

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: DECEMBER 13, 2015

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE MARTYRS EUSTRATIOS, AUXENTIOS, EUGENIOS & ORESTES

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 4-11. It is found on our books on page 129.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 4-11:** Ἀδελφοί, ὅταν ὁ Χριστὸς φανερωθῆ, ἡ ζωὴ ἡμῶν, τότε καὶ ὑμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ φανερωθήσεσθε ἐν δόξῃ. Νεκρώσατε σὺν τὰ μέλη ὑμῶν τὰ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, πορνείαν, ἀκαθαρσίαν, πάθος, ἐπιθυμίαν κακὴν, καὶ τὴν πλεονεξίαν, ἣτις ἐστὶν εἰδωλολατρεία, δι' ἧς ἐρχεται ἡ ὀργὴ τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τοὺς υἱοὺς τῆς ἀπειθείας. Ἐν οἷς καὶ ὑμεῖς περιεπατήσατέ ποτε, ὅτε ἐζήτε ἐν αὐτοῖς. Νυνὶ δὲ ἀπόθεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς τὰ πάντα, ὀργὴν, θυμὸν, κακίαν, βλασφημίαν, αἰσχρολογία ἐκ τοῦ στόματος ὑμῶν· μὴ ψεύδεσθε εἰς ἀλλήλους, ἀπεκδυσάμενοι τὸν παλαιὸν ἄνθρωπον σὺν ταῖς πράξεσιν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐνδυσάμενοι τὸν νέον, τὸν ἀνακαινούμενον εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν κατ' εἰκόνα τοῦ κτίσαντος αὐτόν· ὅπου οὐκ ἔστι Ἕλλην καὶ Ἰουδαῖος, περιτομὴ καὶ ἀκροβυστία, βάρβαρος, Σκύθης, δοῦλος, ἐλεύθερος· ἀλλὰ τὰ πάντα καὶ ἐν παῶσιν Χριστός.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 16-24. It is found in our books, pages 263-265.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 16-24. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 262-264.**

**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](mailto:orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com).

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three:**

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε 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.

**WELCOME BISHOP APOSTOLOS:** Today celebrant is His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, Acting Chancellor of our Metropolis. His Grace is known to us since his assignment to this post, but a little less known to us as Bishop. He was elected and consecrated Bishop just less than a year ago. Welcome, Your Grace. Eis polla eti!

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY:** Today, parishioners in good standing will have the opportunity to elect members to the Parish Council for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2016. This year, there are eight vacancies (8 members of the 15 member Parish Council are elected one year, and 7 the next). Since fewer than eight candidates attended the required seminar on December 2, the names of those who attended will appear on the ballot. Once these four individuals take their oath of office and the Parish Council meets on January 3 to elect its officers for 2016, it will also elect an additional four members from among the members in good standing of the Parish to serve on the Parish Council, so that the Parish Council will continue to have 15 lay members, plus the Cathedral Dean. **Phil and Annette Chiappari and Bill Tonas will oversee the elections.**

**MEETING OF PARENTS WHO HAVE GOYA-AGE CHILDREN (13 to 18 years of age):** We've polled the parents and today, **Sunday, December 13** appears to be the best date for the parents to meet to discuss our GOYA program, staffing, and vision. The meeting will take place in the chapel following the Divine Liturgy and should last no more than 45 minutes. (If the Divine Liturgy concludes by noon, the meeting will take place immediately afterwards. If not, inasmuch as we have a baptism today at 12:30 p.m., the meeting will take place here in the chapel at 1 p.m. We apologize for any inconvenience, but are mindful that most parents have children who are attending dance practice, and are here until 2 p.m. anyway.)

**SOUP KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15:** Although the Soup Kitchen is a Parish-wide undertaking, we are grateful to our Young Adults for taking the lead in preparing and serving the food at our Soup Kitchen the third Tuesday of every month. This month, the Soup Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Last month, we had our greatest attendance ever--over 50 guests! For the December Soup Kitchen, members of the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos have expressed an interest in attending and helping out. Thank you, all for, in feeding the hungry, you are feeding Christ Himself.

**NEXT SUNDAY: SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM:** Next Sunday, December 20, we will have our Christmas program by our Sunday School children, followed by a luncheon, to be prepared by our Sunday School parents. The Parish Council will also meet, in the second floor conference room. Because of the program and the luncheon, the meeting of the Parish Council will begin at 12:30 p.m.

**COMMUNITY LINK THIS SATURDAY:** Community Link, which is our real-life physical link to our inbound seniors, will be meeting at the Cathedral Saturday, December 19, beginning at 9 a.m. From there, the members will take a small Christmas remembrance, including little trees, as they did last year, along with Christmas greeting cards. We applaud this outreach ministry and invite those who are not yet a part of it, but who would like to come into contact with homebound parishioners, to join. For more information, please contact Pauline Oetzel, [poetzel@hotmail.com](mailto:poetzel@hotmail.com)

**ALMOST THERE:** We are completely done with metal stud framing and exterior Densglass (the yellow panels you see on the outside). Plywood and wood blocking are now complete on all tile roof areas, as well as the domes. Waterproofing is now being done, with window installation, lath, and plaster to follow. Then, the exterior of the building will be virtually complete.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, as it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come.

We've noted on a number of occasions that we have raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project--summer of 2016; this includes the normal functioning of the garage. At that point, we are planning to hold a **Gala event**, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we turn to Phase two (the completion of the interior). Work on the interior, including appointments and iconography, should take another year or so. Certainly, we hope to be able to plan for its consecration, in 2017, four years before our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All this, of course, will depend upon your prayers and continued support.

May God bless our undertaking, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (Translated from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us to rebuild His Church.



*"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)