου ὁμοτιμουθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατευτῶν φυλακοῦντων τὸ ἡμερον τοῦ Σῶμα, άνεστις, πρόχειρος Σωτῆρ, δωρομένος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Λά τὸ τότε αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οἰκονόμων βόδιοι σοι, Ζωοδότα Ζῶομεν τό Αναστάτω σοι, Χριστέ· δόξα τῷ Βασιλείῳ σου· δόξα τῷ οἰκονόμῳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TODAY: Today’s Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the souls of Panagiotis Peverotos, 40 days since his passing, and Iliia “Luis” Haras, 3 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αἰώνια τῇ μνήμῃ!

LUNCHEON TODAY: Today’s luncheon is being offered by the family of Luis Haras in his memory. All are welcome to attend. We thank the Haras family for hosting everyone today.

UPCOMING LITURGIES: On Tuesday, January 30th at 10am we will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Three Hierarchs. May Saints Basil, Gregory, and John Chrysostom intercede for us all. We will also be celebrating Divine Liturgy on Friday, February 2nd at 10am for Ypapanti, the Entrance of the Lord into the Temple. We look forward to welcoming you.

HOUSE BLESSINGS: During the season after Epiphany it is customary to have house blessings. If you would like Father Angelo to come bless your house, please contact him at fr.angelo@annunciation.org

FDF PREVIEW LUNCHEON: Please join us Sunday, February 4th following liturgy for Annunciation Cathedral Greek Dance Program’s annual FDF preview luncheon. Our groups, Orama (4-6 years old), Rizes (8-10 years old), To Mellon (11-13 years old), Revmata (14-16 years old), Spithes (16years old-College) will be performing a suite of dances they have been preparing for the annual Folk Dance Festival. A delicious lunch will be prepared by Spin A Yarn Restaurant - The Karpouniaris Family. The donation is $30 for Adults, $20 for Dancers & kids 12 and under. Luncheon tickets are available for purchase Sundays following Liturgy or online https://annunciation-cathedral-dance-groups.square.site/?idU=1. We look forward to seeing you there!

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP: Save the date for our next Men’s Fellowship gathering on Thursday, February the 29th. As always, social hour begins at 6pm followed by prayer, dinner, and our program at 7pm. Please RSVP to Jim Rakos if you’d like to attend at jim.rakos@annunciation.org

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES:

- March 25th Luncheon celebrating our Feast Day of the Annunciation. More details to follow.

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