

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: FEBRUARY 7, 2016

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE RIGHTEOUS PARTHENIOS; LUKE OF GREECE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 6 verses 1-10. It is found in our books on pages 114-115.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 1-10:

Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καὶ ὡς δεκτῶ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοὺ, νῦν καιρὸς εὐπροσδεκτος, ἰδοὺ, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπήν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν ὑπομονῇ πολλῇ, ἐν θλίψεσιν, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχωρίαις, ἐν πληγαῖς, ἐν φυλακαῖς, ἐν ἀκαταστασίαις, ἐν κόποις, ἐν ἀγρυπνίαις, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνότητι, ἐν γνώσει, ἐν μακροθυμίᾳ, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ ἀνυποκριτῶ, ἐν λόγῳ ἀληθείας, ἐν δυνάμει θεοῦ, διὰ τῶν ὄπλων τῆς δικαιοσύνης τῶν δεξιῶν καὶ ἀριστερῶν, διὰ δόξης καὶ ἀτιμίας, διὰ δυσφημίας καὶ εὐφημίας· ὡς πλάνοι καὶ ἀληθεῖς· ὡς ἀγνοούμενοι, καὶ ἐπιγινωσκόμενοι· ὡς ἀποθνήσκοντες, καὶ ἰδοὺ, ζῶμεν· ὡς παιδευόμενοι, καὶ μὴ θανατούμενοι· ὡς λυπούμενοι, αἰεὶ δὲ χαίροντες· ὡς πτωχοί, πολλοὺς δὲ πλουτίζοντες· ὡς μηδὲν ἔχοντες, καὶ πάντα κατέχοντες.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 25, verses 14-30. It is found in our books, on page 230-232.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον κεφ. 25, ἐδάφ. 14-30. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 231-233.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three:

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

NO GREEK SCHOOL NEXT SATURDAY, WORSHIP SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY, BASKETBALL GAMES TO RESUME FEBRUARY 21: Because of FDF, which begins this week, owing to the fact that most of the students are going to Anaheim to participate in the Folk Dance and Cultural Festival, Greek School will not meet this Saturday, February 13. On Sunday, February 14, Sunday School children are invited to worship with their parents. Finally, Boys Elementary, Girls Middle School and Boys Middle School games will be played at Annunciation on February 21.

CRAB FEED ON MARCH 4: The situation with the crab this year did not allow for us to hold our crab feed, as we usually do, the last Friday in January. However, we've been assured that the crab is now safe and plentiful and, so, the Crab Feed will take place on Friday, March 4. A flyer/reservation form has been included in the February *Herald* for your perusal. Please complete the form and return it to the Cathedral, c/o Crab Feed. For additional information, please contact Angie Leventis, aleventis3@comcast.net.

ANNUNCIATION DANCE GROUPS OFF TO FDF! Kali Epitihia!

Our Metropolis annual Greek Folk Dance Festival (FDF) is right around the corner and our groups are busy preparing their suites of dances from various regions throughout Greece. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the event and the Cathedral is proud to be taking 3 groups this year: **Spithes**, our middle & high school group, **Thisavri**, our elementary school group, 3rd-5th grade, and **To Mellon**, preschool-2nd grade group. **To Mellon** is making their first appearance as an exhibition group with 17 dancers! FDF is being held right down the street from the happiest place on Earth, Disneyland! Anaheim, California is once again the destination for FDF 2016 and promises to be another fantastic year of making precious memories. FDF begins Thursday, February 11 and, following three days of intense competition, concludes with a Grand Banquet and Awards Ceremonies Sunday, February 14. For those who cannot attend and want to get a glimpse of the festivities, the final round of competition for advanced senior category that takes place on Sunday following liturgy, as well as the awards ceremony on Sunday night were both streamed live last year, online, and plans are in place to do the same this year. Please keep our groups, their directors, and our families in your thoughts and wish them luck as they go and represent the Cathedral.

We will be accepting new members to the dance groups following FDF. If you are interested, please contact Lea Lyberopoulos at karthia808@yahoo.com. Meanwhile, our Groups are:

Pre-K group, turning 3 1/2 - 4 in 2015, or entering PreK or Kindergarten in fall 2016

Beginning elementary group, Kindergarten-2nd grade in Fall 2015

Thisavri, 3rd -5th grade in Fall 2015

Spithes, 6th-10th grade in Fall 2015

Ekrixi, 18 and up.

COUNT THE WINDOWS: There are 135 of them. Some have already been installed. We hope to complete the window installation, weather permitting, by the end of February. This will be followed by the scratch coat, stucco, tile roofs, stone along the base of the new Cathedral as well as the planted areas and, finally, the placement of the cross over the entrance and the cross on the dome.

The crosses are ready. The large cross, which will go over the dome, measures 7 feet and weighs 500 pounds. The smaller cross, which will go over the entrance, above the Narthex, is 4'10" and weighs less. We're planning to bring them and place them for viewing in our chapel until such time as they will be installed—probably September, to coincide with the Feast of the Holy Cross. Some one out there may want the privilege of placing the cross above the dome, or above the narthex, thus donating the dome or the narthex, as the case may be. Father Stephen is looking for a donation of \$1 million and is confident one of you will step up for this honor. Meanwhile, we've noted on a number of occasions that we have raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project, including the normal functioning of the garage: October 31, 2016. At that point, we are planning to hold a **Gala event**, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we begin work on the interior. The Gala will take place on Saturday, November 5, 2016. By now, you should all have received a save the date card in the mail. **Tessa Ambus**, co-chair of the Gala committee, talked about the gala briefly last Sunday, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. With God's help, we hope to be able to complete the Cathedral by the end of 2017, and to consecrate the Cathedral in 2018 or 2019, well before our 100th anniversary in 2021.



"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)