THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF SAINT LUKE

XENOPHON & HIS COMPANIONS; SYMEON THE ELDER, OF MOUNT SINAI

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 9-15. It is found in our books on page 132.

Ό Ἀπόστολος, Πgὸς Τιμόθεον Πgώτης Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ.

9-15: Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰς καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἡλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὅς ἐστιν σωτὴς πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδείς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονείτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῆ, ἐν ἀγάπη, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν άγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῆ ἀναγνώσει, τῆ παρακλήσει, τῆ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὁ ἐδόθη σοι διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἴνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ἢ ἐν πᾶσιν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 19, Verses 1-10. It is found in our books on page 271.

Ή σημεοινή εὐαγγελική πεοικοπή: ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν Εύαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 19, ἐδάφ. 1-10. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 270.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυοῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ ληστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 group will meet next on Sunday, February 16 and on Sunday, February 23.

ΩΣ ΕΥ ΠΑΡΕΣΤΗΤΕ, ΣΕΒΑΣΜΙΩΤΑΤΕ! WELCOME TO SAN FRANCISCO,

YOUR EMINENCE: The Cathedral is honored to welcome, for the first time as our Archbishop, His Eminence **Elpidophoros of America**. His Eminence was elected Archbishop of America by the Holy and Sacred Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate on May 11, 2019 and was enthroned at the Archdiocesan Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, in New York City, on June 22. We fondly remember His Eminence's first visit to the Cathedral, as Deacon, in 2004. Since then, he has served the Church in various, distinguished ways as, until his election, Abbott of the Monastery of the Holy Trinity at the Theological School of Halki. In the words of His All Holiness, **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop Elpidophoros** comes to us "as an Archbishop of love, of peace, of humility, of unity." Welcome, Your Eminence. Axios!!!

His Eminence is the celebrant of this morning's Divine Liturgy. Immediately following, a luncheon will take place in our Korinthias Hall, where the Cathedral's dance groups will welcome His Eminence by offering dances which they will perform at next month's Folk Dance Festival. The luncheon is the offering of **Angelo and Victoria Koutoulas of Chick 'N Coop.** The wine is the offering of the **Vardakastanis Family, of Gus' Community Markets.** As noted, those who have purchased tables of 10 will find your names on your tables, which are located along the dance floor. Open seating for those who purchased individual tickets. This event is sold out.

BASKETBALL GAMES THIS AFTERNOON: Please note that, due to the luncheon welcoming **Archbishop Elpidophoros**, the games have been pushed back to accommodate the luncheon. They are scheduled to take place as follows:

4 pm GES St. Nicholas and Annunciation
5 pm BMS St. Nicholas and Annunciation
6 pm BES St. Gregory and Annunciation

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice for Middle School will take this Wednesday, January 29. Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, January 30, both practices at 7 pm.

STEWARDSHIP: Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. Let's meet our goal of 400 Stewardship pledges for 2020. As of today, we have 120 2020 Stewards. We thank you for your support. In the event you have misplaced your card, additional cards are available at the *pangari*. For questions about Stewardship, please see our Stewardship chair, **Dean Nicolacakis**.

PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire and Electrical Inspections took place Tuesday, December 3. We passed inspection! However, the holdup is in the Building Department. It needs to grant its approval so that we may take the final step-a hearing at our local Police Department. This will allow us to begin running our lot per our Conditional Use Permit agreement. The Building Department is insisting we get the final doors and gates installed and also sheet rock the other side of the upper lobby so as to satisfy the 1 hour fire rating requirement. We installed the sheet rock this past Tuesday. Now we are waiting for the gates and the doors to come in. It will be a great day when this is done and 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, 3200 years ago, in our own day we hear God speaking, telling us: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You have it all. Don't sell yourselves short. You are accomplishing something extraordinary. For, 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! May God remember you always, in His heavenly Kingdom.



"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."