ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 4-11. It is found in our books, p. 129.

Ο Απόστολος, πρὸς Κολοσσαίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 4-11: Ἀδελφοί, ἵνα ὑμᾶς δοκίμησις καί ὀρθοδοξία ἐνεργηθῇ, ἥν ἐπεξεργάσατο Κολοσσαίους, τοῦτος καὶ ἔμεινεν ἐν αὐτῷ διδασκαλίαις. Νεκροῦσθε ἀπὸ τὰς μέθημας τάς ἐπί των γῆς, πορείας, σκανδάλων, ἀδικίας, ἀνάθεμας, κακιάς, παθητικῆς καρδίας, καὶ τὴν πλούσιόν, ἥν ἐστιν εὐθυλοκοσμία, δε ὑμᾶς ἐκείνης τῆς ὀρθοδοξίας ἐπὶ τοὺς νομοὺς τῆς ἀπελθάντος. Ἐν ὑμῖν καὶ ἐμὲ προσέπτεστε ποτὲ, ὅτι ἐὰν ἐξέτητε, ἔμεινε τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν πάνιν Ἑρμήνευτος. Οὕτως ἐν αὐτῷ ἤγγικεν ἐπὶ τῶν ἀπελθάντων πάντα, καὶ ὑμᾶς ἐσώζοντο εἰς τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούντος εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατὰ στόµατος ἑαυτῶν· σὴν ἐναν τοῦ κτίσαντο, καὶ ἐν συνεστῶσιν τοῦ παλαιοῦ ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσι αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐν αὐτῷ ἁρπαζόμενοι εἰς εὐπροσδοκίαν κατὰ εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντο, ὅπου οὐκ ἔνι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, ἕλεος, δόξα, σῶτον, εὐαγγελικὴ τοῦ Ἐρμήνευτου τῶν ἐπιστολῶν, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 4-11. Τοῦτο εὑρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία µας, σελ. 129.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four): Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SPONSORING STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: As is evident from the cover of the present bulletin, today is “Stewardship Sunday” at the Cathedral. It is the day when we bring our Stewardship Commitments for 2017 to church with us. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, prior to the dismissal, we will have the opportunity to place our completed cards in the collection basket. We thank Gus Vouchilas, our Stewardship Committee Chair, for organizing today’s events, and for providing the celebratory meal following, together with Mom, Georgia Vouchilas.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 14, Verses 16-24. It is found in our books on pages 263-265.

Τῇ σημερινῇ εὐαγγελικῇ περικοπῇ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 16-24. Εὐφραίνεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία µας, σελ. 262-264.

Today’s Aionias I Mnemosisyna: Today’s Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the souls of our brother James Vouchilas, who fell asleep 10 years ago, and of our sister Helen Checopoulos and Spero Checopoulos, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago respectively. Aminia! Mimin! Eternal memory!

Parish Council Elections Today: We have seven individuals running for the seven positions that are open. These are: George Ambrosiatis Ambous, S. Christopher Kyriacou, Vassiliki Moulas, Dean Nikolakis, Manoli Nuris, Nick Rally, and Christopher Ramos. They will be elected to a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year. Together with Father Stephen, they compose the Parish Council. The eight who were elected last year are: Philippos Athanasiadis, George Gavros, Deno C. Konstantinidis, Katina Kostoulas, Ph.D., Thomas A. Nuris, Paul P. Sogotis, Nicholas Svetcoff, and James D. Vorriese. The elections are under the supervision of Anthony Ambus, Philip and Annette Chiappari and Bill Tonas.

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 gathering about it for a long time. Photos and a video of the evening is available by clicking on the following link: www.kostoulasphotography.com/2016.

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

(John 3:16-17)

God’s love for each of us, found through the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is endless. He provides for us, He protects us, He walks with us.

What can we do to return these precious gifts to the Lord?

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Matthew.” (5:13-15)

As Stewards of Christ’s Kingdom, we must serve as the light of all His creation. We must ask . . . .

Lord, “Open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your Praise”
(Psalm 51:15)

As Annunciation Cathedral Stewards, we must each be a ‘light on a stand” …giving light to all in this house and to each soul we affect as we are sent out to do God’s work.

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