

# SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

SUNDAY OF FATHERS OF 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

HIEROMARTYR ATHENOGENES

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Titus Chapter 3 Verses 8-15:** Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 5 Verses 14-19:** The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):**

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**SF GIANTS GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT:** We are happy to share that the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) is hosting Greek Heritage Night on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023** - Oakland A's vs. SF Giants at 6 p.m. at **Oracle Park**. Ticket holders will be able to receive a free limited-edition "Evzone Lou Seal" Bobblehead while supplies last. Don't wait – buy your tickets today. For more information on the event, please contact Taso Zografos at 415-215-6113. Please come show your support not only to our home team but also to our heritage as Greek Americans! We hope to see you there!

**YAL CONFERENCE LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** Are you ready to FULFILL your purpose? The Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2023 in Orange County, California is where you want to be! This will be the fifth YAL Conference since 2019 hosted by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and promises to be bigger and better than ever!

**STEWARDSHIP:** We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! Cards are available at the pangari and information wall. *"All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ."* Mark 9:23

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - SAVE THE DATE:** We will resume our monthly Men's Fellowship meetings on **Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>** following a short break for the summer. The program consists of a social hour, a short prayer service in the chapel, and dinner followed by a spiritually centered discussion. These meetings provide a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our friends, our community, and our faith. Our last two meetings had over three dozen attendees including several men from neighboring parishes and even inquirers to Orthodox Christianity! The meetings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you are interested in joining this new and growing ministry or would like to **RSVP** to attend our next event, please contact Jim Rakos at [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@annunciation.org).

**PAVER PROJECT UPDATE:** It is a great time to honor your Family for years with a 576 square inch paver inscribed in our Central Courtyard, which include up to 75 Characters inscribed in 3 lines. Your family will join the other 150 families with inscribed pavers currently in the courtyard. You will receive a Tax Deduction and your donation will benefit our Annunciation Cathedral Building Program. There are 3 flexible donation options. Please pick up a brochure at the "Pangari", or contact Jim Vorrises, Chair, at 650-464-1616 [jim.vorrises@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.vorrises@annunciation.org)



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Orthodox Christians from every  
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Name of our Triune God shall be  
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sanctified.”*