

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: JUNE 12, 2016

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PASCHA: THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE 1ST ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

ONOUPHRIOS OF EGYPT; PETER OF MOUNT ATHOS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 20, verses 16-18, 28-36; it is found in our books on pages 90-91.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 20, ἐδάφ. 16-18, 28-36: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἔκριεν ὁ Παῦλος παραπλεῦσαι τὴν Ἔφεσον, ὅπως μὴ γένηται αὐτῷ χρονοτριβῆσαι ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ· ἔσπευδεν γάρ, εἰ δυνατὸν ἦν αὐτῷ, τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς γενέσθαι εἰς Ἱερουσόλυμα. Ἀπὸ δὲ τῆς Μιλήτου πέμψας εἰς Ἔφεσον μετεκαλέσατο τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους τῆς ἐκκλησίας. Ὡς δὲ παρεγένοντο πρὸς αὐτόν, εἶπεν αὐτοῖς, προσέχετε οὖν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ παντὶ τῷ ποιμνίῳ, ἐν ᾧ ὑμᾶς τὸ πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον ἔθετο ἐπίσκοπος, ποιμαίνειν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν τοῦ κυρίου καὶ θεοῦ, ἣν περιποιήσατο διὰ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος. Ἐγὼ γὰρ οἶδα τοῦτο, ὅτι εἰσελεύσονται μετὰ τὴν ἄφιξίν μου λύκοι βαρεῖς εἰς ὑμᾶς, μὴ φειδόμενοι τοῦ ποιμνίου· καὶ ἐξ ὑμῶν αὐτῶν ἀναστήσονται ἄνδρες λαλοῦντες διεστραμμένα, τοῦ ἀποσπᾶν τοὺς μαθητὰς ὀπίσω αὐτῶν. Διὸ γρηγορεῖτε, μνημονεύοντες ὅτι τριετίαν νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν οὐκ ἐπαυσάμην μετὰ δακρῶν νουθετῶν ἕνα ἕκαστον. Καὶ τὰ νῦν παρατιθεμαι ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί, τῷ θεῷ καὶ τῷ λόγῳ τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ, τῷ δυναμένῳ ἐποικοδομησαι, καὶ δοῦναι ὑμῖν κληρονομίαν ἐν τοῖς ἡγιασμένοις πᾶσιν. Ἀργυρίου ἢ χρυσοῦ ἢ ἱματισμοῦ οὐδενὸς ἐπεθύμησα. Αὐτοὶ γινώσκετε ὅτι ταῖς χρεῖαις μου καὶ τοῖς οὖσιν μετ' ἐμοῦ ὑπῆρέτησαν αἱ χεῖρες αὐταί. Πάντα ὑπέδειξα ὑμῖν, ὅτι οὕτως κοπιῶντας δεῖ ἀντιλαμβάνεσθαι τῶν ἀσθεούντων, μνημονεύειν τε τῶν λόγων τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ, ὅτι αὐτὸς εἶπεν, Μακάριόν ἐστιν μάλλον διδοῖν ἢ λαμβάνειν. Καὶ ταῦτα εἰπὼν, θείας τὰ γόνατα αὐτοῦ, σὺν πᾶσιν αὐτοῖς προσηύξατο.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 17, Verses 1-13. It is found in our books on pages 187-189.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 17, ἐδάφ. 1-13. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 186-188.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημᾶ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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.

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'S MNEMOSYNA: Today's Memorial Services be being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister **Frances (Fotini) Paras** (40 days), our brother **George Tsagaris** (3 yrs.), and **Eleni Handrinos** (56 years).

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will meet today in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

AMAZING TURNOUT OF YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE DANCE PROGRAM: We take this opportunity to welcome back all the children who are participating in the dance program and also welcome all those who are new to our program here at the Cathedral. It's wonderful to see this enthusiasm, as dance practice continues today. This will be the last day of dance practice before the summer break. Dance will resume August 21.

GYM FLOOR BEING REFINISHED: Beginning this Tuesday, June 14, the floors of our Korinthias Hall and Kytherian Room will be refinished. This is a week-long process. The gym will be available for use beginning Tuesday, June 21.

BASKETBALL AWARDS DINNER TOMORROW: The dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow evening, June 13, is open to all basketball families. Awards will be given to the middle and high school teams.

FESTIVAL MEETING THIS TUESDAY: A meeting of the Festival Committee will take place this Tuesday, June 14, in the second floor conference room, beginning at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the entire community. We welcome your suggestions and your participation.

NO SERVICES THIS SATURDAY: Services will not be held this Saturday, the eve of Pentecost. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday, June 19, the Feast of Pentecost.

KEEP LOOKING UP AT THE CROSS: It is an amazing sight, to see the cross above the dome of the new Cathedral, as well as over the narthex. Both crosses were set on the Feast of Saints Constantine & Helen, "God-crowned," "Equal to the Apostles." The Christian Emperor Constantine is known for having seen the cross in the midday sky, along with the writing, EN TOUTO NIKA (By this, you will conquer). He had the cross placed on his army's flags, and overcame his opponents. This ushered in the Edict of Milan, in the year 312 and ended the on-off three centuries of persecution against Christians. In 325, Constantine convened the First Ecumenical Council, at Nicaea (then the provincial capital), and in the year 330 he moved the capital of the Roman Empire from Rome to New Rome, on the shores of the Bosphorus. The City quickly became known as "Constantine's City," or Constantinople. Meanwhile, Constantine's mother, Helen, found the Cross upon which our Lord was crucified, when she conducted an archeological pilgrimage of the Holy Land and built several churches, as Golgotha and the Holy Sepulchre, in Jerusalem, and the place of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. The Cathedral's crosses are adaptations of the "Theodosian" crosses found on the columns and other artifacts of the Great Church of Hagia Sophia which was built in 415. (This was the second Hagia Sophia.) An earlier church, said to have been built by the Emperor Constantine, was destroyed by fire and the later, 6th century church, which still stands, was built by Justinian. We invite you to view the vimeo of the placement of the dome cross, by helicopter, filmed by Kostas Petrakos: <https://vimeo.com/167581393> We hope you have also viewed photos and videos taken by Barker/O'Donoghue (the company which arranged for the placement of the Crosses), Goldman Architects (the Cathedral's Architect), and Ken Katen (the Cathedral's construction representative) <https://goldmanarchitects.egnyte.com/fl/hHYjaE9ezM>

THE CROSS: SYMBOL OF GOD’S SACRIFICIAL LOVE, SYMBOL OF HOPE:

The raising of the cross has been a big deal for us, as it marks the firm “planting” of our Orthodox Christian faith, here in the heart of this great City. We are reminded of the words of St. Paul: “We preach Christ crucified...” (1 Cor. 1:23). Some may say, “don’t we emphasize the Resurrection?” As Metropolitan Hierotheos of Nafpaktos has said, “the Cross and the Resurrection go hand in hand.” Yes, we are people of the Resurrection—we affirm Christ is Risen. But risen from what? From death. And death from what. From the Cross. The Cross, therefore, is a symbol of God’s sacrificial love, for He voluntarily died in the flesh, out of love for us. The Cross, therefore, is the symbol of our salvation and the symbol of hope for the world. We are one step closer to completing the exterior of the building and to having our parking structure operational. To mark this achievement, and to celebrate our 95th year as a community, we will hold a **Gala event on November 5. Look the particulars.** As 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 100th 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, protecting His Commonwealth, unto the ages. Amen.
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)