



Sunday, October 7th, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Luke

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 11:31-33;12:1-9

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

The Gospel according to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

This Morning's Hymns

When You descended to the realm of death, You as Life immortal rendered to hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant divinity. And when You from infernal depths below did raise the dead, all the hosts of Heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O Giver of Life and Christ our God, glory to You.

Ότε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily rewarded by You the crowns of incorruption in that they contested for You, our immortal God. Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Most blessed are You, O Christ our God, who by sending down the Holy Spirit upon them, made the fishermen wise and through them, illumined the world; and to You the Universe was ever drawn, O Lord, glory to you.

Εὐλογητός εἶ Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

A protection of Christians unshamable, Intercessor to our Holy Maker unwavering, reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin; instead come to us for you are good, your loving help bring unto us who are crying in faith to you; hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε. Μὴ παράδης ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting Holy Trinity Cathedral this morning we welcome you in the Name of the Lord! Orthodox Christian worship may be unlike other forms of worship you have encountered but you can follow along in the service book in the pews. (If you need assistance, simply ask the nearest parishioner.) And though Holy Communion is offered only to the Orthodox faithful who are prepared to receive the Holy Gifts, the blessed bread is offered to everyone after the service. Please sign our Guest Book in the narthex and join us for coffee and refreshments in the community center so we can get to know you. May your time with us be blessed!

Announcements

OCTOBER EPISTLE READERS

10/7 - Jonathan Brook, 10/14 - Panayiotis Kostouros, 10/21 - Christina Kyprianou,
10/28 - Aleena Haugen.

LITTLE LAMBS PLAY DATE & FESTIVAL PARADE PRACTICE TODAY

Do you have children 5 and under? Please participate in the Little Lambs' Festival Parade! It is a great opportunity to meet other young families, and get the kids involved in the heritage. Come join us! Meet directly following Divine Liturgy in the preschool classrooms. We will pass out costumes & "practice" a bit for our Parade. Please bring \$50 for costumes (\$40 refundable upon return of the costumes, \$10 for dry cleaning). Text Angela at 913-638-5991 or Melissa at 937-304-5233 for more details.

DESERT DIAMONDS ACTIVITY

Greetings to all our Desert Diamonds & Friends - mark your calendars! Join us on October 23rd from 9:30-11:30am for a free concert at ASU Kerr Cultural Center located at 6110 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. "Tuesday Morning Music & Tea" featuring , "Violin Extraordinaire" performance starts at 10:30am.

We will need a count for reservations ASAP as these concerts get booked quickly. Please either get in touch with Julie at 623-313-8720, Judith at 703-819-9957 or if you see Doree, please let her know. FYI, they do have a good-will request of \$5.00 per person. Members have gone before and thoroughly enjoyed the concert! If you wish to go and need a ride, please let us know & we will try to arrange some sort of carpool.

AHEPA CHAPTER 219 2018/19 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The 2018-2019 AHEPA Chapter 219 Scholarship Application is now available. All high school Seniors and current higher-learning students are encouraged to apply. Application deadline is Saturday, October 27th, 2018, our scholarships will be awarded at the annual Scholarship Luncheon December 15th, 2018. Applications can be picked up at the Church office, on the website AHEPA219.com, or by contacting Ed Weiss, ewpwrqlty@gmail.com.

**Check out the NEW Holy Trinity website at www.holytrinityphx.org!
The website is mobile-friendly and is designed to be your go-to site for all
things related to our parish. Add holytrinityphx.org to your favorites!**

October Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the Choir.

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Today 10/7 3rd SUNDAY OF LUKE NATIONAL CHURCH MUSICIAN SUNDAY	8:00am - Matins 9:30am - Liturgy Special Tray	Youth Choir Rehearsal 12:15pm - 2:15pm - Dance Dress Rehearsal
Monday 10/1	9:00am - Prep & Packaging	
Tuesday 10/2	9:00am - Prep & Packaging	
Wednesday 10/3	9:00am - Prep & Packaging	5:00pm - Greek School 7:00pm - 8:30pm - Dance Slab Rehearsal
Thursday 10/4	9:00am - Prep & Packaging	
Friday 10/12	HTA Fall Break	5:00pm - Festival 2018
Saturday 10/13	11:00am - Festival 2018	
Sunday 10/14 SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL	8:00am - Matins 9:30am - Liturgy 11:00am - Festival 2018	

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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

Why Festivals?

October 7th, 2018

The annual parish Greek Festival has long been a staple in the life of Greek Orthodox parishes across the country. Grainy and yellowed photos of festivals-gone-by inspire proceeding generations to carry forward this tradition. Today's volunteers, cooks, and bakers are still going strong into their 80's and beyond, sharing their culinary expertise to produce the scrumptious fare so enjoyed by festival patrons.

And yet, festivals also seem to attract their share of nay-sayers and criticism. Executing the annual festival requires huge outlays of resources in man-hours and money which, as some contend, could be better applied elsewhere. Over the years I have had a love-hate relationship with festivals, but I've come to understand their true value beyond the mere financial benefit derived (in a good year!) from the efforts made to provide them.

Years ago, I did a quick calculus on the net proceeds of our Denver festival and discovered that the same financial bump could be had if every stewardship family simply gave another \$80.00 a year. Logic would dictate that this is a better course of action from a purely financial point of view. But as I reflected on it I came to realize that a deeper benefit would be lost if the festival disappeared. Imagine how much less we would know one another, how fewer opportunities for our new members to integrate into the parish, how less vital our community cohesion would be if there were no festival. Without the festival to bind us together, we could become strangers to each other over time.

The word "Liturgy" connotes a "common activity," a shared labor where, in gathering to constitute the Body of Christ, we become a whole far greater than the sum of our parts. In the same way, our parish festival provides us an opportunity to constitute the Body of Christ by working together to glorify God and to demonstrate our love for each other in the seemingly mundane activities of grilling souvlaki or frying loukoumades. For us, there can be no neat distinction between religious and non-religious events. Everything we do must find its ultimate meaning in our Orthodox Christian faith.

Projecting this ethos outside of ourselves, we find that our patrons return to the festival year after year and this not so much for the food and vendors' tables; after all, Greek food is easily had throughout the valley and Amazon will deliver virtually anything to our doors. No, I am convinced that our guests return every year to experience the joy of Christian community and to become, even if only for the day, a member of our extended family. We speak of it as "being Greek" in our advertisements but the deeper understanding is of "being Greek Orthodox." Our annual festival is a powerful antidote to the often cold and indifferent world we otherwise inhabit.

And the highest good provided by our annual festival is surely that of opening the doors of our House of Worship to our friends and neighbors, to spend a moment with them sharing our love for Jesus Christ in the Orthodox Church. Frequently, visitors stepping into the Cathedral are moved to reverential awe and silence, some even to tears, as they encounter the atmosphere of holiness which permeates the nave. We certainly pray that God will draw these souls into our community but even if that never occurs we have provided a bit of solace to our guests and built a bridge of friendship.

I ask that in the buzz of preparation as the festival looms we will offer prayers to God for the health and safety of our volunteers (and please DO be careful!) and that we will be infused with the Grace of God to be ambassadors of His love to all we encounter.

In Christ,

Fr. Apostolos



The 58th Annual Festival Countdown is ON!!!

How can you help?

Glad you asked!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
THIS WEEKEND - COME HELP SET UP**

Saturday: 9am - Please come and help set up

**Sunday: AFTER CHURCH - Bring a change of clothes to
continue set up for the festival**

October 8 - 12: 9am EVERYDAY Food Prep/Packaging

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER at the Festival – October 12-14

Email donnamanelis@outlook.com with your availability

Are you a Friend of the Festival – Make your donation today!!

Visit the Festival table this Sunday in the Community Center:

Buy advance admission tickets \$3

Buy Gift Certs \$10 for friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Purchase your 50/50 Raffle Tickets

Sign up to Volunteer

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL 2018



Platinum

The DeMoss Families, In Memory of Fr. James & Presbytera Katherine Tavlarides
Stella Kosta, In Loving Memory of George Kosta
The Manelis Family, In Memory of Catherine Callaghan
The Meris Family, In Memory of Nick Meris
Alex & Olga Papamatheakis

Gold

The Choukalas Family
Honorable Connie Contes, In Loving Memory of Takie Tavlarides and his Beloved Parents,
Fr. James & Presbytera Catherine Tavlarides and Honorable Hercules Alexander Dellas In
Loving Memory of Alexander & Margaret Dellas
Spike & Tina Karalekas
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The Kyprianou Family
The Petsas Family
St. Katherine Philoptochos

Silver

Mary N. Floor
GreekFest Restaurant
In Loving Memory of George "The Jouv" Joufflas
In Memory of Bill Kimmell & Karen Kimmell
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Bronze

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