

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018

NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PLATO THE GREAT MARTYR, ROMANOS THE MARTYR

EPISTLE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s second letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 125.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 1-7: Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σώμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἰς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πασὶν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verses 16-21. It is found in our books on pages 259-261.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 16-21, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 258-260.

Today’s *Apolytikion* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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: 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. The class will meet next on November 25.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN, YOUNG ADULT GATHERING, THIS TUESDAY: Our program to feed the hungry will take place this Tuesday, November 18, beginning with set-up, at 5:30 p.m. Service begins at 6:30 p.m. Our Ladies Philoptchos will be working with our Young Adults, serving a Thanksgiving Dinner to our 100 or so guests. Afterwards, the Young Adults will meet in the conference room for wine, cheese, and discussion.

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

DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK: The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated this week on Wednesday, November 21 (Feast of the Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple), beginning at 10 a.m. There will be NO Divine Liturgy this year on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 21. We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving Day. Meanwhile, the Cathdral office will be closed on Friday, November 22 (the day after Thanksgiving).

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, November 24, at 12 noon.
ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Basketball Practice will not take place this week, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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.

WE HAVE ELEVEN (11) RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL: The following individuals are running for Parish Council. Their names were either placed in nomination at the October 28, 2018 Parish Assembly, or else they are self-declared. The eleven are: **George Ambadiotakis Ambus, D.D.S., Peter (Panagiotis) Cazanis, Alexandros Kozak, Christopher Kyriacou, Esq., John Lampros, Vassiliki Moulas, Dean Nicolacakis, Manoli Nuris, James (Jim) Rakos, Christopher (Chris) Ramos,** and **Nick Rally**. Currently, there are seven places on the Parish Council, for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2019. In order to become a candidate, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to the elections, and also attend a mandatory seminar. The seminar took place last Sunday. Elections will take place on December 16.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November. There, you will be greeted by **Annamarie Balian** (along with her husband, **Robert**) and **Annette Chiappari**. **Kalliope Fousekis** is at home, recuperating. They will take your name(s) down for inclusion in this year’s Community Christmas Card. The donation is \$25. You will be joining your fellow parishioners and friends of the Cathedral, extending best wishes for a blessed Nativity and a joyous, peaceful New Year, 2019. Our trio will be on hand all during the month of November.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: By now, you should have received a letter thanking you for your 2018 Stewardship or, if you haven’t pledged in 2018, a letter saying how important you are as a part of the community, and, therefore, how vital your support is. By now, you may also have received a packet containing a Stewardship pledge card for 2019, a return envelope, and a brochure with additional information about Stewardship. Please make your support for 2019 a priority, by completing and returning your 2019 Stewardship pledge card prior to December 31st of the present year. We can’t thank you enough for your continued support.

VASILOPITA/CRAB FEED: Though it’s only November, our parish Vasilopita and also the Crab Feed, both sponsored by our Cathedral Ladies Philoptchos, are just around the corner. The Vasilopita will take place Sunday, January 6 (on Holy Theophany), while the Crab Feed will take place Friday, January 25.

DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE COURTYARD? We utilized the courtyard for the first time during this year's Festival. When everything was picked up, we noticed the grime all over the courtyard. However, the pavers were all cleaned immediately afterwards, in preparation for other outdoor events, like our Young Adults dinner last Friday evening. We have a little way to go to wind down this phase of construction: the fountain, gates, doors, etc.) This takes time, especially in this challenging building climate. Let's stay positive. Consider what you have accomplished so far. As with Moses, we hear God speaking to us: ***“Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8).*** This takes vision; it also takes determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshippers!



“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.”