



Sunday, August 25th, 2019 - 10th Sunday of Matthew

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel according to Matthew 17:14-23

At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

This Morning's Hymns

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver. Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνη φιλόνηρωπε.

O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

Ἀπόστολοι Ἅγιοι, πρεσβεύσατε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς 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, all glory to you O Lord.

Ἐυλογητός εἶ Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν ἰκουμένην σαγήνεύσας φιλόνηρωπε, δόξα Σοι.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by you holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

Ἰωακεῖμ καὶ Ἄννα ὄνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγίᾳ γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαός σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στεῖρα τίκει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

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

NARTHEX DUTY SCHEDULE

Group 1: John Siavelis, Coordinator

EPISTLE READER

Susie Papadopoulos

THANK YOU TO CHICK-FIL-A

We want to extend a HUGE thank you to Chick-fil-A at 1601 E. Camelback Road for donating a beautiful dinner to the OPA ALL YOUTH KICK OFF this past Saturday here at Holy Trinity. What a great way to kick off the school year with a blessing of the waters, great food, a movie and so much more! Hungry?? Stop by the Chick-fil-A at 16th Street & Camelback to enjoy a scrumptious meal and personally thank management for their generous donation!!

FESTIVAL BAKING HAS STARTED

Are you available to help bake? We would love to add a few new members to the crew, come lend some "muscle" and help us with various tasks such as lifting heavy trays full of baked goodies! Stop by the Speros Center kitchen at 9:00am on Tuesday, 8/27, Saturday, 8/31, and Tuesday September 3. We will be baking koulourakia and tsoureki on these dates. Hope to see our great volunteers there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SUNDAY 9/8

Stop by the Speros Center Large Hall during Coffee Hour to register your child(ren) today!

MINISTRY SUNDAY & WELCOME TO ALEXANDER & LAURA ON SUNDAY 9/8

Please join us for Ministry Sunday in the Large Hall following the Divine Liturgy. Hosted by the Stewardship Committee, each of Holy Trinity's ministries will have a table set up providing information. We encourage you to take this opportunity to join a new ministry, get information or just see all the opportunities to get involved. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our parishioners to meet our new pastoral assistant, Alexander Eliades, and his wife Laura. In addition, OPA will host their Back-to-School Luncheon on this day so please support our youth and join us for the luncheon as well.

GREEK SCHOOL BEGINS WEDNESDAY 9/11

Classes begin 9/11 so register today! Starting at age 3, just be potty trained.

DESERT DIAMONDS & FRIENDS POT LUCK LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY 9/12

We'll kick off our fall season on Thursday, 9/12 at 11:30am in the Speros Community Center with a special guest speaker, Magda Gryparis. She is the author of "The Village: The war and the occupation of Greece through the eyes of a four year old". Please bring friends, a dish to share. RSVP to Julie Karoutas at 623-313-8720 or juliekaroutas@gmail.com, or text Judith LaMond at 703-819-9957.

OPA FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT AT CHASE FIELD WITH AZ DIAMONDBACKS ON FRIDAY 9/13

All families are welcome to join the D-backs Faith and Family Night featuring Fireworks and Postgame concert by for KING & COUNTRY. Meet at 5:00pm for Chapel service, then carpool to the ballpark. Please contact Paulina Watson at 480-740-3950 to purchase tickets.

LITTLE LAMBS' PUMPKIN PATCH OUTING ON SATURDAY 9/28

Please mark your calendars. More details to follow...

VISITOR PACKETS

We are in need of new Visitor packets for the Narthex to distribute to the many guests and seekers we host every week. If you would like to contribute to offset the cost of these packets, please mark your gift "Visitor Packets" or call Fr. Apostolos for more details.

AHEPA CHAPTER 219 2019-20 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications are now available and all high school seniors, university, trade school, and vocational training students are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is October 26, 2019 and winners will be announced at our annual Scholarship Luncheon on January 11, 2020. Applications can be found on AHEPA219.com or contact Ed Weiss at ewpwrqlty@gmail.com.

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Today Sunday 8/25 10TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW	8:00 am - Matins 9:15 am - Leonard Debickero Chrismation 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy	12:15 pm - Dance Practice
Tuesday 8/27	9:00 am - Festival Baking of koulourakia (CC Kitchen)	
Wednesday 8/28		7:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday 8/29		6:00 - HTA Back to School Night
Saturday 8/31	9:00 am - Festival Baking of koulourakia & tsoureki (CC Kitchen)	
Sunday 9/1 BEGINNING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy	12:15 pm - Dance Practice

MEMORIALS TODAY

Anthony Pano Kouis - 1 year, Harry Pano Kouis -12 years - Offered by Julie Mamani.

Did you know Holy Trinity has a **Facebook** page? It's a great way to stay current and know what is happening in our church community. Please follow us, share our page and invite your friends and relatives to follow us too! Simply search: **Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral - Phoenix, AZ** and like our page! Follow us on **Instagram** too! Search **holytrinityphx** and follow us!



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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

In God We Trust

August 25th, 2019

How often do we feel that, no matter what we do, things just do not break our way? We do everything we can but to no avail! When our backs are up against the wall, we can turn to the ever-poignant motto of our country, "In God We Trust." This week we celebrate (perhaps I say this in my bias, but nevertheless) a great saint of the Church, St. Alexander the Patriarch of Constantinople and we find a story in his life that does a great job of teaching us this lesson.

Born in the late 3rd century, Alexander was quickly famed as a smart, young servant of the Church. He took part in the 1st Ecumenical Council in 325 as a deacon (a rarity) and soon became the Patriarch of Constantinople. In this time, the Church battled the great heresy of Arianism, which believed that Jesus was not divine but created by God while the Church held (and still believes) that Jesus was indeed the Son of God, co-eternal with the Father and uncreated. With 318 bishops in attendance, Arius and his heresy were defeated and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Truth prevailed. After the Council, Arius appeared before the Emperor Constantine and when Constantine asked him if he believed in the doctrine that was affirmed at the Council, Arius held his hand over his heart and said, "This I believe!" However, he had trickily put a copy of his own creed in his shirt, so he simply confessed to still believing his own teaching!

Many people in Constantinople knew Arius had not truly come to believe in the True Doctrine but Constantine still told Arius to go to the church the next day and he would be received back into communion by Alexander. Grieved by having to receive a known heretic, someone who had unrepentantly done so much damage to the Church and not having any other recourse, Alexander locked himself in the church *all night long* and prayed that God's Will be done as he could do nothing more himself. From here I'll let the Synaxarion (Book of the Lives of the Saints) entry for Alexander finish the story: "In the morning, Arius set out triumphantly for the church, surrounded by imperial counselors and soldiers, but divine judgment overtook him. Stopping to take care of a physical necessity, his bowels burst forth and he perished in his own blood and filth."

We actually learn two important lessons from this story. First, we see how extremely important it is to preserve the Truth. We are inundated with the societal storyline that truth is subjective and it really doesn't matter all that much exactly what you believe. This has never been the teaching of the Church. Truth matters and thousands, if not more, have died to preserve it. The Truth is objective, the Truth is a person, and the Truth is Jesus Christ.

Finally, until we have completely exhausted ourselves through prayer (and fasting as we hear in the Gospel today!) we will always have a way to beseech God to intercede in a situation for us and those around us. He is always there for us and when we put our complete trust in Him and do all we can on our end, it will work out according to His Will. May we always have the strength to trust in and preserve the Truth.

In Christ,

Alexander Eliades

Pastoral Assistant

A Community BABY SHOWER honoring



Pastoral Assistant Alexander & Laura Eliades

Saturday, September 7, 2019

11:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Community Center

Luncheon provided & hosted by | OPA, Philoptophos & Daughters of Penelope
RSVP to Mary Louise Theodoropoulos | jpmcgurkees@cox.net or (602) 943-5080

Gift Registry | babylist.com