

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: AUGUST 7, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, Chapter 15, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 101.

Ὁ Απόστολος, πρὸς Ῥωμαίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 1-7: Ἀδελφοί, ὀφείλομεν δὲ ἡμεῖς οἱ δυνατοὶ τὰ ἀσθενήματα τῶν ἀδυνάτων βασιτάζειν, καὶ μὴ ἑαυτοῖς ἀρέσκειν. Ἐκατος ἡμῶν τῷ πλησίον ἀρεσκέτω εἰς τὸ ἀγαθὸν πρὸς οἰκοδομὴν. Καὶ γὰρ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτῷ ἤρεσεν, ἀλλὰ, καθὼς γέγραπται, Οἱ ὀνειδισμοὶ τῶν ὀνειδιζόντων σε ἐπέπεσον ἐπ' ἐμέ. Ὅσα γὰρ προεγράφη, εἰς τὴν ἡμετέραν διδασκαλίαν προεγράφη, ἵνα διὰ τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ διὰ τῆς παρακλησεως τῶν γραφῶν τὴν ἐλπίδα ἔχωμεν. Ὁ δὲ θεὸς τῆς ὑπομονῆς καὶ τῆς παρακλησεως δώῃ ἡμῖν τὸ αὐτὸ φρονεῖν ἐν ἀλλήλοις κατὰ Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν· ἵνα ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐν ἐνὶ στόματι δοξάζητε τὸν θεὸν καὶ πατέρα τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ προσλαμβάνεσθε ἀλλήλους, καθὼς καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς προσελάβετο ὑμᾶς, εἰς δόξαν θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 9, Verses 27-35. It is found in our books on Pages 209-211.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 27-35. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 208-210.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴσατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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.

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.

DOMETIOS OF PERSIA; NIKANOR THE WONDERWORKER

40 DAY BLESSING: We welcome 40 day old Liana Rose Vorrises Lukehart, daughter of Marie & Ryan Lukehart.

PARAKLESIS: The service of *Paraklesis* (the word means “Consolation”) is offered throughout the year, but especially during the August Fast (the period of 14 days leading up to the Dormition, i.e. the death, of the Theotokos). The *Paraklesis* is a service calling upon the Theotokos, to intercede, that is, to pray for us, confident that the Lord hears her prayer, just as he heard her plea, recorded in the account of the Lord’s first miracle in Cana, and turned water into wine. There, you may recall, Mary goes up to Jesus and tells him plainly, “They have no wine” (John 2:3). In other words, they’ve run out of wine...do something. Then she goes up to the servants, certain that Jesus will accede to her request, and tells them, “Whatever He tells you, do it” (verse 5). We believe it is through her intercessory power that the Cathedral is being rebuilt. (It is, after all, dedicated to her.) We pray that she will intercede for peace in the world, and for the safekeeping of this parish and its parishioners. The *Paraklesis* service will be celebrated at the conclusion of this morning’s Divine Liturgy.

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEER TABLE/FESTIVAL COMMITTEE MEEETING: We invite you to stop by the Festival Volunteer Table, just outside the chapel, where you can find out more about how you can participate in this year’s Food Festival. Tomorrow, August 8, a meeting of the Festival Committee will take place in the second floor conference room, beginning at 7 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you.

THIS WEEK AT THE CATHEDRAL: Church volleyball will take place this Tuesday, August 9, 7-9 p.m.

FESTIVAL GOINGS ON: The committee, under the leadership of **Deno Konstantinidis** and **Grace Koutoulas**, is meeting on a regular basis, finalizing plans for this year’s Food Festival, which will take place at our present location September 16, 17 and 18. noted in the August *Herald*, the committee will sponsor a “Sundae on Sunday,” on August 28. Ice cream sundaes will be featured, as you sign up to serve at the various booths. Meanwhile, please remember to send in your ad. A very small percentage of your donation goes to printing the book, so most of it is free and clear support of the Festival and, in turn, the ministries of the Cathedral.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL, DANCE PRACTICE: noted in the June-July Herald, Greek School resumes Saturday, September 24, at 10 a.m., and Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 25, at 10:30 a.m. (both following our Food Festival, which will take place Friday, September 16, Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18). Meanwhile, dance practice resumes Sunday, August 21, following the Divine Liturgy.

THE STUCCO OF THE EXTERIOR IS COMPLETE: The stucco is virtually now complete. We will proceed now to paint the trim around the perimeter of the building, below the roof line, including the dome and the ieron half dome. This will be followed by the completion of the installation of the copper gutters and downspouts. Then, the tile roof will be laid. All this will be going on while mechanical work continues in the garage. The elevator will be installed in September and the garage should be functioning by January 2017.

THE CROSS: SYMBOL OF GOD’S SACRIFICIAL LOVE, SYMBOL OF HOPE:

The raising of the cross has been a big deal for us, as it marks the firm “planting” of our Orthodox Christian faith, here in the heart of this great City. We are reminded of the words of St. Paul: “We preach Christ crucified...” (1 Cor. 1:23). Some may say, “don’t we emphasize the Resurrection?” As Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos has said, “the Cross and the Resurrection go hand in hand.” Yes, we are people of the Resurrection—we affirm Christ is Risen. But risen from what? From death. And death from what? From the Cross. The Cross, therefore, is a symbol of God’s sacrificial love, for He voluntarily died in the flesh, out of love for us. The Cross is the symbol of our salvation and the symbol of hope for the world. As for the building itself, we are one step closer to completing the exterior and to having our parking structure operational. To mark this achievement, and to celebrate our 95th year as a community, we will hold a **Gala event on November 5. Look the particulars.** As for the interior of the Cathedral: with God’s help, we hope to be able to complete it by the end of 2017, and to consecrate the Cathedral to the glory of God to coincide with our 100th anniversary in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if it is His Will that His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God’s glory in 2021!

May God enable our undertaking, protecting His Commonwealth unto the ages. Amen.
May God continue to inspire you and generations to come through this landmark house of worship, which you are building to glorify His holy Name.

