

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PATAPIOS THE RIGHTEOUS; SOSTHENES & APOLLO THE APOSTLES (OF THE 70)

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 125.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 14 - 22:
Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σώματι καὶ ἐν πνεύματι, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριον, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισματι, εἰς θεόν καὶ πατέρα πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἑκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 35-43. It is found in our books on page 269.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 35-43. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 268.

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.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, 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: 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 is meeting this morning, December 8 (chanting duties permitting), and again next Sunday, December 15.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT SUNDAY: There are eight openings on the Parish Council. We have eight individuals running for Parish Council. They are: **Alex Kozak, Anastasios (Tasso) Mavroudis, Andrew Miltiades, Thomas Nuris, Jim Rakos, Paul Sogotis, Nicholas Svetcoff, and James D. Vorrises.** Assuming they all receive at least one vote, they will be elected to a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2020. Following ratification of the elections, the new members of the Parish Council will receive their oath of office on Sunday, January 5. Immediately following, they will join the seven Parish Council members who were elected last year (the Parish Council consists of the Priest and fifteen lay members), and elect officers for the year.

GOYA EVENT THIS SATURDAY: Our GOYA (young people ages 12-18) will visit the Dickens Fair. We will meet at the Cow Palace, 2600 Geneva Avenue, Daly City, at 2 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for our teens to explore this holiday venue together. Afterwards, the group will go to the **Athansiadēs** home, 2465 Shannon Drive, South San Francisco, for dinner and additional activities. The cost of the fair is \$32 per person. Parents are welcome. For more information, contact **Matia Kostakis**, Matiak23@gmail.com.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice continues this week! Middle School practice will take place this Wednesday, December 11, at 7pm, and Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, December 12, at 7 pm. For more information, please contact **Deno Konstantindis** via cell or email. 415-867-8035 / denocom@hotmail.com

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS TO VISIT CATHEDRAL JAN. 26: His Eminence **Archbishop Elpidophoros** of America is coming Sunday, January 26th 2020 for his first visit to our Annunciation Cathedral. A luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. Invitations will go out soon. If you wish to attend the luncheon, you must make reservations, so that we know how many people to plan for. We cannot accept walk-ins the day of the luncheon.

ADOPT A PAVER: As of today, we have 73 pavers "adopted." The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be redone when the company comes out this Saturday, December 14, to inscribe the remaining pavers.

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you for making your 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 have been sent out. (Additional packets are available at the *pangari*). Please complete and return your card, in the envelope provided, before the end of the December. Remember: Annunciation is only as strong as the support it receives from its faithful. Are you in?

100th ANNIVERSARY: In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. We are excited to share with you that our 100th Year Gala Banquet will take place, in 2021, in the grand ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, in the same place where the original banquet took place to celebrate the creation of the Cathedral 100 years ago!

CALLING ALL 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TO A MEETING: The meeting will take place in the conference room on Sunday, January 12, 2020, following the Divine Liturgy. The committee is comprised of those who responded to a recent invitation to serve plus those who have since indicated they would like to serve. Everyone is welcome to participate. **Archon Orphanotrophos Paul Sogotis** has been named overall chairman of our centennial celebrations. At the January 12 meeting, we will review a proposal and further define the scope of events to appropriately celebrate this milestone in the life of our community.

PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire Inspection has been set for Tuesday, December 3. Assuming the inspection is successful, a permit to operate our parking will be, in effect, issued. A full narrative may be found in our December 2019 *Herald*. The subsequent ok by the Police Department, will enable us to have the parking component up and running within a month. Meanwhile, the upper and lower elevator lobbies have been carpeted, as have the stairs from the garage leading up to the narthex. Any day now, we are waiting for 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 for the parking, following our December 3rd inspection, so that we can go on to address 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: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, 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."