



Sunday, November 24th, 2019 - 13th Sunday of Luke

This Morning's Readings

St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 2: 4-10

Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Gospel According to Luke 18: 18-27

At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

This Morning's Hymns

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Ἄγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Today is the prelude of God's good pleasure, and the proclamation of humanity's salvation. In the temple of God, the Virgin is presented openly, and in herself she announces Christ to all. Let us, then, with a great voice cry aloud to her: Rejoice, you are the fulfillment of the Creator's dispensation.

Σήμερον τῆς εὐδοκίας Θεοῦ τὸ προοίμιον, καὶ τῆς τῶν ἀνθρώπων σωτηρίας ἡ προκήρυξις. Ἐν Ναῷ τοῦ Θεοῦ τρανώς ἡ Παρθένος δείκνυται, καὶ τὸν Χριστὸν τοῖς πᾶσι προκαταγγέλλεται. Αὐτῇ καὶ ἡμεῖς μεγαλοφώνως βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε τῆς οἰκονομίας τοῦ Κτίστου ἡ ἐκπλήρωσις.

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.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας φιλόφρονες, δόξα σοι.

Today, the most pure temple of the Savior, the precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the sacred treasure of God, enters the house of the Lord, bringing the grace of the Divine Spirit. The Angels of God praise her. She is the heavenly tabernacle.

Ὁ καθαρῶτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαυρίσμα 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

NARTHEX DUTY SCHEDULE

Group 1: John Siavelis - Coordinator

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Group 2: St. John Chrysostom

EPISTLE READER

Theodore Mousses

ARTOCLASIA TODAY

Our St. Katherine's Philoptochos is sponsoring an Artoclasia after Liturgy today.

VALLEY-WIDE WORSHIP

Join our sister parish St. Katherine in Chandler tonight at 6:00pm for their feast. On Friday, join in the vigil for St. Andrew at Assumption at 8:00pm. Both will have clergy and the collective Byzantine choirs from the whole Valley.

OCF COLLEGE MINISTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Our weekly OCF college ministry meetings on the ASU campus have for four years been hosted in the Campus Christian Center facility on 10th & Mill Ave in Tempe. This non-profit campus ministry relies upon donations from participating churches to support the facilities they offer free of charge. It would be appropriate for us to offer a donation to this ministry in gratitude for their hospitality to the Orthodox students of ASU. Please mark your gift "OCF" and we will get it to the Campus Christian Center.

SEEKING CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We would like to invite you to join our Church Office Volunteer Staff. If you have general office experience and can work one day a week or more from 9:00am to 3:00pm, you are a perfect candidate. Please contact Paul Katsenes at Pkatsenes@cox.net or 602-421-7200.

HTA FALL 2020 ENROLLMENT

Holy Trinity Academy is now enrolling for Fall 2020. Please contact Juli Pritsos, Director at 602-248-3881 or julipritsos@holytrinityacademyphx.org.

AHF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible college students. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2020. For eligibility requirements and scholarship applications please visit the Foundation's website, Azhellenic.org.

This Week at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Today Sunday 11/24 13TH SUNDAY OF LUKE NATIVITY FAST	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir 12:30 pm - Dance practice 6:00 pm - Vespers at St. Katherine's, Chandler
Monday 11/25 ST. KATHERINE THE GREAT MARTYR NATIVITY FAST	8:00 am - Matins 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy	7:00 pm - Inquirers Class 8:00 pm - Pickup Basketball (HTC Basketball Court)
Tuesday 11/26 NATIVITY FAST	10:00 am - Bible Study	7:00 pm - Young Adult/OCF Akathist of Thanksgiving
Wednesday 11/27 NATIVITY FAST	8:00 am - HTA Potluck 8:00 am - GOYA Food Bank Trip	7:00 pm - Choir Practice
Thursday 11/28 THANKSGIVING NATIVITY FAST	OFFICE CLOSED NO HTA	
Friday 11/29 NATIVITY FAST	OFFICE CLOSED NO HTA	8:00 pm - Vigil for St. Andrew the First-Called at Assumption, Scottsdale
Saturday 11/30 St. ANDREW THE FIRST-CALLED APOSTLE NATIVITY FAST	8:00 am - Matins 9:00 am - Divine Liturgy	
Sunday 12/1 14TH SUNDAY OF LUKE NATIVITY FAST	8:00 am - Matins 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy No Sunday School	11:45 am - Youth Choir No Dance practice

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Ορεκτικό

An appetizer before the main course

A Modern-day Martyr

November 24th, 2019

Today we celebrate a great saint of the Church, St. Clement, Pope of Rome, one of the most prolific writers of the Apostolic period of the Church. I highly suggest you find some of his writings (from about 90 AD) and read them! However, today we also remember a saint who died almost 1900 years later in 1979 in Nablus in the Holy Land. St. Philoumenos was born in Cyprus in 1913 but felt a draw to the Holy Land so he went there for High School with his brother. His brother eventually left to go to Mount Athos and Philoumenos gave himself to serve the Holy Sepulcher, eventually being assigned to Jacob's Well (where Christ met the Samaritan Woman in John 4) in Nablus.

Philoumenos served the Church at Jacob's Well humbly and faithfully. His integrity was "a model for all" and a man who embodied the priesthood according to his spiritual son, the Monk Yeghia. Yeghia continued to say the three things that marked him the most were his sweet voice, his meticulous fidelity to the Services of the Church, and his humility. What really stands out about St. Philoumenos is his "normalcy." In reading about him, no one had anything particularly extraordinary to say about him beyond his true faithfulness to God and simple way of life. Contrary to some accounts, his martyrdom was probably not because some Jewish settlers held a grudge against him but his murder was really committed by a madman who climbed over the walls of the monastery, threw a grenade in the church (you can still see the damage from the explosion on the stairs leading down to the well), and hacked Philoumenos to death with an axe. They opened his coffin 30 years later in 2009 and found his body had not rotted but exuded a wonderful fragrance.

An article came out last year about Philoumenos's successor as guardian of Jacob's Well, Father Justin who began at the church right after Philoumenos was killed. To this day, he is often threatened and attacked, grenades are often thrown over the walls of the monastery and shots fired at the gate but he remains undeterred. His article ends with this quote: "I have already built my tomb [he literally has built his own tomb] and created a mosaic of myself above it. Should it be my time to die, I am ready." St. Philoumenos and Father Justin remind us that we do not need to be walking on water to be a saint but we must have a persistent faithfulness to God, a love of the Services of the Church, and a readiness to meet our Lord at any time.

In Christ,
Alexander Eliades
Pastoral Assistant

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 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 heaven.

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.



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November 10 – December 8

Deadline to place orders is December 8

Orders may be picked up on Sunday
December 15 during Coffee Hour

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2020 STEWARDSHIP



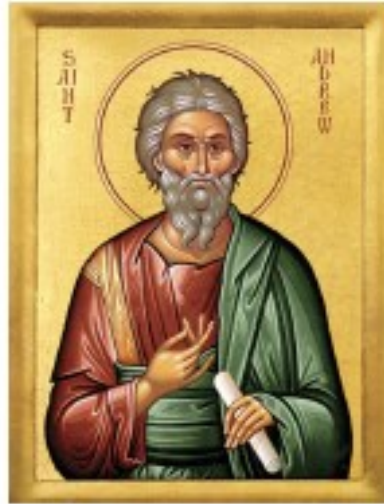
Through faith, God's will is accomplished in the world. Our great example is Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord. When Archangel Gabriel came to her at the Annunciation, tradition and hymnology hold that all Creation awaited her response. In faith and obedience to the will of God, Mary replied to the angel, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be according to your word" (Luke 1:38 NKJV). Mary responds with faith and fulfills God's will for all the world. As Orthodox Christian Stewards, we offer our life to the fulfillment of God's plan.



BRING THEM TO ME

Jesus Is concerned about the 5,000 men plus women and children that are with him in the wilderness. His disciples tell him that all they have are five loaves and two small fish that a boy has offered. Jesus' response is the phrase, "*Bring them to me.*" Jesus then takes the loaves, blesses and breaks them, and feeds 5,000 men plus women and children.

We also bring what we have to Jesus. We offer bread and wine. He returns it to us as His body and blood in Holy Communion. We offer ourselves and we become the Church, His body on earth. No matter how much we give, He cannot be outdone. Just like the boy who offered the loaves and the fish, if we offer what we have – however great or small our gift – with prayer and humility, God will receive our gifts and multiply them to feed His people.



Please join us for a:

Vigil for Saint Andrew the First-Called

All are warmly encouraged to attend and participate.

Friday, November 29th

8 o'clock in the evening until after midnight

Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
8202 E Cactus Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260



Our Food Drive has begun ! Don't forget to bring in your non-perishable food items. All items will be donated to St. Mary's Food Bank. There will be food boxes in the Narthex, Community Center and the office.

Items most needed include:

- Protein - Peanut butter
Canned light chicken
Canned ravioli
- Fruits - All varieties of fruits, packed in 100% fruit juice or no sugar added
- Vegetables - Canned vegetables, low or no sodium
Dry beans or low sodium canned beans
- Grains - Whole grain or 100% whole wheat boxed cereals, low sugar

Key words: low in saturated fat, low fat, lean, low sugar, pasked in 100% juice, packed in water, low in sodium, 100%whole wheat, high fiber, whole grain.

If you have any questions, please contact Connie Venetis at 602-702-9965 or at bird_is_the_word@msn.com.