SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

GREGORY OF NEOCESAREA; GENNADIOS PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 6, Verses 11-18. It is found in our books on page 122.

Ό Ἀπόστολος, Ποὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20: Αδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκοις ὑμῖν γοάμμασιν ἔγοαψα τῆ ἐμῆ χειοί. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐποοσωπῆσαι ἐν σαφκί, οὖτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθα, ἵνα ἐν τῆ ὑμετέρα σαρκὶ καυχήσωνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἱησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὖ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, κὰγὼ τῷ κόσμω. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἱησοῦ οὐτε περιτομή τι ἰσχύει, οὖτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τοὐτῷ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνη ἐπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἱσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεἰς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἱησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἱησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

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.

Ή σημεφινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ πεφικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰΛοθκᾶν, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 16-21. Εὑφίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 258-260.

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 τῇ ἐνδόξῷ 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.

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 Sunday, November 24.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The meeting will take place in the conference room, at 12:30 pm

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19: Our GOYA will be helping to serve. Young Adults will still be on hand, overseeing this program. We still need volunteers. Set-up at 5:30 pm, serving at 6:30 pm. Young Adult gathering at 8 pm.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 (Entrance of the Theotokos): Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

PARISH ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24: The Agenda: 1. Election of Assembly Chair; 2. Reading and Approval of the October 28, 2018 Minutes; 3. Construction Update, 4. Financial Report, 5. Report of the Nominating Committee, 6. Meet our new Pastoral Assistant, 7. Closing Prayer.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Kalliope Fousekis and **Annamarie Balian** are staffing the Christmas Card table all during the month of November (as well as the first Sunday in December). Do stop by and request your name be included in this year's Community Christmas Card. The donation is \$25 per line.

LIGHT THE PATH LUNCHEON DECEMBER 7: The Light the Path Christmas Luncheon is not to be missed. For reservations, call 415 431-2600 or stop by the Philoptochos Light the Path table following today's Divine Liturgy.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE: Middle School practice will take place this Wednesday, November 20, 7pm, Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, November 21, 7 pm. For more information, please contact **Deno Konstantindis** via cell or email. 415-867-8035 / <u>denocom@hotmail.com</u>

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS TO VISIT CATHEDRAL JAN. 26: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America is coming Sunday, January 26th 2020 for his first visit to our Annunciation Cathedral. A luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. Invitations will go out soon.

ADOPT A PAVER: As of today, we have 66 pavers "adopted." The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be recolored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers. Do consider adopting a paver. A great way to "connect." Forms are available at the *pangari*.

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you for making your Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. Stewardship packets for 2020 have been sent out. (Additional packets are available at the *pangari*). Please complete and return your card, in the envelope provided, by December 1. Next Sunday, we will hear from **Dean Nicolacakis**, our Stewardship Chair, on "Stewardship: what's in it for you; what's in it for the Church of Christ. " For more information about Stewardship, please see **Dean**, following the Liturgy.

100th **ANNIVERSARY:** In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. We are excited to share with you that our 100th Year Gala Banquet will take place, in 2021, in the grand ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, in the same place where the original banquet took place to celebrate the creation of the Cathedral 100 years ago!

PARKING: At long last! Just last week, our Architects and Contractors met with the City to address some remaining issues, including the capacity of the new Cathedral. (The City was arguing that the external alarm was insufficient for the occupancy, which they calculated was in excess of 1000. The truth is, the occupancy is below 1000, and the alarm installed was deemed to be sufficient.) This paves the way for the Fire Inspector to sign off on the Sprinkler System. The next approval, by the Police Department, is expected to be issued subsequently. Meanwhile, we are about to receive the new Valencia Street gates and the lobby doors, so that we can complete the clear path of travel requirement and begin utilizing the garage on a regular basis, and in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit which was granted to us some time ago. It will be a great day when we finally get the ok for the parking, so that we can go on to address completion of the interior. As we go forward, let's stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, then, in our day we hear God speaking to us: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (from the Septuagint: Kai ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμιν). (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, our 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."