



Sunday, August 4, 2019

7th Sunday of St. Matthew

Seven Holy Youths of Ephesus

All English Liturgy

First Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy Name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all that He has done for you.

The Lord in heaven has prepared His throne, and His kingdom rules over all.

Second Antiphon

Praise the Lord, O my soul; I will praise the Lord in my life; I will chant unto my God for as long as I have my being.

Blessed is He of whom the God of Jacob is his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

The Lord shall be King unto eternity; your God, O Zion, from generation to generation.

Third Antiphon

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let the heavens and the earth praise Him.

HYMNS AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE

The Resurrection Apolytikion, Mode 2 Plagal

Mighty hosts of angels descended on Thy tomb, and those who guarded it were stricken still as dead, and Mary of Magdala stood before Thy grave seeking Thy pure and sacred body. Thou defeated Hades and were not tempted by him and Thou appeared to the Virgin and through her granted Life, Thou who rose from the dead, O Lord Glory to Thee.

Isodikon

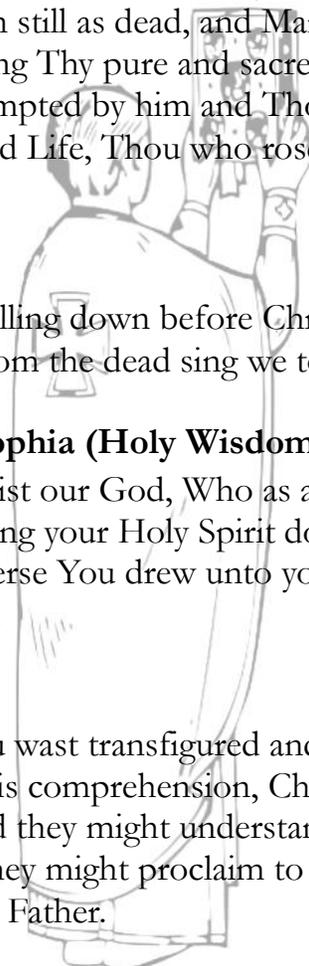
Come let us worship falling down before Christ. Save us O Son of God who didst arise from the dead sing we to Thee Alleluia.

Troparion of Saint Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

Blessed are You O Christ our God, Who as all wise the fishermen You showed forth; By sending your Holy Spirit down upon them and through them the universe You drew unto your net. O lover of mankind Glory to You.

Kondakion

On the mountain Thou wast transfigured and Thy disciples beheld Thy Glory each unto his comprehension, Christ the God, so that when they saw Thee crucified they might understand that Thy passion was freely given, and that they might proclaim to the world that Thou truly are the splendor of the Father.



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Scripture Reading

Faith comes by hearing...

Epistle Reader: Oriana Tavoularis

Priest: Let Us Attend...

Reader: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance...to you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans (15:1-7)

Priest: Let us be attentive...

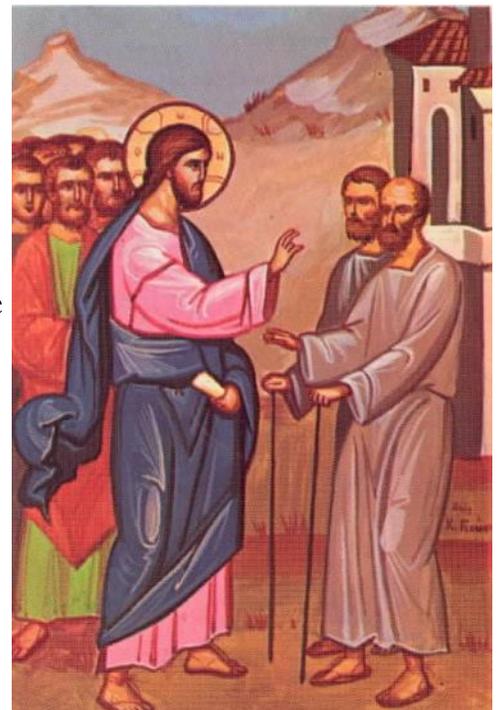
BRETHREN, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of your Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW (9:27-35)

At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons."

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



Memorials

May their memory be eternal...

Among the spirits of the righteous perfected in faith, give rest, O Savior to the souls of your servants...

Despina Fotinou (18 years)

Hariklia Papadogeorgakis (30 years)

Irene Poulos-Watson (4 years)

George J. Poulos (50 years)

James L. Watson (28 years)

Sam (Soterios) Dupas (47 years)

Alan Brinkley (40 days)

Panos Morphos (40 years)

Diane B. Morphos (13 years)

William D. Belroy (33 years)

Stavroula Pappas (53 years)

Steven Bicos (1 year)

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Irene Poulos-Watson, George J. Poulos, James L. Watson and Sam (Soterios) Dupas by John Poulos and Stratton and Mary Leopold.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Panos and Diane B. Morphos by the Morphos family.

SOLEA CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Irene Poulos-Watson, George J. Poulos, James L. Watson and Sam (Soterios) Dupas by John Poulos and Stratton and Mary Leopold.

SPECIAL CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of William D. Belroy and Stavroula Pappas by the Morphos family.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Offered in loving memory of Alan Brinkley by the Morphos family.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

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Dangerous Thorns

Chrysostom

Let us kindle the light of knowledge and not plant among thorns. You know what the thorns are, even though I haven't told you. For you often heard the Lord call the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches by his name. For just as thorns are unfruitful, so are these things. Just as thorns tear up those who hand them, so do these passions. Just as thorns catch on fire easily and are hated by farmers, so are the things of the world. Just as wild beasts, snakes and scorpions hide in thorns, so do they hide in the deceitfulness of riches. But let us kindle the fire of the Spirit to burn up these thorns, drive away the beasts and make the field clear for the farmer. After cleansing it, let us water the field with streams of the Spirit. Let us plant fruitful olive trees and evergreens. Let us plant life-giving, nutritious and wholesome trees. For giving to the poor has these qualities and places a seal on those who do so. Even when death comes, charity won't wither. But it always stands tall to enlighten the mind, feeds the sinews of the soul, and gives even mightier strength. And if we constantly possess it, we will be able to approach the Bridegroom with confidence and enter in the bridal chamber.

"And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful."

Mathew 4:19



UPCOMING SERVICES



The Mission of Saint Sophia Cathedral

- 1. Proclaim and teach the Gospel according to the Orthodox Christian Faith*
- 2. Sanctify and enhance the spiritual life of the faithful through Orthodox Christian worship.*
- 3. Receive persons into the Church through instruction, baptism and/or chrismation.*

Sunday, August 4

8:30 am — Orthros
9:45 am — Memorials
10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

Wednesday, August 7

7:30 pm — Small Paraklesis

Friday, August 9

7:30 pm — Small Paraklesis

