

Sunday, January 24, 2021
14th SUNDAY OF LUKE/14^η KYPIAKH ΛΟΥΚΑ

WELCOME

I hope that you have been doing well as we continue to stay safe during this pandemic. I would like to remind you that the church is sanitized after each service and we continue to do whatever is necessary to keep the church in accordance with the guidelines we have been given to make your visit is as safe as possible. We continue to check temperatures upon entering, hand sanitize and record everyone who enters to have contact tracing possible. There have been no reports of anyone getting ill after coming to church. We continue to provide online live streaming through the website of the parish and Facebook for those of you who cannot attend.

WHEN YOU GIVE ... SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 6:2

Sometimes God is very obvious with His instructions. The Ten Commandments are quite clear, after all. However, other instructions are a bit subtler. In Matthew 6:2, we read, “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. ...” Did you hear the instruction in that statement? Yes, it says to not announce your gift loudly, but there’s one more in that statement: “... when you give.” WHEN you give ... not if, but WHEN. Implied here is the idea that giving is something we should do. He doesn’t specify an amount, but Jesus makes it pretty clear that we are to give something. If you’ve already given online this month, thank you. If you’re preparing your 2021 Stewardship Commitment or weekly offering, we kindly thank you and ask God to receive your gift offering and pray that He may continue to grant all of His heavenly blessings on you and your family.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

A volunteer is needed to make and prepare the koliva for memorial services. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Manuel or Maria Kapsalis. If you have the willingness but are not sure how to make the koliva we can train you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and wanting to keep everyone safe and healthy, especially our priest, house blessings will be delayed until later in the year.

STEWARDSHIP

It is so important for the vitality and growth of the parish that our stewards are supportive each and every year. In order to become a steward, please complete the Stewardship form (found on our website www.sttheodores.org under Giving.) Stewardship payments may be made monthly by credit card, if desired. Please email square@sttheodores.org with your total pledge and the desired frequency of your payments. Remember, you do not need to pay all at once! Determine the monthly contribution amount that is affordable for you. Stewardship pledges and donations can still be mailed directly to the church, if desired. Include any special instructions for Fr. Manuel or Juliana.

GREEK SCHOOL ONLINE

Greek School is taught online on Fridays in the evening from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Our teacher is Mrs. Evangelia Dimitropoulou. There will be classes for all three levels – Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced. All students returning and new students need to register as soon as possible by emailing Fr. Manuel at mjburdusi@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE

Sunday School is taught online on Saturdays in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 11 a.m. The platform that we are using is Google Classroom. Both Maria Adamos & Georgia Plangetis are teaching the class. If any new students would like to enroll you can contact Fr. Manuel at mjburdusi@gmail.com or Maria Adamos at mnbanis@gmail.com.

USED CLOTHING DROP-OFF SHED

Our used clothing shed has now reopened. We are now taking donations again. Be sure to bring your items in plastic bags that are tied. We are accepting all clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toys. Please **no** rags, fabric scraps, toys or household goods. It is a hardship and expense to dispose of.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Saturday, January 30 – Three Hierarchs – Orthros 9am/Liturgy 10am
Tuesday, February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of our Lord - Orthros 9am/Liturgy 10am
Sunday, February 7 – Vespers for St. Theodore the General – 6 pm
Monday, February 8 – St. Theodore the General - Orthros 9am/Liturgy 10am

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος πλ. δ'. Ψαλμὸς 75.

Εὐξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός, ἐν τῷ Ἰσραὴλ μέγα τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Α' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. 1Τι 1:15-17

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἦλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἀμαρτωλοὺς σῶσαι, ὧν πρῶτός εἰμι ἐγώ· ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτῳ ἐνδείξηται Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεῦειν ἐπ' αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλεῖ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀφθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ Θεῷ, τιμὴ καὶ δόξα εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων· ἀμήν.

Epistle

Prokeimenon. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

Verse: In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The reading is from Paul's First Letter to Timothy. 1 Tim. 1:15-17

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Τὸ Εὐαγγέλιον

Ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν ἀγίου Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα. Λου ιη' 35 - 43

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἐγένετο ἐν τῷ ἐγγίξειν τὸν Ἰησοῦν εἰς Ἰεριχῶ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὁδὸν προσαιτῶν. ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἶη ταῦτα. ἀπήγγειλαν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζωραῖος παρέρχεται. καὶ ἐβόησε λέγων· Ἰησοῦ, υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με. καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπετίμων αὐτῷ ἵνα σιωπήσῃ· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ἔκραζεν· Υἱὲ Δαυῖδ, ἐλέησόν με. σταθεὶς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγγίσαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώτησεν αὐτόν λέγων· Τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὁ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἵνα ἀναβλέψω. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· Ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

Gospel

The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. 18:35-43

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

PARISH REOPENING GUIDELINES

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKIA/KONTAKION SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

From on high didst Thou descend, O Compassionate One; to burial of three days hast Thou submitted that Thou mightest free us from our passions. O our Life and Resurrection, Lord, glory be to Thee.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ

Στρατολογία ἀληθεί Αθλοφόρε, τού ουρανίου στρατηγός Βασιλέως, περικαλῆς γεγένησαι Θεόδωρε, ὅπλοις γάρ τῆς πίστεως, παρετάξω εμφρόνως, καί κατεξωλόθρευσας, τῶν δαιμόνων τά στίφη, καί νικηφόρος ὠφθης ἀθλητής, ὅθεν σε πίστει αεί μακαρίζομεν.

Apolytikion of the Parish Church

In truth enlisted with the King of the Heavens, You did become for Him a noble commander, Trophy-bearer & Great Martyr Theodore. With the weaponry of faith, you armed yourself wisely and did utterly destroy the forces of evil, as a triumphant athlete of the Lord; we faithfully call you blessed.

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν 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 οὐς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Kontakion

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.

We have received notification from our Metropolitan to reopen, the following requirements below must be followed:

- Parishioners must register their attendance with their full names and contact information. Your Parish Priest will notify you of the registration process and platform which the Parish will use.
- Parishioners must screen themselves prior to coming to church including a temperature check even if they have not experienced any symptoms of COVID-19. If they have any symptoms, they are not to attend Church.
- Parishioners shall not come to the Church by a ride share (Uber, Lyft), taxi, or by means of public transportation. It is strongly recommended that Parishioners arrive in their own vehicle or arrange for another parishioner to transport them.
- Parishioners must sanitize their hands upon entering the Church.
- Parishioners must wear protective masks throughout the Services.
- Parishioners must adhere to the social distancing guidelines of keeping a six-foot distance from other parishioners at all times in the pews and throughout the Church. The only exception being for families that have quarantined together, as they will be able to sit together in a designated section of the Church.
- Parishioners are not to wander in the Church, in the Parish facilities, or outside on the parish grounds.
- Small children shall not be allowed to roam the aisles.
- Only one parishioner will be allowed in the restroom at a time. Parishioners must thoroughly wash their hands after using the restroom.
- Parishioners must leave the Church premises, including the parking lot and exterior grounds, upon conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, all the while maintaining social distancing standards.
- If after attending any service a parishioner experiences symptoms of or tests positive for COVID-19, in addition to immediately contacting their medical provider, they must contact the Church office to inform the parish of the date that they attended service.