

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

THE NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

OBADIAH THE PROPHET; BARLAAM THE MARTYR

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 14-22. It is found in our books on page 124.

**Ὁ Απόστολος: Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2 ἐδάφ. 14-22:**

Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς ἐστὶν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἕν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγαμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκὶ αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίσῃ ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἐν ἑνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἔλθων εὐηγγελίσασθαι εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφοτέρωθεν ἐν ἑνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὐξεῖ εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verses 16-21. It is found in our books on pages 259-261.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 16-21. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 258-260.**

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):**

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**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](mailto: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, November 19, and also next Sunday, November 26, at 9 a.m. In December, the dates are December 3 and 10.

**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.

**DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK: TUESDAY AND ALSO THURSDAY:** Tuesday, November 21 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin to the Temple. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m., preceded by Orthros at 9 a.m. Thursday, November 23 is a day of National Thanksgiving. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY:** The Parish Council will meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. For this meeting, the Council will depart from its usual agenda. It will conduct its "business" within the first half hour and, for the next hour, will hold a "Strategy Session," instead. The Parish Council will explore new ministries and programs to better serve our parishioners, and grow our parish.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21:** Our Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be working together with our Young Adults, cooking and serving a Thanksgiving Day dinner at our Community Kitchen this Tuesday. Thank you, Ladies, and God bless you. Our Young Adult Get-Together will take place at the conclusion of Community Kitchen, following cleanup, at about 8 p.m.

**DANCE PRACTICE TODAY:** Dance practice will take place today, as scheduled, but not Friday or Saturday, due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

**YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE:** The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**NO BASKETBALL WENDESDAY:** Basketball practice will not take place this Wednesday, November 22, because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

**CHRISTMAS JOY LUNCHEON 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, on 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.

**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 ἄγίασμα, 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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)