

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

PROTECTION OF THEOTOKOS, ROMANOS THE MELODIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from **Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 6 Verses 16-18, Chapter 7 Verse 1:** Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. "Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from **the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 6 Verses 31-36:** The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

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, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Our Parish Council will gather and meet today following Divine Liturgy in the conference room to discuss all ongoing matters at the Cathedral. We thank the Parish Council for all that they do for our church and community.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next Men's Fellowship gathering will take place on **Thursday, October 19.** The program begins with a brief prayer service in the chapel, followed by dinner and a spiritual discussion led by Metropolis Family Wellness Chair George Papageorge. The gatherings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you would like to attend our next meeting please email Jim Rakos to RSVP at jim.rakos@annunciation.org

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

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next board meeting will be on Sunday, October 22, 2023. All Philoptochos members are welcome to attend.

-Meet and Greet social gathering on Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 4pm-7pm at Unwine'd Lounge in West Portal. More details and cost to follow.

-Light the Path being held on Sunday November 19, 2023 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco

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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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.”*

