

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: APRIL 17, 2016

FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

ST. MARY OF EGYPT

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, chapter 9, verses 11-14. It is found in our books on page 145.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 11-14:**

*Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ α'.*

*Σὺ Κύριε, φυλάξαις ἡμᾶς καὶ διατηρήσαις ἡμᾶς. Στίχ. Σῶσον με, Κύριε, ὅτι ἐκλέλοιπεν ὄσιος.*

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειότερας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσηλθεν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰωνίαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ἠντιζουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσῳ μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεὶ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 32-45. It is found in our books, on pages 299-301.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 32-45. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 298-300.**

**Today's *Apolitikion* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):**

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελεθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**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).

**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.

**TODAY IS THE "GODPARENT'S SUNDAY":** For almost thirty years, the Cathedral has been observing "Godparents Sunday" on the Sunday before Palm Sunday. As Palm Sunday falls on April 5 (next Sunday), today is "Godparents Sunday." It is a special opportunity for you to have called your Godparents, or your Godchildren, and to have invited them to come and worship together. Just before Holy Communion is offered, we will recite our Baptismal vows:

**1. Do you renounce Satan? R: I renounce Satan. Ἀποτάσσει τῷ Στατανᾶ; Ἀποτάσσομαι.**  
**2. Have you renounced Satan? R: I have renounced Satan. Ἀπετάξω τῷ Στατανᾶ; Ἀπεταξάμην.**  
**3. Do you join yourself to Christ? R: I do. Συντάσσει τῷ Χριστῷ; Συντάσσομαι.**  
**4. Have you joined yourself to Christ? R: I have. Συνετάξω τῷ Χριστῷ; Συνεταξάμην.**  
**5. And, do you believe in Him? R: I believe in Him as King and as God. Καὶ πιστεύεις Αὐτῷ; Πιστεύω Αὐτῷ ὡς Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ.** At the conclusion of the Liturgy, we are all invited to break bread together in our fellowship hall. The meal is the offering of Adam Bousakis, through the Stewardship Committee.

**CHRISMATION TODAY:** During today's Divine Liturgy, **Zachary Hart Weiner** will be received into the Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA:** This morning's memorial services are being held for the repose of the soul of our brother **Michael Nicolas**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and for the repose of the soul of our brother **Demetrius (Jim) Rally**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

**PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING TODAY:** The meeting will take place in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 5 GALA MEETING TODAY:** The meeting will take place in the Kytherian Room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**SOUP KITCHEN THIS WEEK:** Our Soup Kitchen will operate this Tuesday, April 19, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We are grateful to our team of volunteers for seeing to the continuation of this vital ministry.

**GOYA HELP AT SOUP KITCHEN; MEETING FOLLOWING:** Our GOYA young people are scheduled to volunteer in this month's Soup Kitchen, as a group, and then to convene in the second floor conference room for a brief meeting, 7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., hold elections, and brainstorm with Matia Kostakis, their parents and Father Stephen about GOYA future events.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK:** On Friday, April 22, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts,, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following, the Young Adults will convene at Nostra, for dinner. On Saturday, April 23, Lazarus Saturday, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m.

**NEXT OIKOS LECTURE, MAY 15:** Because of Pascha (May 1) and Mother's Day (May 8), our next OIKOS lecture will take place on Sunday, May 15. Our speaker will be Professor Martha Klironomos, Ph.D. Martha has served as Director of the Center for Modern Greek Studies, the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair, at S.F. State University, where she has been teaching courses in Modern Greek language and literature and Comparative and English literature since 1996. She will speak on the Bloomsbury Group and how their travels to Greece and Italy inspired the integration of Byzantine motifs into their art.

### THE RAISING OF THE CROSS!

The large cross, which will go over the dome, and which measures 9 feet and weighs 470 pounds, is about to be raised over the dome. We hope today to announce the exact day and time for this significant event. The smaller cross, which will go over the entrance, above the Narthex, is 4'10" and weighs less. Our plan is to bring it to the site and display it in the chapel until the tile roof is completed, in about 2 months. At that time it, too, will be positioned in place. As for the large cross over the dome, the plan is to light it, for the first time, at Pascha.. Meanwhile, some one out there may want the privilege of placing the cross above the dome, or above the narthex, thus essentially donating the dome or the narthex. Father Stephen is looking for a donation of \$1 million and is confident one of you will step up for this honor. To mark the completion of the exterior of the building, later this year, and to celebrate our 95<sup>th</sup> year as a community, we will hold a **Gala event on November 5**. Now, for the interior of the Cathedral: with God's help, we hope to be able to complete it by the end of 2017, and to consecrate the Cathedral to the glory of God to coincide with our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if it is His Will that His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God's glory in 2021!

May God enable our undertaking, and may God continue to inspire you and generations to come through this landmark house of worship, which you are building to glorify His holy Name.



*"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)