

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

THE GREAT MARTYR EUPHEMIA; THE MARTYR MELITINA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20. It is found in our books on page 148.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20:

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεῦσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιοθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιοθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιοθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῷ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 8, Verses 34-38, Chapter 9, Verse 1. It is found in our books on pages 307-309.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 34-38, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 306-308.

Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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. 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 by reading selections from 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) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. The class is meeting this morning, in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this morning.

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA: This morning's memorial service is being held for the repose of the soul of our brother Evangelos Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; and for the repose of the soul of his wife, our sister Androulla Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. *Aionia I Mnimi!* Eternal Memory! This morning's coffee hour is being offered in their memory.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council, scheduled to meet today, will, instead, meet on Sunday, September 30. The meeting will take place in the conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN LAST SUNDAY: Sunday School (better yet, "Classes in Christian Formation") resumes last Sunday morning, at 10:30 a.m. As noted, recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits—sports, dance, extracurricular activities. However, the Faith—taught in the home and is reinforced in the church—is paramount. We cannot stress enough the importance of your children's attendance and participation. Additionally, we are in need of teachers committed to teaching our Faith to the next generation. Please give thought as to how, by teaching, you may make a difference, both in the lives of our children, as well as your own. If you are inclined to want to help teach, please contact Father Stephen, fatherstephen@annunciation.org.

GREEK SCHOOL Greek School will resume Saturday, September 29. We are happy to announce, as we have in the *Herald*, that **Shu Yeung** is the new director of our Greek School. A native of New York City, **Shu** is married to **Peter Kotsonis**; they have a daughter, **Sophia**. **Shu** looks forward to helping our Greek School grow, perhaps adding a class for adults. For more information about our Greek School program, please contact Shu at shuh_yeung@yahoo.com or at 415-518-8750.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FESTIVAL (THIS WEEK!!! (COOKING/BAKING IN FULL FORCE): Our Festival will take place this week, namely, this Friday, September 21, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. In preparation, our baking/cooking schedule is as follows: Today, and tomorrow, Monday, the 17th: Baklava; and Wednesday, September 19: *Rizogalo*. Baking begins at 9 a.m. each day. Set-up begins this Tuesday. For specifics, please contact: **Deno Konstantinidis**, denocom@hotmail.com, **Grace Koutoulas**, gmkoutoulas@yahoo.com, or **Chris Kyriacou**, chris_kyriacou@mac.com. Please sign up as a volunteer. We can use your assistance, both for set up & during the festival.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: We have partnered with the Alzheimer's Association and will be offering a caregiver support group the first Tuesday of every month, 11 am – 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact **Heather Gray**, **Family Program Manager**, at 800 272-3900 or hgray1@alz.org

PARKING: Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third-party operator, in accordance with the terms of our conditional use permit) the valet will park our cars. We simply drop off and pick up our cars at the entrance. We do not go down into the garage ourselves. For this service, we will pay \$5 per car, to cover the cost of the attendants. The Cathedral will no longer subsidize parking in the lot behind the Cathedral.

ONLY 2 TICKETS LEFT FOR GOYA 49ERS GAME OCTOBER 7: Please contact Matia Kostakis, MatiaK23@gmail.com, if you are able and wish to participate. Thank you to **Archon Paul Sogotis** for underwriting the cost of the tickets.

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY: Spontaneous! Without much fanfare.

Two weeks ago, we “spilled out” onto the courtyard, most of us for the first time, to get a feel for the outdoor space, which we will be using for this year’s Festival and afterwards. Although we have a little way to go to complete the fountain and the landscaping, and much more of a way to go to complete the interior of the new Cathedral, you can all take great pride reflecting on what, with your faith, determination, and vision, you have accomplished so far, in faithful response to our God, when he told Moses: *“Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.”* (from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). Don’t take it lightly: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, where we will be gathering for prayer and for the glorification of God’s Holy Name. Where? In the heart of one of the world’s premier cities, where the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation, given the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, and the second century of our existence as a community.



“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.”