

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

LOUKIANOS THE HIEROMARTYR; SAVINOS THE RIGHTEOUS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the St. Paul's Letter to 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.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος: Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 8-15.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 5-15. It is found in our books on pages 245-247.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λοῦκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 5-15. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 244-246.

Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Two:

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant Divinity. And, when You, from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory [to You].

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

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, but 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 through reading selections of 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), week after week, 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). For October, the class will meet again next Sunday, October 22.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN/YOUNG ADULT GET TOGETHER: Community Kitchen will take place this Tuesday, October 17, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 5:30pm for table set-up and food prep. Following, our Young Adults, who spearhead Community Kitchen, will gather in the second-floor conference room for wine & cheese. It is an opportunity to for Young Adults to meet other Young Adults, many of whom are new to San Francisco, and to welcome them into our community family.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: As noted, Greek School resumed on September 30. Sunday School, meanwhile, began on September 10. We are pleased to note the enthusiasm among both our staff (more teachers volunteering/great programs) and our students (more hands-on learning). Let's keep up the enthusiasm. And let's keep up making these educational programs better and better, teaching our children the ways of the Lord and also our cultural heritage. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m., and Greek School begins at 10:00 a.m. We urge you to bring your children to our church schools.

UNICEF BOXES: Unicef boxes will be distributed next Sunday during Sunday School. We thank you for helping your children collect money for Unicef (typically, on Halloween). Unicef funds programs for children throughout the world.

CHURCH BASKETBALL: Basketball practice for our lower school (boys and girls) will take place this Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 19, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

DANCE PRACTICE AS SCHEDULED: Dance practice will take place today, as scheduled, today and also this Friday, October 20, 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. As FDF is a whole month earlier this year (January instead of February), our groups are intensely preparing to compete (for the older groups), and for exhibition (for our little group).

YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE: The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

HONORING PATRICIA ALECK DECEMBER 3: It is customary for the immediate past president of the Ladies Philoptochos to be honored, at the conclusion of her service as President (as it is also custom for the immediate past president of the Parish Council to be so honored). Our Ladies Philoptochos will honor Pat with a pre-Christmas fête, on Sunday, December 3. As we will be in the preparation period for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the hall will be "dressed up" for Christmas. The theme of the event is JOY. Joy as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Joy as we celebrate the spirit of service and generosity, which Pat embodies. Her love for her Church and her life-long dedication to the Cathedral—as Parish Council member, as Stewardship chair, as Parish Council President, as Philoptochos member and as Philoptochos President. A lifetime of devoted service! The event will benefit the Building Fund. We're sure you will not want to miss it.

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR IT TO FINISH: However, with the current building boom in San Francisco, the Contractor is having trouble getting subs to do the work. We're in the home stretch, though. As you see, we are nearing **completion of the exterior**. We are also about a month away from receiving a Conditional Use Permit to enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. As for the **interior**: we hope to begin the upper wall installation by the end of 2017. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of \$600,000. Statements went out last week. Follow-up phone calls have been made by members of the Parish Council. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? Please give serious consideration to doing so, to enable us to continue rebuilding the Cathedral. If you have not yet contributed, won't you consider making a gift this calendar year? We invite you to join in and let's finish what we've undertaken to do, that is, to rebuild our church and 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 ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. More than likely, this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. Let's keep going, Annunciation!



"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."

(Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew, Ground breaking,
November 6, 1997)