



November 12, 2017 :: Fifth Sunday of Luke

Commemorations: *John the Merciful, Patriarch of Alexandria, Nilus the Ascetic of Sinai, Martin, Bishop of Tours, Leondos Styppi, Patriarch of Constantinople*

Plagal Second Tone :: *First Orthros Gospel*

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

Reader: *O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; and shepherd them, and raise them up forever.*

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Reader: *To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God, may You not pass over me in silence; may You never be silent to me, else I would become like those who go down into the pit.*

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: *The reading is from the letter of holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians.*

Priest: Let us be attentive.

Brethren, But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together; and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Holy Gospel: St. 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."

Resurrection Hymn (Plagal of the Second Tone)

When the angelic powers were at Your tomb, then they that guarded You became as dead. And Mary stood beside the grave seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades and were not tried by it. You met the Virgin and granted life to us. O Lord, Who are risen from the dead, glory to You.

Hymn for the Hierarch (First Tone)

By your patience you obtained your reward, O devout Father. You persevered in your prayers without ceasing; and the poor you loved and satisfied. We entreat you, blessed John the Merciful, intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

Hymn for the Transfiguration (Grave Tone)

You were transfigured upon the mountain O Christ our God, showing to Your disciples Your glory as much as they could bear. Do also in us, sinners though we be, shine Your everlasting Light. At the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Giver of Light, glory to You.

Kontakion of the Presentation of the Theotokos (Fourth Tone)

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.

PARISH NOTICES

We warmly welcome our guests this morning. Please join us downstairs after Liturgy for a time of fellowship and refreshment hosted by Tsehay Nigusie in memory of her husband Gevrenegus of blessed memory. God rest his soul! Next week's host: Parish Council

At this week's Wednesday evening class we will view and discuss a recorded talk by Matushka Constantina Palmer about her journey to Orthodoxy, her years time spent living and studying in Greece, her frequent visits to many of the holy monasteries there, and her book, *The Scent of Holiness*. All are welcome!

The holy Nativity fast begins this Wednesday and continues through December 24th. *May your blessing, O Lord, be upon us!*

The Holy Forty Liturgies, a traditional feature of the Nativity fast, will be served daily beginning this Wednesday. Please pray that the Lord grant strength to "those who serve and those who sing." Forms to submit names for commemoration are available at the candle stand. Please give your names directly to Father Sava or Presvytera Mary.

Philoptochos will be purchasing and putting together household items for the 110 Sioux Falls families that are part of the Bright Start program. Bright Start is a resource and support program that offers nurse home visitation services to at-risk families during pregnancy and after delivery. Philoptochos will offer the opportunity for anyone in the parish to donate money to this project. Please make your check out to Philoptochos and write "Bright Start" in the memo line. You can give your donation to any of the Philoptochos officers: Patty Carey, Presvytera Mary, Aphrodite Sengos or Betty Peterson.

Parish Council will meet today after Liturgy.

THIS WEEK AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

Monday St. John Chrysostom :: Orthros/Liturgy at 8/9 A.M.

Tuesday Holy Apostle Philip :: Orthros/Liturgy at 8/9 A.M.

Wednesday Liturgy (1/40) at 9 A.M.
Vespers at 6:30 P.M. *Knowing our Faith* class following the service.

Thursday Liturgy (2/40) at 9 A.M.

Friday Liturgy (3/40) at 9 A.M.

Saturday Liturgy (4/40) at 9 A.M.
Great Vespers at 5 P.M. :: Confessions following

Next Sunday November 19th, the Ninth Sunday of Luke
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy (5/40) at 10:00 A.M. :: Sunday School
Liturgical readings: 2nd Corinthians 9:6-11 Luke 10:25-37

PARISH ASSEMBLY AFTER THE LITURGY



LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov. 15 - Dec. 24 **Fast of the Nativity**
Ἱερό Σαρανταλείτουργο Χριστουγέννων
The Holy Forty Divine Liturgies of the Nativity Fast
- November 19 Fall Parish Assembly**
- November 21 **Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple**
- November 23 **Thanksgiving Day**
- November 30 **Holy Apostle Andrew**
- December 4 **Holy Great Martyr Barbara**
- December 5 **Saint Savvas the Sanctified**
- December 6 **Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker**
- December 7 **Saint Ambrose of Milan**
- December 8 **Conception by Saint Anna of the All-Holy Theotokos**
- December 12 **Saint Spyridon the Wonder-Worker**
- December 17 **Saint Dionysios of Zakynthos**

WORDS OF LIFE

We have within us deeply rooted weaknesses, passions, and defects. This can not all be cut out with one sharp motion, but with patience, persistence, care and attention. The path leading to perfection is long. Pray to God so that he will strengthen you. Patiently accept your falls and, having stood up, immediately run to God, not remaining in that place where you have fallen. Do not despair if you keep falling into your old sins. Many of them are strong because they have received the force of habit. Only with the passage of time and with fervor will they be conquered. Don't let anything deprive you of hope.

St. Nektarios of Aegina


Love sinners, but hate their deeds, and do not disdain sinners for their failings, so that you yourself do not fall into the temptation in which they abide... Do not be angry at anyone and do not hate anyone, neither for their faith, nor for their shameful deeds... Do not foster hatred for the sinner, for we are all guilty... Hate his sins, and pray for him, so that you may be made like unto Christ, who had no dislike for sinners, but prayed for them.

St Isaac the Syrian


"As long as a person lives self-centeredly, he cannot forgive his fellowmen. His offended ego does not allow him to. However, when repents and decides to place God in the center of his life, then he forgives those who distressed, harmed, and were unjust to him. We must put up a hard struggle in order to liberate our souls from resentment, because egoism tyrannizes our soul. For this reason the Lord taught just to seek forgiveness from God, on the condition that we forgive those who trespass against us."


Archimandrite George Capsanis





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