

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 10-15. (This reading is prescribed, as it is the Feast Day of the Protomartyr Thekla.) It is found in our books on page 133.

Ὁ Απόστολος: Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 10-15: Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, σὺ δὲ παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἳά μοι ἐγένοντο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμοὺς ὑπήνεγκα! καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ Κύριος. καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται· πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστάθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 5, Verses 1-11. It is found in our books on pages 239-241.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λοῦκᾶν, κεφ. 5, ἐδάφ. 1-11. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 238-240.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 on Sunday, October 1, and on Sunday, October 22.

THE PROTOMARTYR THEKLA; THE RIGHTEOUS KOPRIOS

OUR FESTIVAL: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY: Our hats off to our phenomenal cooking crew, mostly the women of the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos, under the leadership of President **Janis Petrou**, who have been cooking, baking, and otherwise preparing for this year's festival—our biggest fund raiser. Once again, our hats off to **Angie Leventis** and **Presbytera Aliki Kyriacou**, whose persistent efforts raised \$65,500 in revenue towards the book. Our hats off, as well, to our many other volunteers, whose carrying out of duties, like shopping, acquisition of licenses, procurement of product, setting up, etc., are the “glue” that puts this festival together. And, above all, hats off to our Parish Council, under the leadership of **Chris Kyriacou**, who, together with many others, especially **Deno Konstantinidis** and **Grace Koutoulas**, have made the impossible possible. Next year (επί τέλους!) we will be utilizing the entire courtyard and all the areas around the new Cathedral. We thank you, as well, for your appeal to neighbors and friends, coworkers and acquaintances, inviting them to come to the Festival. We thank them for their support. Καὶ του χρόνου! (Here's to next year!)

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: As noted, Greek School resumes next Saturday, September 30, at 10 a.m. 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.

DANCE BOARD MEETING THIS WEEK: The dance board will meet this Thursday, September 28, in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 7 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: Philoptochos will meet next Sunday, October 1, following the Divine Liturgy, at 12:30 p.m.

OIKOS LECTURE OCTOBER 8: In lieu of a sermon on Sunday, October 8, we will have the pleasure of welcoming **Steven Harris, Ph.D.** A member of the Serbian Orthodox Parish of the Most Holy Theotokos, in Irvine, CA, Dr. Harris holds a Ph.D. in Psychology. He is Director of the Center for Depth Psychology in Newport Beach, CA, and also serves as Associate Professor of Psychology and Family Therapy at the California Graduate Institute in Orange, CA. He will be speaking to us on matters that pertain to our overall well-being and spiritual growth.

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 ἁγίασμα, 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)