



Sunday, November 11th, 2018 - 8th Sunday of Luke

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This Morning's Hymns

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You the crowns of incorruption in that they contended 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 τυράννου καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, 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, all glory to You!

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

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ ἦν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

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

NOVEMBER EPISTLE READERS

11/11 -Peter Mousses, 11/18 - Sophia Stamatis, 11/25 - Kathryn Dye.

HOLIDAY BAKLAVA

Order your Holiday Baklava from Philoptochos now! \$20 per pan. Pre-paid orders will be taken in the Large Hall during Coffee Hour thru December 9th.

PHILOPTOCHOS

Starting Sunday, November 11th the Ladies of Philoptochos will be chairing a food drive with St. Mary's Food Bank. We will have collection boxes in the Narthex, Community Center, and in the Church office. The most needed items are items such as peanut butter, canned meat, vegetables & fruit, dry & canned beans and cereal. Items should be low fat, low sugar, packed in 100% juice or water, low sodium, 100% whole wheat, high fiber and whole grain. The food drive will end Sunday, December 2nd. If you have any questions call Connie Venetis at 602-702-3365 or email her at birdistheword@msn.com. Thank you for your generosity!

DESERT DIAMONDS

On Tuesday, November 13th at 11:00am in the Speros Center Large Hall, we will be enjoying a "Pot Luck" luncheon, honoring our veterans. Veterans Day is Sunday, November 11th. Wear your Red, White & Blue! Please respond if you will be attending and with what you wish to bring at juliekaroutas@gmail.com or phone Julie at 623-313-8720 or Judith at 703-819-9957 or, if you see Doree, please let her know. Also, remember to invite a friend - they are always welcome!

OPA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hope & Joy Fun Night

Join us for a Hope & Joy Fun Night on Friday, November 16th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. For additional information contact Evan Tsagaris at etsagaris89@gmail.com.

OPA Parents' Happy Hour and Family Wellness Workshop with Fr. Jacob

At the same time, while the youth enjoy a FUN Night with Evan, we are excited to have Fr. Jacob join our event. Fr. Jacob has been with many of our youth in the retreats, All-Saints camp and summer camp at St. Nicholas Ranch for many years, and now it is our time to spend some time with him getting some of his spiritual insight. Please bring your favorite wine and/or hors d'oeuvre to share and a question for Fr. Jacob, such as, "How are we, as Orthodox Parents in the Valley, doing as a whole for our youth and church?"

Jr. & Sr. GOYA

On Saturday, November 17th, please join St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance's Super Saturday Turkey Drive in helping combat hunger this holiday season. Come out to the Safeway located at 3132 E. Camelback Road in Phoenix, 85016 from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. For further details, contact Cindy Kyprianou at 480-993-6437 or cwkyprrianou@hotmail.com

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

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| Today 11/11 8TH SUNDAY OF LUKE | 8:00am - Matins 9:30am - Liturgy Sunday School | 11:45pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Ed. Bldg.) 12:15pm - Dance Practice (CC) |
| Monday 11/12 VETERANS DAY | OFFICE CLOSED | 3:30pm - Junior Assembly (LH) |
| Tuesday 11/13 JOHN CHRYSOSTOM | 8:00am - Matins 9:00am - Divine Liturgy | 6:30pm - Parish Council Meeting (Conf. Rm.) |
| Wednesday 11/14 PHILIP THE APOSTOLE | 9:00am - BNI (LH) | 4:00pm - Junior Assembly (LH) 5:00pm - Cultural Greek School (CC/SH/Kitchen) 7:00pm - Dance Practice (CC) 7:00pm - Choir Practice |
| Thursday 11/15 NATIVITY FAST BEGINS | | 6:00pm - Vespers 6:00pm - AHEPA Meeting (SH) 6:00pm - HTA Board Meeting 7:00pm - Divine Liturgy |
| Friday 11/16 NATIVITY FAST | 7:00am-2:00pm - BNI Awards Banquet (LH) | 6:00pm - Hope & Joy Fun Night 6:00pm - Parents Happy Hour & Family Wellness Workshop with Fr. Jacob |
| Saturday 11/10 NATIVITY FAST | 11:30am-2:30pm - Jr. /Sr. GOYA St. Mary's Super Saturday Turkey Drive at Safeway (3132 E. Camelback Rd.) | |
| Sunday 11/18 9TH SUNDAY OF LUKE NATIVITY FAST | 8:00am - Matins 9:30am - Liturgy Sunday School Bichekas 40 Day Memorial Stamatis & Kapnias Memorials | 11:45pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal (Ed. Bldg.) 12:15pm - Dance Practice (CC) |

MEMORIALS TODAY

George Christakos - 20 Years - Prosforo, Wine & oil donated by the Christakos Family.

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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

America's Death Lottery

November 11th, 2018

Midway through the Active Shooter Preparedness seminar sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security I attended last week the logic began to disintegrate for me. As we listened attentively to the "Run-Hide-Fight" presentations I began asking "is this where we are content to remain as a nation?"

Next morning, we learned that Thousand Oaks, CA, ironically named the "3rd Safest City in the US" was the latest site of another mass shooting which claimed the 13 souls, this while the memorials still line the sidewalk and entry of the Pittsburgh Synagogue. Flags fly perpetually at half-staff across our land, many businesses simply choosing to keep them so in the brief interim between massacres.

Cue the script for "thoughts and prayers" while the parents of college students now sit weeping in empty bedrooms clutching keepsakes and photos of the latest victims of America's Death Lottery. Cue the talking points as politicians again obscure the difference between 'causation' and 'contribution' in our lip-service to find (or avoid) some way to arrest the slaughter.

To paint each of these many events as aberrations and anomalies, a sham obviously exposed by mere arithmetic, is to perpetuate and amplify the problem. Far from aberrations, this growing tally only underscores in tears and in blood the evidence of America's soul-sickness. A nation content to trade innocent lives for rights and freedoms is neither free nor civilized.

Aristotle wrote that "nature abhors a vacuum" and the vacuum created by society's lack of interest in spiritual matters has been filled with - among other wretched things - a calloused disregard for human life. But this void can be filled, and the darkness can be expelled by the Light. Holy Scripture states; *"If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* (2 Chron. 7:14)

With the life of our nation hanging in the balance, it is time for us to pray.

In Christ,

Fr. Apostolos

THE BEATITUDES

In Thy kingdom remember us, O Lord, when Thou comest in Thy kingdom.

O blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

O blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

O blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

O blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

O blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be satisfied.

O blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy.

O blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.

O blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.

O blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake for theirs is the kingdom of God.

O blessed when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is your reward in heaven.

2ND ANNUAL ASC INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY | December 8, 2018
Starfire Golf Club | Scottsdale



SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!
Fundraiser to benefit Orthodox Youth attending All Saints Camp



8:00 AM SHOT-GUN SCRAMBLE

7:00 am Check-In

Course located at 15500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale 85260

\$125 PER GOLFER

(If paid by Dec 1st | \$150 after deadline)

Includes lunch and goodie bags

Mulligan packages and raffle prize tickets will be available at the course

Bring a full foursome or we can add you to one!

AWARD LUNCHEON FOLLOWING TOURNAMENT

1:00 pm at Assumption Community Center | 8202 E. Cactus Road, Scottsdale

(Non-golfers encouraged to attend @ \$25/person)

RSVP by DEC 1, 2018
office@assumptionaz.org | 480-991-3009



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