
November 11, 2018
Eighth Sunday of Luke

*Saints and Feasts: Holy Martyrs Menas of Egypt, Victor and Stephanie;
Theodore the Studite; Holy Martyr Vincent of Saragossa*
Grave Tone :: Second Orthros Gospel

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Reader: *God is wondrous in His saints.*

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Reader: *Bless God in the churches.*

Deacon: Wisdom.

Reader: *The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.*

Deacon: Let us be attentive.

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Reader: *It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing to Your name, O Most High.*

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Reader: *To proclaim Your mercy in the morning and Your truth at night.*

Chanters: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Holy Gospel: Saint Luke 16:19-31

The Lord spoke this parable: 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."

HYMNS FOR THE LITURGY

Resurrection Hymn (Grave Tone)

By Your Cross You abolished death; to the thief You opened Paradise; You transformed the myrrhbearers' lamentation, and commanded Your Apostles to preach that You are risen, O Christ our God, bestowing great mercy upon the world.

For the Holy Martyrs (Fourth Tone)

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Hymn for the Transfiguration

Kontakion of the Entrance 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 today! If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian Faith and our way of life, please speak with Father Sava. His contact information is on the front of this bulletin. Please join us for the Fellowship Hour in the parish hall downstairs after Liturgy, hosted today by the **Theodosopoulos family** in memory of **Trifon** on the first anniversary of his repose. May his memory be eternal, and his soul be granted to rest among the saints in light.

Our **Fall Parish Assembly** will be held next Sunday, November 18th, following the Divine Liturgy in the Pappas Social Hall. The proposed agenda was included with the November-December newsletter.

Father Sava will present photos from his summer pilgrimage to some of the ancient holy sites in Scotland this Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock in the church social hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

THIS WEEK AT TRANSFIGURATION CHURCH

Monday Vespers at 6:30 P.M.

Tuesday **St John Chrysostom** :: Orthros/Liturgy at 8/9 A.M.
Vespers at 6:30 P.M.

Wednesday **St Philip the Apostle** :: Orthros/Liturgy at 8/9 A.M.
Vespers at 6:30 P.M. "*Knowing and Living our Faith*" following Vespers.

Thursday — **THE NATIVITY FAST BEGINS** —

Saturday Great Vespers at 5 P.M. Confessions following, or by appointment

Next Sunday November 18th :: Ninth Sunday of Luke
Orthros at 9:00 A.M. :: Divine Liturgy at 10:00 A.M.
Sunday School :: **PARISH ASSEMBLY**

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 14 - Dec. 24 Fast of the Nativity

November 18 Fall Parish Assembly

November 21 Entrance of the Theotokos Into the Temple of Jerusalem

November 30 Holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called

WHAT GOES ON DEEP INSIDE OUR SOULS?

Prayer is good. I hope you'll pray after you read this article.

I hope you'll surrender your heart to God at least temporarily. Let Him enter your heart so that you could calm down and chill a little. I would like you to perceive this state as a spa center of some sort. A spa for your soul.

We're talking about relaxation of your soul. Calm down. Don't say anything. Keep calm. Transform yourself. A friend of mine told me, "When I return from Mount Athos, I feel calm for ten days! Instead of being nervous all the time, strange things happen! Whatever happens at home, I remain calm, serene, and quiet. My wife is surprised, too. 'What's going on with you? Why aren't you nervous?' she asks." That's the effect of prayer that changes you from within.

It is because you've become one with God. It's because you've become a different person. You are "rebooted". There are people who attempt to "reboot" themselves with alcohol. You are restarted by prayer.

In contrast to them, you don't lose your mind and logical thinking. You are made stronger. You don't need wine, tsipouro, whiskey, or cognac—only the Holy Spirit. You enter an altered state of mind where you see and you don't see at the same time. You hear and you don't hear at the same time.


People tell you about their problems that make them anxious or irritated. You look at them with different eyes and from a different vantage point because you've touched the mystery and depth of prayer. You've dived into the place where there is no commotion. You've learned the meaning of the world of Christ. You aren't troubled by the things that used to bother you a lot. Well, I think if I continue, it will annoy you. Enough. Thank you for your love and for the prayer of love that you will begin to pray with. Pray for yourself, too. And for those who love you. And for those whom you don't actually love. And for your dearest one. And for the rescue of your marriage. You can pray for me, too, if you want to. May the real prayer unite us all.

Someone asked me, "How do I know that everything is fine with me if I stay in the Church? I see many people who are close to Christ, who go to church, who are baptized, who pray and take part in worship, who perform their social functions well, but they don't change... or they even get worse sometimes. I notice it everywhere in the world around me. I would like to see a different picture in the church. Father, please tell me how can I be sure that everything is fine with me?"

Here is my answer: There aren't any unequivocal signs because everything is in God's hands. The changes that occur are concealed, mysterious, and hidden. The crowd cannot see them.



Some clues are evident, though. Only you and God know what happens inside your soul. It's invisible. However, everyone can see how you treat your husband or wife, your children, and your neighbors.

From "Marriage Has Its Challenges"
by Archimandrite Andrew (Konanos)




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