

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

ANTIPASCHA (LIT. "OPPOSITE PASCHA," AT THE OTHER END OF BRIGHT WEEK)

THOMAS, OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES; CRESCENS THE MARTYR; LEONIDAS OF ATHENS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 5, verses 12 to 20. It is found in our books on page 82.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 5, ἐδάφ. 12-20:

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο β σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθην ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὶ αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὄχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστὰς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὐσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτός ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 20, Verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 165-167.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 19-31, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 164-166.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (*Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs*). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. **Note:** The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). In April, the class meets this morning. It will meet again on Sunday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m. The class meets in the second-floor conference room.

40 DAY BLESSING: This morning we welcome 40 day old **Stella Catherine**, daughter of **Bill** and **Rose Vlahos**.

DANCE GROUP MEETING TODAY: A meeting of the Dance Group Directors and Parents will meet today at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Chapel.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council was due to meet today, as today is the third Sunday. It will meet, instead, on Sunday, April 29.

BAKSETBALL GAMES TODAY: This afternoon, the Annunciation Cathedral is host to the following Varsity basketball games:

2 pm	High School	Annunciation & St. Gregory 2
3 pm	Adult	St. Nicholas SF & Annunciation 1
4 pm	Adult	St. Gregory 2 & Annunciation 3
5 pm	Adult	St. Gregory 1 & Annunciation 4

BASKETBALL GAMES THIS WEDNESDAY:

7 pm	Adult	Annunciation 3 & Annunciation 4
8 pm	Adult	Annunciation 1 & Annunciation 2

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY: As this Tuesday is the third Tuesday of the month, our Community Kitchen (Soup Kitchen), under the leadership of our Young Adults, will take place, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are always needed and welcome, especially those who can come a little early. Set-up begins at 5:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you, as we extend food and hospitality to some 100 individuals. Often, we hear things like, "this is the best meal we've had all month. We will also be distributing the socks which you have been kind enough to donate, through our socks drive.

YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER: Following the Community Kitchen this Tuesday, April 17, our Young Adults will convene in the second-floor conference room for wine and cheese, for the purpose of getting to know one another better and for discussion.

SOCKS DRIVE: We are having a socks drive all during the months of March and April. The socks will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen. The most recent Community Kitchen took place this past Tuesday. The next Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, April 17. Won't you bring a packet of new socks, please, and leave it at the pangari. You will be helping keep someone's feet warm.

GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER: Notice, the pavers being laid in the courtyard and all around the new Cathedral. Notice the walls along Valencia Street and the new sidewalk along Stevenson Street. As announced, we've recently been awarded a conditional use permit, which will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. As for the **interior**: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2018 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. We still have outstanding pledges, to the tune of \$528,000. If you have not yet contributed, won't you consider making your gift? Your gift is fully tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law. More importantly, you will experience the joy of giving (and to such a historic undertaking!), helping make firm our presence as a Greek Orthodox house of worship in the *heart of our Great City*. In this way, we will be answering the call by God to Moses, when he said *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, και ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. Most likely, this will coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021.



"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."