

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

STACHYS, ANDREW, AMPLIAS, APelles, URBAN, ARISTOBULUS & NARCISSUS OF THE 70

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 31-33, Chapter 12, Verses 1-9: Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους ἐπιστολῆς β, Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 31-33, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-9

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 16, Verses 19-31: The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 19-31

THANK YOU MARIA ALLEN: Today we will be thanking **Maria Allen** for her many years of blessed volunteer work to the Cathedral as a Sunday School teacher. Following Divine Liturgy, **Brittany Henderson** will present Maria with a token of our appreciation for all that she has done for the Cathedral and its children over the years. We thank you Maria for your example and your dedication to such a valuable ministry, may God bless you always! We wish you all the best in your move.

PARISH ASSEMBLY COMING UP: On Sunday, November 14th we will hold our first Parish Assembly meeting since before the pandemic. We encourage all of our parishioners in good standing to attend as we will be discussing many important items such as: the completion of the interior of our Cathedral, funding the project, Stewardship 2022, and Parish Council nominations for six openings. Please do your best to attend this meeting following Divine Liturgy that day.

COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK: We understand there has been some confusion regarding whether or not we are holding coffee hours again. We are indeed holding coffee hour weekly after church. Today we will enjoy coffee, refreshments, and each other's company outdoors in the courtyard following the Divine Liturgy.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: The last 18 months have been challenging. Thankfully, we are recovering, and are engaged in the rebuilding of our parish life and its many ministries. It is of vital importance that you continue to pledge your support through Stewardship. Let us match what we did last year in terms of level of support. If you need a stewardship card, we will be happy to mail one to you. Cards are also available at the *pangari*. Take one for yourselves and one for each of your children, 18 years and older, whether they live at home with you, or whether they're living on their own.

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: To date, 100 pavers have been adopted and inscribed along the courtyard walk of honor. An additional 25 pavers have been adopted and are awaiting inscription. What a wonderful way to be a part of our ongoing efforts to complete the Cathedral. The donation is \$2,000 per paver (up to 3 lines, 25 letters and spaces per line). For your convenience, descriptive brochures are located just outside the narthex. Or, see Jim Vorrises (jim.vorrises@annunciation.org) or Dr. George Ambus, george.ambus@annunciation.org.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: As we work towards completing the interior of our Cathedral, Capital Campaign fundraising efforts are of utmost importance. We encourage any and all parishioners to join our Capital Campaign Committees. For more info contact Chairman Tom Nuris at tom.nuris@annunciation.org

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. Recently, the Parish Council, acting on the recommendation of the Building Committee, hired Joel Josehart as construction manager to coordinate and oversee the completion of the interior of the new cathedral. We are in the process of interviewing contractors for the work. Joel will help us transition from contractors who built the exterior and bring to a conclusion some pending matters, as the garage. Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign Committee has resumed its task of raising the funds to complete the project. The Cathedral already has on hand the \$1.5 million bequest by the late Sam George as well as money from the paver project... As a community, we've been through much, especially when we lost everything to the earthquake, back in 1989. But, we've bounced back. It wasn't easy, but we did it, because we have faith, we have hope, and we have unity. So, too, we will weather this pandemic and return to a so called "new normal," – i.e. a community where we may do things a little differently, but with the same strong faith in God. After all, it is for Him, in Him, and through Him that we continue to exist at all. Praise God for the Gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are given the faith and the vision to rebuild His Church.



“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.”