

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

ROMANOS THE MELODIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 1-10. It is found in our books on pages 114-115.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 1-10:
Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καίρω δεκτῶ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοὺ, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοὺ, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνόητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκρίτῳ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν ὄπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ ἐφρημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὡς ἀγνοοῦμενοι, καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι· ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ἰδοὺ, ζῶμεν· ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι· ὡς λυπούμενοι, αἰεὶ δὲ χαίροντες· ὡς πτωχοί, πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες· ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-16. It is found in our books on page 243.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λοθκᾶν, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 11-16. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 242.

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

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, ἠνέφραξ τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ 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: 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. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class will meet this month on October 13th, and again on October 27th.

FESTIVAL APPRECIATION GET-TOGETHER: Today following Liturgy we will be enjoying a delicious gyro meal as a thank-you to all of our hard-working festival volunteers. We will also be sharing the good news and updates from our festival a couple of weeks ago.

COMEDIAN ANGELO TSAROUCHAS TO PERFORM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19: Come and join us for a memorable evening of laughter with internationally known comedian Angelo Tsarouchas. Angelo will be performing at the cathedral and proceeds will benefit the cathedral building fund. Tickets: \$55/Individual, \$90/couple. To purchase tickets or for more info please visit our church website www.annunciation.org/comedy

30th ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE LUNCHEON: October 17, 1989 claimed the old Cathedral and its ancillary facilities. We've been in a rebuilding mode ever since. On Sunday, October 20, a luncheon will take place, following the Divine Liturgy, both to mark the occasion and to celebrate our progress to date. The meal will be prepared by **Angelo Koutoulas** of Chick 'N Coop. And the cost? \$30., to benefit the Building Fund.

ADOPT A PAVER: The most recent issue of the *Herald* said something about "Adopt a Paver." It's quite simple. For a gift of \$2,000.00 to the Building Fund, parishioners and friends of the Cathedral may have their name(s) inscribed in one of the courtyard pavers. The pavers will accommodate up to 25 letters per line (depending upon the width of the letters and the spacing). Up to 3 lines may be inscribed. No logos. Initially, 750 pavers will be available for this purpose, all located in the courtyard. As of today, we have 54 pavers "adopted." We began inscribing on September 14. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be recolored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School is underway! Registration is still open to sign your child up. This year we will have lessons offered by our Pastoral Assistant, Christo Pappademos, twice a month. Christo is looking forward to visiting the Sunday School to get to know our kids and to share with them helpful knowledge about our Faith.

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. For more information about what it means to be a Steward and how you can be involved in the life of the parish, in addition to your financial support, please pick up a card and related material as you exit the chapel, to your right.

100th ANNIVERSARY: In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. To mark the occasion, a number of events is being planned. Recently, a survey was mailed out to everyone inviting your thoughts and your participation. Your input is invaluable, so let us hear from you. You are kindly asked to return the forms by October 1st. You may opt to complete the survey on line. To do so, please utilize the following link: www.annunciation.org/100th

NICKEL AND A NAIL...40 YEARS LATER: The St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center is marking its 40th anniversary with a dinner at the Ascension Cathedral on Saturday, October 26, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. As we are all beneficiaries of the ministries of the Ranch, it is incumbent upon us to attend. The Cathedral should be represented by at least two tables. For reservations, and for more information, please call 415 753-3075.

PARKING: Recently, we ordered the Valencia Street gates and the installation of the granite along the lower walls, to allow for the completion of the pavers along the walkway. Meanwhile, we are completing the elevator lobbies, with a view to getting final inspection on our elevator. We have also completed the requirements for the Fire Department. This should enable us, at long last, to receive our occupancy permit for the parking component, so that we may formally engage Golden State Parking to run it. Meanwhile, we're about to launch our "Adopt a Paver" program, affording parishioners and friends to inscribe their name(s) on one of 750 courtyard pavers. We are moving ahead. As we go forward, let's stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, then, in our day we hear God speaking to us: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a great sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, our Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers!



"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."