

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: JULY 19, 2015

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE 640 FATHERS OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ECUMENICAL COUNCIL: THE RIGHTEOUS MAKRINA, SISTER OF SAINT BASIL THE GREAT

### EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to

**Titus, chapter 3, verses 8-15:** TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 8-15.

### GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 9, verses 27-35. It is found in our books on pages 209-211.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 27-35, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 208-210.

#### Today's *Apolytikon* (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 μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴσατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκόλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**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.

**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.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON:** At the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy, we will hold a memorial service for those who lost their lives on Cyprus when their homeland was invaded 41 years ago.

**40-DAY BLESSING:** Today, we welcome 40-day old **Christos Nikolaos**, son of **Father Niko** and **Presbytera Stella Bekris**.

**DIVINE LITURGY TOMORROW:** Tomorrow, July 20, is the Feast of the Prophet Elias. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, at 10 a.m.

**SOUP KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY:** The Cathedral will open its Soup Kitchen this Tuesday, July 21 (and every third Tuesday). Run primarily by our Young Adults, the soup kitchen will be open to from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated.

**CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY:** We welcome donations for the Cathedral's food pantry, which runs in conjunction with our Soup Kitchen, on the third Tuesday of each month. Items most appreciated are: grocery bags, peanut butter, crackers, canned/pouched tuna, canned beans, granola bars, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned baby food, raisins and oatmeal packets. Only sealed, unopened boxes/packages, please. For your convenience, there are two receptacles, found in the gallery (the area outside the gym). For questions/additional information, please contact Maryann Boosalis at maryann.boosalis@gmail.com.

**DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF OUR GROUND BREAKING?:** Back in 1997, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 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, Denise Yeilding, and Gus Vouchilas**, 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, August 18** in the second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

WE'RE DONE WITH THE STEEL COLUMNS,  
DECKING: WHAT'S NEXT?

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 past 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 as we strive to attain *theosis*, that is, union with God. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come.

We've noted on a number of occasions that we have 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 by summer of 2016. 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, so that the Cathedral should be completely finished in 2017.

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: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, και ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8).



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(Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew, Ground breaking,  
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