



Sunday, September 29

All English Liturgy

2nd Sunday of St. Luke

Cyriacus the Hermit of Palestine

HYMNS AT THE SMALL ENTRANCE

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.

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.

Apolytikion of Saint Kyriakos the Pilgrim

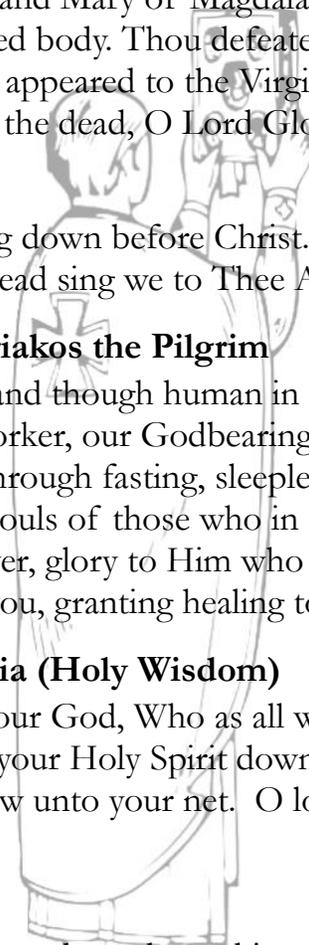
As a citizen of the desert and though human in body, you were shown to be an angel and miracle worker, our Godbearing father Kyriakos; having received heavenly graces through fasting, sleepless vigilance, and prayer, you cure the sick and the souls of those who in faith hasten to you. Glory to Him who gave you power, glory to Him who set your crown, glory to Him who works through you, granting healing to all.

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

Protection of all Christians and unashamed intercessor to our Creator unchanging. Do not turn from the praying voices of all sinners; but extend your good and timely help to us who in faith call upon you. Hasten O Theotokos to intercede for us. The protector of us all who defends those who honor you.



SAINT SOPHIA CATHEDRAL

1324 S Normandie Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90006

www.saintsophia.org

facebook.com/StSophiaLA

V. Rev. Father John S. Bakas

Dean

Rev. Fr. Chris Kolentsas

Assistant Priest

Scripture Reading

Faith comes by hearing....

Epistle Reader: Stephanie Katherine Yallourakis

Priest: Let Us Attend...

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

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:6-15)

Priest: 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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (6:31-36)



The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

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...

Athanasia Alexopoulos (2 years)

Helen Vlachos (4 years)

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Athanasia Alexopoulos by her family and friends.

PERFECTION WILL COME

Origen

Regarding “things which are the objects of perception,” Paul calls them “things seen.” However, he calls the objects of understanding “things unseen.” He knows that visible things which are “seen” are “temporal,” but that things “not seen,” which we can know by our minds, are “eternal.” Paul wants to continually think about these eternal things. Because of his earnest longing for them, he considers all sufferings as “light” and as “nothing.” During the season of suffering and trouble, he wasn’t ever weighed down by them, but, by his contemplation of divine things, he believed every disaster was light. Therefore, after the troubles and struggles we suffer here, we hope to reach the highest heavens. We pleasantly receive Jesus’ teaching as the fountains of water that spring us up to eternal life. We are being filled with the rivers of knowledge and will be united with those waters above the heavens that praise His name. Those of us who praise Him won’t be swayed by the movement of heaven but will always concentrate on the invisible things of God. We won’t understand these things through His creation anymore but as Jesus’ disciple said, we will see them “then face to face,” for, “When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part will be done away.”

“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Collosians 3:2

You will come closer and
closer to perfection, but you
will never be perfect.
Perfection is not the way of
existence. Growth is the way.

Apostle of the Day

St. James the Greater



James (The Greater)

He was the son of Zebedee. He, with his elder brother John and with Peter, constituted the privileged group - the inner circle of the disciples. James was present at the Transfiguration and the Agony in Gethsemane. His zeal was ardent and he and his brother were named by the Lord "Boanerges", which means "sons of thunder". James was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I in A. D. 44, the first of the Twelve to suffer martyrdom. A theory that he preached in Spain is counter to the tradition of the Church and the Epistle to the Romans, 15:20 and 24, which concur that he did not leave Jerusalem. According to an old Spanish tradition, the body of St. James was transferred to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, where St. James was one of the most revered Spanish saints during the Middle Ages.



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, September 29

8:30 am — Orthros

9:45 am — Memorials

10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

12:30 pm — Booth Captains & Volunteers
Meeting in the Pavilion

Tuesday, October 1

11 am — Bible Studies

LA GREEK FEST — October 4, 5 and 6