THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ST. ANASTASIA OF ROME; AVRAMBIO THE RECLUSE

EPISТЕL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the St. Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20. It is found in our books on page 121.

Ο Αὐτότροπος: Πρῶς Γελάτης Επιστολής Ποιούμενον ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδίαφ. 16-20. Ἀδελφοί, εἴδετε ὅτι οὐ προκύπτει ἄνθρωπος εἰς ἔργον νόμου, εἰς μὴ διὰ πιστεύσεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ εἰς Ἰησοῦν ἰδείᾳ ἀπαντᾷ εἰς ἔργον νόμου πάντα σαές, ἐὰς δὲ ζητῇς ἐν Ἰησοῦ εὐφρένειαν, εὐφρένειαν καὶ αὐτοῖς ἀμαρτωλοί, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἀκούσει τούτα τά πάλιν νοοῦμεν, παραβλήθη ἐμανθὸν πυθόμενον. Ἐὰς γὰρ ἔδοξεν τούτα τά πάλιν νοοῦμεν, ἀνάγνωσμα, τούτων ἀπαντᾷ ἡμεῖς, τοῖς ἀμαρτητοῖς διακόνοις. Μὴ γένοιτο. Ἐὰς γὰρ ἀκούσει τούτα τά πάλιν νοοῦμεν, παραβλήθη ἐμανθὸν πυθόμενον. Ἐὰς γὰρ ἔδοξεν τούτα τά πάλιν νοοῦμεν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 41-56. It is found in our books on pages 253-257.

Η σημερινή ευαγγελική περιοχή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδίαφ. 41-56. Εὑρίσκεται εἰς τὸ βιβλίο μας, σελ. 252-256.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Four: When the tides of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and the apostles, and the servants of the resurrection. The Body of Christ is no more to be divided, for the first born He has raised up from the dead and has altered the judgment of the world. Amen.

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 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-akozak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The classes for October have been held.

2017 CHRISTMAS CARD: We will begin collecting names for the Christmas Card beginning next Sunday...
CLOSER AND CLOSER: With the current building boom in San Francisco, the Contractor has been having trouble getting subs to do the work. We’re in the home stretch, though. As you can see, we are nearing completion of the exterior. We are also about 3 weeks away from receiving a Conditional Use Permit to enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the 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. Statements have gone out. Follow-up phone calls have been made by members of the Parish Council. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? Please give serious consideration to doing so, to enable us to continue rebuilding. If you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making a gift this calendar year? We invite you to join in and help finish what we’ve undertaken to do, that is, to rebuild our church and 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)