

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

AKEPSIMAS THE BISHOP & JOSEPH THE PRESBYTER, MARTYRS OF PERSIA

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 1, Verses 11-19. It is found in our books on page 120.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 11-19:** Ἀδελφοί, γνωρίζω δὲ ὑμῖν, ἀδελφοί, τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τὸ εὐαγγελισθὲν ὑπ' ἐμοῦ, ὅτι οὐκ ἔστιν κατὰ ἄνθρωπον. Οὐδὲ γὰρ ἐγὼ παρὰ ἄνθρωπον παρέλαβον αὐτό, οὔτε ἐδιδάχθην, ἀλλὰ δι' ἀποκαλύψεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἠκούσατε γὰρ τὴν ἔμην ἀναστροφὴν ποτε ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ, ὅτι καθ' ὑπερβολὴν ἐδίωκον τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐπόρθουν αὐτήν· καὶ προέκοπτον ἐν τῷ Ἰουδαϊσμῷ ὑπὲρ πολλοὺς συνηλικιώτας ἐν τῷ γένει μου, περισσοτέρως ζηλωτῆς ὑπάρχων τῶν πατρικῶν μου παραδόσεων. Ὅτε δὲ εὐδόκησεν ὁ θεὸς ὁ ἀφορίσας με ἐκ κοιλίας μητρὸς μου καὶ καλέσας διὰ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, ἀποκαλύψαι τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ ἐν ἐμοί ἵνα εὐαγγελίζωμαι αὐτὸν ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν, εὐθέως οὐ προσανεθέμην σαρκὶ καὶ αἵματι· οὐδὲ ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα πρὸς τοὺς πρὸ ἐμοῦ ἀποστόλους, ἀλλὰ ἀπῆλθον εἰς Ἀραβίαν, καὶ πάλιν ὑπέστρεψα εἰς Δαμασκόν. Ἐπειτα μετὰ ἔτη τρία ἀνῆλθον εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα ἰστορῆσαι Πέτρον, καὶ ἐπέμεινα πρὸς αὐτὸν ἡμέρας δεκαπέντε. Ἄτερον δὲ τῶν ἀποστόλων οὐκ εἶδον, εἰ μὴ Ἰάκωβον τὸν ἀδελφὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 16, Verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 247-249.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λοῦκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 19-31. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 246-248.**

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three:**

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε 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](mailto: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 on Sunday, November 10 and on Sunday, November 24.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA:** This morning's Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the souls of our brothers and sisters: **Mary Mitchel**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; **Emily Bagatelos**, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; **Dr. Anthony Bagatelos**, who fell asleep 40 years ago; and **Nick Varanis**, who fell asleep 10 years ago. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

**CHRISMATION:** **Tyler James Wilson**, formerly a member of the Episcopal Church, is being received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. His Sponsor is **Alexia Marinos Bender**. Na mas zisi! Long Life!

**COFFEE HOUR:** Today's Coffee Hour is being sponsored by **Terpsi Varanis**.

**PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD:** The Philoptochos Board will meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Conference room.

**DEMENTIA CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP:** The group will meet this Tuesday, November 5, beginning at 11 am. The meeting will take place in the conference room.

**BASKETBALL PRACTICE:** Middle School practice will take place on Wednesday, November 6, beginning at 7pm, Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, November 7, beginning at 7 pm. If your child or someone you know is in 6th-8th grade and would like to play, please contact **Deno Konstantindis** via cell or email. 415-867-8035 / [denocom@hotmail.com](mailto:denocom@hotmail.com)

**DIVINE LITURGY THIS FRIDAY:** November 8 is the Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of all the bodiless heavenly powers. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m.

**ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS TO VISIT CATHEDRAL:** His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America is coming Sunday, January 26th 2020 for his first visit to our Annunciation Cathedral. This is sure to be a memorable day for our community. His Eminence will celebrate the Divine Liturgy that day. A luncheon will follow. Please join us in welcoming his Eminence on this historic day.

**ADOPT A PAVER:** As of today, we have 62 pavers "adopted." The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be recolored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers. Do consider adopting a paver. A great way to "connect." Forms are available at the pangari.

**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. Stewardship packets for 2020 will be mailed mid-November. Again, we thank you for making Stewardship a priority, as this is the major source of funding for the Cathedral. If you would like more information about Stewardship, drop us a line, or see **Dean Nicolacakis**, Stewardship Chair, after the Liturgy.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. Let us hear from you as to how you think we should best celebrate this milestone event. Take the survey, at [www.annunciation.org/100th](http://www.annunciation.org/100th)

**PARKING:** At long last! Just this week, our Architects and Contractors met with the City to address some remaining issues, including the capacity of the new Cathedral. (The City was arguing that the external alarm was insufficient for the occupancy, which they calculated was in excess of 1000. The truth is, the occupancy is below 1000, and the alarm was deemed sufficient.) This paves the way for the Fire Inspector to sign off on the Sprinkler System. The next approval, by the Police Department, is expected to be issued subsequently. Meanwhile, we are about to receive the new Valencia Street gates and the lobby doors, so that we can complete the clear path of travel requirement and begin utilizing the garage on a regular basis, and in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit, which was granted to us some time ago. It will be a great day when we finally get the ok, so that we can begin addressing completion of the interior. 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: *Και 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 worshippers!



*"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."*