

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: APRIL 24, 2016

PALM SUNDAY: BEGINNING OF PASSION WEEK, CULMINATING IN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to *Philippians*, chapter 4, verse 4-9. It is found in our books on pages 146.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Φιλιππισίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 4-9: Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντί τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφρημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to *St. John*, chapter 12, verses 1-18. It is found in our books on pp. 303-305.

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@sneakmail.com.

PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE: Our Philoptochos Ladies are happy to bake your *koulourakia* and *tsourekia* for Pascha and also to dye your Easter eggs. The donation is \$8 per dozen of *koulourakia*, \$15 for each *tsoureki* (Easter bread), and \$6 for red colored eggs per dozen. To place your order, please present the form that was mailed to you recently or let us know verbally. Today is the last day to place your order. Your items will be ready to be picked upon Holy Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS 57TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring **Zetta Ambus & Emilia Sarikakis** as our 2016 Mothers of the Year. Congratulations! The event will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on **Saturday, May 7**, beginning with a Cocktail Reception at 12:00 noon and followed by Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The donation is \$55 for adults, \$25 for children. Parking is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson Streets. For more information, please call or contact **Angie Leventis**, 650 878-2855 or aleventis3@comcast.net; or **Irene Kyriacou**: sassygrk@aol.com. The cutoff for reservations is Monday, May 2.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

Sunday, April 24

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Orthros
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Monday, April 25

HOLY MONDAY

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Tuesday, April 26

HOLY TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 27

HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Thursday, April 28

HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. The 12 Gospels
*Services to be presided over by
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos*

Friday, April 29

HOLY FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. The Great Hours
10:00 a.m. TGI Pascha
1:00 p.m. Descent from the Cross
7:00 p.m. The Lamentations

Saturday, April 30

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (note the new time)
11:00 p.m. Paschal Vigil
Midnight ANASTASIS

Sunday, May 1

HOLY PASCHA

11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers

Monday, May 2

**ST. GEORGE THE GREAT MARTYR
EXUDER OF MYRRH**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Confession will be administered on April 24, 25, and 26, following the evening services. Holy Communion is served at every Divine Liturgy, especially Holy Thursday morning. Our Sunday School is holding TGIF—a special program for children—on Great and Holy Friday. Permission forms asking schools to treat absences from school as “excused” are available at the *pangari*, as are prayer requests for the Holy Friday *Apokathylosis* service. Discounted parking for Cathedral stewards at 14th and Stevenson Streets. Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy, *magheritsa, etc.*, compliments of Alpha Catering, will be served in the Korinthias Hall. We look forward to welcoming you and wish you a blessed Pascha.

THE RAISING OF THE CROSS!

The large cross, which will go over the dome, and which measures 9 feet and weighs 470 pounds, is about to be raised over the dome. We hope today to announce the exact day and time for this significant event. The smaller cross, which will go over the entrance, above the Narthex, is 4'10" and weighs less. Our plan is to bring it to the site and display it in the chapel until the tile roof is completed, in about 2 months. At that time it, too, will be positioned in place. As for the large cross over the dome, the plan is to light it, for the first time, at Pascha.. Meanwhile, some one out there may want the privilege of placing the cross above the dome, or above the narthex, thus essentially donating the dome or the narthex. Father Stephen is looking for a donation of \$1 million and is confident one of you will step up for this honor. To mark the completion of the exterior of the building, later this year, and to celebrate our 95th year as a community, we will hold a **Gala event on November 5**. Now, for the interior of the Cathedral: with God's help, we hope to be able to complete it by the end of 2017, and to consecrate the Cathedral to the glory of God to coincide with our 100th anniversary in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if it is His Will that His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God's glory in 2021!

May God enable our undertaking, and may God continue to inspire you and generations to come through this landmark house of worship, which you are building to glorify His holy Name.



"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)