SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE PROTOMARTYR THEKLA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy Chapter 3 Verses 10-15: TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at lconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 5 Verses 1-11: At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

FESTIVAL THANK YOU: We extend our sincerest gratitude to all of our volunteers and customers for our Festival last weekend. We reached record numbers of success and had our best festival in recent years. We extend a special thank you to our Festival Committee who worked so tirelessly to host a wonderful fundraiser for our community. God bless all of you and your efforts. Here's to next year! $K\alpha\iota$ του χρόνου!

LUNCHEON TODAY: We will be enjoying Festival Appreication Luncheon today following Divine Liturgy to thank everyone for their hard work. Lunch will be gyros, rice, salad, and refreshments. There is no set price for the meal, but open donations are welcomed and encouraged. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next Men's Fellowship gathering will take place on **Thursday, October 19.** The program begins with a brief prayer service in the chapel, followed by dinner and a spiritual discussion led by Metropolis Family Wellness Chair George Papageorge. The gatherings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you would like to attend our next meeting please email Jim Rakos to RSVP at jim.rakos@annunciation.org

STEWARDSHIP: We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! Cards are available at the pangari and information wall. "All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ." Mark 9:23

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is a great time to honor your Family for years with a 576 square inch paver inscribed in our Central Courtyard, which include up to 75 Characters inscribed in 3 lines. Your family will join the other 150 families with inscribed pavers currently in the courtyard. You will receive a Tax Deduction and your donation will benefit our Annunciation Cathedral Building Program. There are 3 flexible donation options. Please pick up a brochure at the "Pangari", or contact Jim Vorrises, Chair, at 650-464-1616 jim.vorrises@annunciation.org

"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."

