NIKEPHOROS PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; CONSTANTINE THE NEW MARTYR

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, Verses 16-34. It is found in our books on pages 88-89.

Ό Απόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 16-34: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, έγένετο δὲ πορευομένων ήμῶν εἰς προσευχὴν παιδίσκην τινὰ ἔχουσαν πνεῦμα πύθωνος ἀπαντῆσαι ήμῖν, ἥτις ἐργασίαν πολλήν παρείχε τοις κυρίοις αὐτῆς μαντευομένη αὕτη κατακολουθήσασα τῷ Παύλω καὶ τῷ Σίλα ἔκραζε λέγουσα· οὖτοι οί ἄνθρωποι δοῦλοι τοῦ Θεοῦ τοῦ ὑψίστου εἰσίν, οἵτινες καταγγέλλουσιν ἡμῖν ὁδὸν σωτηρίας. τοῦτο δὲ ἐποίει ἐπὶ πολλὰς ἡμέρας. διαπονηθεὶς δὲ ὁ Παῦλος καὶ ἐπιστρέψας τῷ πνεύματι εἶπε· παραγγέλλω σοι ἐν τῷ ὀνόματι Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐξελθεῖν ἀπ` αὐτῆς. καὶ ἐξῆλθεν αὐτῆ τῆ ὤρᾳ. Ἰδόντες δὲ οἱ κύριοι αὐτῆς ὅτι ἐξῆλθεν ἡ ἐλπὶς τῆς ἐργασίας αὐτῶν, ἐπιλαβόμενοι τὸν Παῦλον καὶ τὸν Σίλαν εἴλκυσαν εἰς τὴν ἀγορὰν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἄρχοντας, καὶ προσαγαγόντες αὐτοὺς τοῖς στρατηγοῖς εἶπον· οὕτοι οί ἄνθρωποι εκταράσσουσιν ήμων τὴν πόλιν Ἰουδαῖοι ὑπάρχοντες, καὶ καταγγέλλουσιν ἔθη ἃ οὐκ ἔξεστιν ήμῖν παραδέχεσθαι οὐδὲ ποιεῖν Ψωμαίοις οὖσι. καὶ συνεπέστη ὁ ὄχλος κατ' αὐτῶν. καὶ οἱ στρατηγοὶ περιρρήξαντες αὐτῶν τὰ ἱμάτια ἐκέλευον ραβδίζειν, πολλάς τε ἐπιθέντες αὐτοῖς πληγὰς ἔβαλον εἰς φυλακήν, παραγγείλαντες τῷ δεσμοφύλακι ἀσφαλῶς τηρεῖν αὐτούς· ὃς παραγγελίαν τοιαύτην εἰληφὼς ἔβαλεν αὐτοὺς εἰς τὴν ἐσωτέραν φυλακὴν καὶ τοὺς πόδας αὐτῶν ἡσφαλίσατο εἰς τὸ ξύλον. Κατὰ δὲ τὸ μεσονύκτιον Παῦλος καὶ Σίλας προσευχόμενοι ὕμνουν τὸν Θεόν· ἐπηκροῶντο δὲ αὐτῶν οί δέσμιοι. ἄφνω δὲ σεισμὸς ἐγένετο μέγας, ὤστε σαλευθῆναι τὰ θεμέλια τοῦ δεσμωτηρίου, ἀνεώχθησάν τε παραχρῆμα αί θύραι πᾶσαι καὶ πάντων τὰ δεσμὰ ἀνέθη. ἔξυπνος δὲ γενόμενος ὁ δεσμοφύλαξ καὶ ἰδών ἀνεφγμένας τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, σπασάμενος μάχαιραν ἔμελλεν ἑαυτὸν ἀναιρεῖν, νομίζων ἐκπεφευγέναι τοὺς δεσμίους. ἐφώνησε δὲ φωνῆ μεγάλη ὁ Παῦλος λέγων· μηδὲν πράξης σεαυτῷ κακόν· ἄπαντες γάρ ἐσμεν ἐνθάδε. αἰτήσας δὲ φῶτα εἰσεπήδησε, καὶ ἔντρομος γενόμενος προσέπεσε τῷ Παύλω καὶ τῷ Σίλα, καὶ προαγαγών αὐτοὺς ἔξω ἔφη· κύριοι, τί με δεῖ ποιεῖν ἵνα σωθῶ; οί δὲ εἶπον· πίστευσον ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον Ίησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ σωθήση σὺ καὶ ὁ οἶκός σου. καὶ ἐλάλησαν αὐτῷ τὸν λόγον τοῦ Κυρίου καὶ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐν τῆ οἰκία αὐτοῦ. καὶ παραλαβών αὐτοὺς ἐν ἐκείνη τῆ ὤρα τῆς νυκτὸς ἔλουσεν ἀπὸ τῶν πληγῶν, καὶ ἐβαπτίσθη αὐτὸς καὶ οί αὐτοῦ πάντες παραχρῆμα, ἀναγαγών τε αὐτοὺς εὶς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ παρέθηκε τράπεζαν, καὶ ἡγαλλιάσατο πανοικὶ πεπιστευκὼς τῷ Θεῷ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 9, Verses 1-38. It is found in our books on pages 181-187.

Ή σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1-38, εὑρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 180-186.

Today's *Apolytikion* (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 πιστοί καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν ὅτι ηὐδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῆ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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 *MNEMOSYNON*: Today's Memorial Service is being held for the repose of the soul of our brother **John Rally**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

SUNDAY SCHOOL GRADUATION TODAY: The year-end program will take place following this morning's Divine Liturgy. Sunday School resumes September 29.

GREEK SCHOOL: Greek School ends this coming Saturday, June 8. Greek School resumes Saturday, September 7. An adult Greek class will be added this year.

STEWARDSHIP: We thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. The bottom line is: If you believe in Jesus Christ, and the mission of the Church, and if you are not already a Steward, we invite you to become one. For more information about what it means to be a Steward and how you can be involved in the life of the parish, in addition to your financial support, please pick up a card and related material as you exit the chapel, to your right.

DMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP THIS TUESDAY: The group will meet in the conference room this Tuesday, June 4, 11:00 a.m.

100th **ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK:** As part of ou4 100th anniversary, in 2021, a commemorative book will be published. A major part of the book will consist of photographs and history of the families and individuals, past and present, who make up the Cathedral parish. Jim Loukas is heading the book project. For further information about your participation and that of your family, please contact Jim Loukas, jim@loukas.com.

GETTING READY TO LAUNCH OUR PAVER PROJECT: It began as an idea. Now, people are very excited. Some 750 pavers around the courtyard are available for "adoption". In other words, you may have your name(s) or those of loved ones inscribed in the pavers. In order to get things moving along, a meeting of the Paver Project Committee will take place immediately following today's Divine Liturgy. Items for consideration: 1. Direction of the print, 2. Choice of print color, 3. Donation amount (being considered is \$2,000. per paver, up to 3 lines of printing, 4. Marketing the Paver Inscription program. We are very excited about this program.

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 September 15 and September 29. Introduction to Orthodoxy Students, meanwhile, are welcome to attend Orthros and participate in the readings.

PARKING: We have signed a 6-month trial agreement with Golden State Parking so that, as soon as it obtains the necessary permits, it can operate our parking component. All permits but one have been obtained. We anticipate the permit by the fire department will be obtained as soon as the fire sprinklers and the hydrant have become operational, hopefully this week. Meanwhile, we've signed a contract with Albert Electric, to finalize the electrical work, finish the lobbies and install the necessary doors. We will need to install the final gates in order to satisfy the "clear path of travel" requirements, which includes the final inspection of the elevator. We've decided to embark upon a renewed Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1 million in 2019. As we go forward, let's stay positive and focused. 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 άγίασμα, καὶ όφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a great 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 worshipers!



"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."