

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Galatians Chapter 3, Verses 23–29, Chapter 4, Verses 1-5: Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους κεφ. 3 ἐδάφ. 23-29, κεφ. 34 ἐδάφ. 1-5

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 13, Verses 10-17: At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Ἡ σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 13 ἐδάφ. 10-17

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Jim Poulos**, 40 days since his passing, and **Zoe**, 10 years since her passing. In their memory, Despina Poulos invites you to join today's lunch following Liturgy. May their memory be eternal! Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη!

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR ST NICHOLAS:** On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Saint Nicholas. Orthros will begin at 9am followed by Liturgy at 10am.

**AXIOS TO FR. STEPHEN ON 50 YEARS TO PRIESTHOOD:** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father Stephen for his pastoral care over the years and we congratulate him on this amazing milestone in his ministry. Πάντα ἄξιος! Ever worthy!

**NEXT ELPIDA DAY:** Our next installment of Elpida will take place on **Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>**. If your child or children are interested in joining our exciting new youth program, please contact Director **Mia Fanourgiakis** at [mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org](mailto:mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org). We have classes for all ages!

**CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Thanks to the efforts of **Kalliope Fousekis** and **Irene Kyriacou** we are holding our annual Christmas Card fundraiser. Please see Kalliope in the hall after Liturgy to sign up and have your name on this year's Christmas card! The suggested donation to participate is \$30.

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at <https://agkozak.com/intro> to learn more.

**PARISH COUNCIL SEMINAR:** On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm we will be having a mandatory in-person Parish Council Seminar in the conference room of the Cathedral. This seminar is for all new and returning Parish Council members and will be led by His Grace Bishop Ioannis.



*“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.”*