

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2023

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

GEORGE THE CHOZEBITE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4, Verses 7-13: BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 7-13

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 4, Verses 12-17: At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 12-17

Ἀπολυτίκιον

(First Tone) Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις, τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσημαρτύρει σοί, ἀγαπητὸν σὲ Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα, καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστεράς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοί.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's Memorial Service is for the repose of the soul of **John Eliopoulos Jr**, 2 years since his passing. May his memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

PARISH COUNCIL SWEARING IN AND OFFICER ELECTIONS: Today our newly elected Parish Council members will be sworn in by His Grace Bishop Ioannis following Divine Liturgy. Then the Parish Council will meet to elect officers for the 2023 year.

ELPIDA PARENTS MEETING TODAY: We will hold a parents' meeting today with Director **Mia Fanourgiakis**. We encourage all of our current and perspective parents to attend!

VASILOPITA COFFEE HOUR: Please join us Sunday January 15th for our Vasilopita cutting ceremony following Divine Liturgy. Different societies and organizations will receive a slice from the Vasilopita cut by His Grace and there will be individual Vasilopitas at each table as well.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP BEGINS: Annunciation will be hosting its first meeting of the new Men's Fellowship small group ministry on **Thursday January 26th, 2023** at the Cathedral hall. The evening will begin with cocktails from 7:00 to 7:30 with dinner and discussion to follow 7:30 to 8:30. Our pastoral assistant Christos Pappademos will kick off the discussion with a talk on the spiritual role of men in the family and community. The event is open to all ages.

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.

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“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.”