SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE GREGORY OF ARMENIA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11. It is found in our books on Page 117.

Ό Ἀπόστολος, Ποὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολὴς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9,

ἐδάφ. 6-11: Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπείρων φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Έκαστος καθώς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδία· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ίλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾳ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεῦσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθώς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 6, Verses 31-36. It is found in our books on pages 241-243.

Ή σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 31-36, εὑρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 240-242.

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

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ύπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αί Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῆ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῆ Βασιλεία σου· δόξα τῆ οἰκονομία σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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. 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 by reading selections from 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) 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. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. In October, the class will meet on October 7 and on October 21.

40 DAY BLESSING: We welcome 40 day old **Miro Izaiah Walker-Phelps**, son of **Andreas Phelps** and **Genevieve Walker**. *Na mas zisi!* Long life!

OUR FOOD FESTIVAL: A HUGE SUCCESS, UNDER THE HARVEST MOON: *Efharisto.* Thank you to all. It was spectacular seeing the whole community turn out, working harmoniously together. It was an amazing community-building effort. It was the first time our Courtyard was used, auguring well for its use in the future, as we proceed to landscape, and to get the fountain running. Our main immediate goal is to get our parking lot ready for day to day use. So, thank you, amazing people! Thank you for making this community what it is—a most special place, where we meet and greet one another and where, together, we meet the Lord.

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

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. We pause to thank all our groups for their outstanding performances during last weekend's Food Festival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN A FEW WEEKS AGO, ON SEPTEMBER 9: Sunday School (better yet, "Classes in Christian Formation") resumed September 9, and continues each Sunday, except as noted, at 10:30 a.m. It is gratifying to see so many young children come to church, where they are taught the fundamentals of the Faith. We recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits and activities. However, the Faith—taught in the home and is reinforced in the church—is paramount. We thank you, the parents, for encouraging and for bringing for children. We are gratified, as well, with the addition of new teachers this year. We put out a simple call, and several of you stepped up. We are grateful for you.

GREEK SCHOOL BEGAN YESTERDAY: Greek School resumed yesterday, September 29, with an *agiasmo* service. We are happy to announce, as we have in the *Herald*, that **Shu Yeung** is the new director of our Greek School. A native of New York City, **Shu** is married to **Peter Kotsonis**; they have a daughter, **Sophia**. **Shu** looks forward to helping our Greek School grow, perhaps adding a class for adults. For more information about our Greek School program, please contact **Shu** at **shuh_yeung@yahoo.com** or at 415-518-8750.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: We have partnered with the Alzheimer's Association and will be offering meeting space to a caregiver support group the first Tuesday of every month, 11 am – 12:30 p.m. The group will meet this Tuesday, October 2. Please help us get the word out. For more information, please contact **Heather Gray, Family Program Manager, at 800 272-3900 or hgray1@alz.org**

PARKING: Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third-party operator, in accordance with the terms of our conditional use permit) the valet will park our cars. We simply drop off and pick up our cars at the entrance. We do not go down into the garage ourselves. For this service, we will pay \$5 per car, to cover the cost of the attendants. The Cathedral will no longer subsidize parking in the lot behind the Cathedral.

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL?: Please see **Kathy Dermitzakis, Irene Poulakidas, or Anthony Ambus.** As the Nominating Committee, they will place names in nomination at Parish Assembly on October 28. A mandatory meeting for new candidates with Father Stephen will take place on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. In order to become a candidate, however, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to declaring your candidacy. The declaration form states more particulars. Together with the Dean, the elected lay members of the Parish Council administer the affairs of the parish, as delineated in the Parish Regulations of our Archdiocese.

WHAT A GLORIOUS FESTIVAL: Last weekend was amazing, as we made full use of the courtyard during our Food Festival. Although we have a little way to go to complete the fountain and the landscaping, and much more of a way to go to complete the interior of the new Cathedral, you can all take great pride reflecting on what, with your faith, determination, and vision, you have accomplished so far, in faithful response to our God, when he told Moses: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἀγίασμα, καὶ ὁφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Be proud: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, where we will be gathering for prayer and for the glorification of God's Holy Name. Where? In the heart of one of the world's premier cities, where the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation, given the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, and the second century of our existence as a community.



"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."