The Ninth Sunday of Luke

Epistle Reading of the Day: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s Second Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 14-22. It is found in our books on page 124.

The Introduction to Orthodoxy: 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.

The Lord’s Prayer in Spanish:

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as in heaven; Give us today our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading of the Day: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verses 16-21. It is found in our books on pages 259-261.

The Letter to the Ephesians:

Greetings to the Ephesians...

The newly formed group of Young Adults will be working together with our Young Adults, cooking and serving a Thanksgiving Day dinner at our Community Kitchen this Tuesday. Thank you, Ladies, and God bless you. Our Young Adult Get-Together will take place at the conclusion of Community Kitchen, following cleanup, at about 8 p.m. It is customary for the Parish Council member, as Stewardship chair, as Parish President (as it is also custom for the immediate past president of the Parish Council to be so honored), and also next Sunday, November 26, December, the dates ar...
CLOSER AND CLOSER: We’re in the home stretch. As you can see, we are nearing completion of the exterior. On December 14, we will have our hearing relative to our Conditional Use Permit. The permit will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. Tentatively, we’ve been given February 1, 2018 for utilization of our parking. As for the interior: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2017 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of $550,000. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? This will enable us to continue rebuilding. If you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making your gift this calendar year, before December 31, as your gift is fully tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law? More importantly, you will experience the joy of giving (and to such a historic undertaking!), helping make firm our presence as a Greek Orthodox house of worship in the heart of our Great City. In this way, we will be answering the call by God to Moses, when he said “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν.) (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. More than likely, this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. We’re in the home stretch, Annunciation!

“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)