



Sunday, February 9th, 2020 - Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 3:10-15

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus

The Gospel According to Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This Morning's Hymns

Hail to you who are full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from you has dawned the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, Who enlightened those in darkness. And you, righteous elder, shall also rejoice, for in your arms, you receive Him Who is the Liberator of our souls, Who also grants us Resurrection.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred body. O Savior, on the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life; whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the Giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ! Glory unto Your kingdom! Glory to Your economy, O You alone Who loves mankind.

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

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.

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

You sanctified the virginal womb by Your birth, O Lord, and blessed the hands of Symeon fittingly, O Christ God; and even now You came and saved us. Now, give peace to our Nation in time of war, and empower our Leaders, so loved by You, the only one who loves humanity.

Ὁ μήτραν παρθερικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόνηρωπος.

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 4, Parish Council

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE - Group 2, St. John Chrysostom

EPISTLE READER - Dean Papadopoulos

HTA VALENTINE LUNCHEON

HTA will host a Valentine lunch this Sunday, February 9! Join us for sandwiches, chips and other goodies to celebrate with the ones we love! \$5 minimum donation is requested.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Our annual offering envelopes have been delayed due to an equipment problem at the printer. As soon as we receive them they will be available for pickup outside the Cathedral or in the Narthex. In the meantime, there are blank envelopes in the Narthex available for your use.

FAITH FULFILLMENT: THE LITURGY

Missed our first few classes? No worries, come anyway! Ever have questions about the Divine Liturgy? Come to our Faith Fulfillment class on the Divine Liturgy Monday nights at 7:00pm and find out! We'll take a 5-class journey into the meaning of what we do every Liturgy.

BYZANTINE CHANT CLASSES

The 2020 Byzantine Chant classes are held on Thursday evenings at 6:00pm. This is an intensive course in the system of our traditional church music, including the modal system, notation, history and performance as well as the structure of the services of the Church. The course is also a prerequisite to join our parish's Byzantine Choir. Anyone interested should contact Cantor George Duvall at george.d@cox.net or through the church office. Please help us expand our Byzantine Choir as you more deeply explore the sacred traditions of Orthodoxy.

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ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX SUMMER CAMP

May 31-June 6 hosted at Whispering Pines Camp, Prescott. A summer camp experience where for one week, campers pray, eat, learn, create, compete, dance and sing all together as an Orthodox village. All set within the context of living an Orthodox Christian life, this camp ministry is led by a team of highly trained counseling staff, volunteers and clergy. Currently seeking camp counselors, please apply at info@AllSaintsCampArizona.org. Camper registration to open soon!

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

TODAY 2/9 SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE TRIODION BEGINS	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir rehearsal 12:30pm - Dance practice
MONDAY 2/10 ST. HARALAMBOS	9:00 am - Divine Liturgy at St. Haralambos	7:00 pm - Faith Fulfillment class (Conf. Room) 7:30 pm - Dance Dress Rehearsal 8:00 pm - Pickup Basketball (HTC Basketball Court)
WEDNESDAY 2/12		7:00 pm - Choir practice
THURSDAY 2/13	FDF begins through 2/17	6:00 pm - Byzantine Chant class 6:00 pm - AHEPA Awards Night
FRIDAY 2/14	11:30 am - Desert Diamonds Potluck	
SUNDAY 2/16 SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir rehearsal

MEMORIALS TODAY:

Judith Louis - 40 days. Offered by Anthony Miaoulis.

Charles Camp - 3 Months, Maria Linaris - 3 years, Markela Benetos - 8 years,
John Linaris - 15 years , John Pagoudis - 16 years, John Benetos - 19 years. Offered by Irene
Camp.

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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

You Know What You're Getting Into

February 9th, 2020

In almost any profession, one of the most important aspects of a job well done is knowing what you're walking into. If you're a doctor or nurse, most likely you read a chart about a patient before seeing them, an athlete will scout their opponent before they meet, and a cook will read and visualize a recipe before making their food. Often things go as planned, but occasionally things happen that were unexpected! It would be nice to know *exactly* what you're getting into wouldn't it? Fortunately, as a Christian, you do!

In the epistle today, Paul tells us exactly what to expect if we live a godly life. Persecution. He tells Timothy how he has done a great job following his example of being true in doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, and love. Paul then informs him of the consequences saying, "all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

There we have it. We cannot follow Christ without expecting, in fact *knowing*, we will be persecuted in one way or another. Paul encourages Timothy a bit by reminding him why we do all this, saying, "continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it." We know our faith has been revealed to us from God Himself, passed down through the apostles such as Paul and Timothy to this present day. We know every saint has experienced persecution in one way or another be it physically through torture and martyrdom, on a societal level as an outcast, or spiritually from the demonic powers besetting them. When we try to align ourselves to God we anger the demons who seek to keep us unaware of the glory and power of God and our true value as His people.

We live in times where it is emphasized that God wants us to be "happy." Yes, this is the case! But happiness for the Church and in the eyes of God does not mean doing whatever we want. True happiness comes from fulfilling our destiny as beings in the image God who seek His likeness: aligning ourselves with God's Will and so ending up with Him in eternity. It has nothing to do with our desires or thoughts or opinions, but the desire of God to be in communion with us. Often this lifestyle goes in opposition to the world we live in which results in this persecution. If we are not persecuted by those around us, then we often succumb to our own desires that tell us things like: "Sleep that extra hour, you can miss one Sunday of church!" or other such examples of our body telling our mind and soul what to do.

We are told exactly what will happen to us as Christians: persecution. Thankfully, in living a godly life we have our God who is stronger than any attack that can come upon us. Let us ask Him to keep us strong throughout this upcoming Lenten season and throughout our lives!

In Christ,

Alexander Eliades

Pastoral Assistant

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