

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

STYLIANOS OF PAPHLAGONIA; NIKON, PREACHER OF REPENTANCE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 125.

Ὁ Απόστολος: Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 1-7: Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σώμα καὶ ἐν πνεύμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἰς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 18-27. It is found in our books on pages 267-269.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 18-27. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 266-268.

Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, 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 this morning, beginning at 9 a.m. In December, the dates are December 3 and 10, also beginning at 9 a.m.

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON: Memorial prayers are being offered this morning for the repose of the soul of our brother **John Basil Vlahos**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. *Aionia I Mnimi!* Eternal Memory!

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.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, as scheduled, as well as this Friday, December 1, beginning at 6:15 p.m. and also this Saturday, December 2, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE: The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice will take place this Wednesday, November 29, and also Thursday, November 30, beginning at 7 p.m., both evenings.

CHRISTMAS JOY LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY, 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, next 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.

METROPOLITAN NIKITAS WILL BE WITH US NEXT SUNDAY: We will have the great pleasure of welcoming **Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles**, Director of the PAOI (Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute) next Sunday. Representing **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas** will bless us during the Divine Liturgy and be present for the Christmas JOY luncheon following the Divine Liturgy, dedicated to our own **Pat Aleck**.

NEXT SUNDAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Next Sunday marks the official start of our 2018 Stewardship Campaign. By now, you should have received your 2018 Stewardship Pledge Cards. We must note the great response so far: we've received back over 100 completed cards, through the mail. If you have not mailed your card in, please bring it with you when you come to church next Sunday and deposit it in the collection plate at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Cards are available at the Pangari.

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 ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (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)