

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

JOHN THE MERCIFUL; NILUS THE MYRRH-GUSHER

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11. It is found in our books on page 117.

Ὁ Απόστολος: Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 6-11: Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπειρῶν φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπειρῶν ἐπ' εὐλογίας, ἐπ' εὐλογίας καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιρεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεύσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν ἀντάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπειρόντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρώσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 25-37. It is found in our books on pages 257-259.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 19-31. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 256-258.

Today's *Apolytikion* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, 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: (*Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs*). 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, but 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 through reading selections of 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), week after week, 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 (rather than every Sunday). The class will meet next on November 19, at 9 a.m.

2017 CHRISTMAS CARD: Each year, the Cathedral prepares a community Christmas card, and invites everyone to join in and extend Christmas greetings to one another. The card is sent to some 1000 households. The card project is also a fund raiser for the Cathedral. Your donation of \$25 not only helps defray the cost of printing and mailing the card. It also helps purchase liturgical items, as candles, Holy Water bottles, etc. We invite your participation. Please see **Annette Chiappari**, **Annamarie Balian**, or **Kalliope Fousekis** following the Liturgy. They are kind enough to gather names for inclusion in the card.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are pleased to note the enthusiasm among both our staff (more teachers volunteering/great programs) and our students (more hands-on learning). Let's keep up the enthusiasm. And let's keep up making these educational programs better and better, teaching our children the ways of the Lord and also our cultural heritage. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m., and Greek School begins at 10:00 a.m. We urge you to bring your children to our church schools.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The Parish Council will meet next Sunday, at 12:30 p.m. For its November meeting, the Council will depart from its usual agenda. It will conduct its "business" within the first half hour and, for the next hour, will hold a "Strategy Session," instead. The Parish Council will explore new ministries and programs to better serve our parishioners, and grow our parish.

CHURCH BASKETBALL: Basketball practice for our lower school (boys and girls) will take place this Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

DANCE PRACTICE AS SCHEDULED: Dance practice will take place, as scheduled, today and also this Friday, November 17, 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 18, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. As FDF is a whole month earlier this year (January instead of February), our groups are intensely preparing to compete (for the older groups), and for exhibition (for our little group). A meeting of the Dance Board will take place this Wednesday, November 15, at 7 p.m. The meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room.

YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE: The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE ON THE PARISH COUNCIL? If you would like to serve on the Parish Council, please speak with Father Stephen. Elections will take place on Sunday, December 10, preceded by a required seminar; the seminar will take place on Friday, December 1, at 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS JOY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 3, HONORING PATRICIA ALECK: It is customary for the immediate past president of the Ladies Philoptochos to be honored, at the conclusion of her service as President (as it is also custom for the immediate past president of the Parish Council to be so honored). Our Ladies Philoptochos will honor Pat with a pre-Christmas luncheon, on Sunday, December 3. As we will be in the preparation period for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the hall will be "dressed up" for Christmas. The theme of the event is JOY. Joy as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. Joy as we celebrate the spirit of service and generosity, which Pat embodies. Her love for her Church and her life-long dedication to the Cathedral—as Parish Council member, as Stewardship chair, as Parish Council President, as Philoptochos member and as Philoptochos President. Invitations are going out this week. The donation is \$40 (\$10 for little children) and the proceeds will benefit the Building Fund.

CLOSER AND CLOSER: We're in the home stretch. As you can see, we are nearing **completion of the exterior.** On December 14, we will have our hearing relative to our Conditional Use Permit. The permit will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. Tentatively, we've been given February 1, 2018 for utilization of our parking. As for the **interior:** we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2017 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of \$550,000. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? This will enable us to continue rebuilding. If you have not yet contributed, won't you consider making your gift this calendar year, before December 31, as your gift is fully tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law? More importantly, you will experience the joy of giving (and to such a historic undertaking!), helping make firm our presence as a Greek Orthodox house of worship in the *heart of our Great City.* In this way, we will be answering the call by God to Moses, when he said *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Kai ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμίν*). (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. More than likely, this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. We're in the home stretch, Annunciation!



*"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."*

(Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew, Ground breaking,
November 6, 1997)