

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: JULY 12, 2015

SIXTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

PROKLOS & HILARION OF ANCYRA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, chapter 12, verses 6-14. It is found in our books on page 100.

Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 6-14: Ἀδελφοί, ἔοντες δὲ χαρίσματα κατὰ τὴν χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν διάφορα, εἴτε προφητείαν, κατὰ τὴν ἀναλογίαν τῆς πίστεως· εἴτε διακονίαν, ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ διδάσκων, ἐν τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ· εἴτε ὁ παρακαλῶν, ἐν τῇ παρακλήσει· ὁ μεταδίδους, ἐν ἀπλότητι· ὁ προϊστάμενος, ἐν σπουδῇ· ὁ ἐλεῶν, ἐν ἰλαρότητι. Ἡ ἀγάπη ἀνυπόκριτος. Ἀποστρυφόντες τὸ πονηρὸν, κολῶμενοι τῷ ἀγαθῷ. Τῇ φιλαδελφίᾳ εἰς ἀλλήλους φιλόστοργοι· τῇ τιμῇ ἀλλήλους προηγούμενοι· τῇ σπουδῇ μὴ ὀκνηροί· τῷ πνεύματι ζέοντες· τῷ κυρίῳ δουλεύοντες· τῇ ἐλπίδι χαίροντες· τῇ θλίψει ὑπομένοντες· τῇ προσευχῇ προσκαρτεροῦντες· ταῖς χρεῖαις τῶν ἁγίων κοινωνοῦντες· τὴν φιλοξενίαν διώκοντες. Εὐλογεῖτε τοὺς διώκοντας ὑμᾶς· εὐλογεῖτε, καὶ μὴ καταρᾶσθε.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 9, verses 1-8. It is found in our books on pages 207-209.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1-8, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 206-208.

Today's *Apolitikion* (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 πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειρᾶι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

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@sneakmail.com.

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 libranos del Mal.

MNEMOSYNA: Today's memorial are being offered for the repose of the souls of: Steven Karas, Georgia Karas, and John Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years, 14 years and 27 years ago, respectively.

41 YEARS LATER, STILL A DIVIDED ISLAND: After 41 years since the invasion, Cyprus is still a divided island. Lefkosia (or Nicosia) continues to be the only European capital which is still divided. This is a reminder of all that is wrong with the world today: war, strife, injustice. It is a reminder of the need for continued prayer, and continued efforts to resolve conflicts, be they in the Middle East or in our own backyards. A reminder why the Liturgy (our communal prayer offering) begins with the words, "In peace..." The most elusive of all human quests. And, yet, the most realizable when one believes in Christ, the Prince of Peace. For, in God, there is peace. As we offer memorial services next Sunday, July 19, for those whose lives were lost during the invasion, we pray "for the peace of the whole world..."

FESTIVAL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 14: Join us in the second floor conference room as we meet to plan for our Food Festival, which will take place, as noted below, September 18, 19 and 20. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF OUR GROUND BREAKING?: Back in 1997, November 6th, to be exact, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew broke ground for the Cathedral. You may recall what he said: "Today we break ground for the building of the Cathedral Church itself. This 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." These words have reverberated in our hearts ever since, becoming our Mission Statement and our Vision Statement as we rebuild God's house "in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified." We would like to put together a video incorporating photos of that glorious day, for use in the future, and we are reaching out to you, asking you to look through your photo albums and locate photos you may have taken on that historic day. We don't want to keep your photos, but we would like to scan them. If you should locate photos/videos of that day in 1997, and would let us scan them, please let Father Stephen know. We thank you in advance. We thank the Alma Papingu and Denise Yeilding, who have already provided us with photos and memorabilia in their possession.

STILL LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note it on your calendars. As stated in the *Herald*, our coordinator and chairs are in place and the dates are set. This year's Festival will take place on our grounds, similar to last year, Friday through Sunday, September 18 through 20. The festival is about making money to support the Cathedral's ministries but, even more importantly, about building community, both our own faith community, and the community at large. When we went before the Planning Department to submit our plans to rebuild the Cathedral, and the hearings that followed, we still recall how some neighbors just showed up in support of the project, saying things like "we love the Cathedral, which we got to know through its Food Festival, and we're here to speak in favor of its rebuilding." Talk about community building! The next meeting of the Food Festival Committee will take place **Tuesday, July 14** in the second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

WE'RE DONE WITH THE STEEL COLUMNS,
DECKING

At long last, we are finished with the installation of the red iron steel and the steel decking (the steel which will support the clay tile roof and the dome metal). This week, the concrete lower walls for the Cathedral and the planters were poured. This coming week, installation of the steel studs will begin.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, for this structure represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. It is a symbol of what our immigrant parents and grandparents brought to this land. It is also a symbol of what our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave for the generations to come.

We noted that we've reached the \$10 million mark. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what, as well as how much we have to go in order to complete the Cathedral. Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project. We're looking at completing the exterior this time next year. This includes the normal functioning of the garage. And, we're looking at beginning work on the interior at that time; this should take another year.

May God bless this of ours, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (Translated from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8).



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