



Sunday, October 20, 2019

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke*

All English Liturgy

*Artemius the Great Martyr of Antioch, Matrona the Righteous of Chios  
Gerasimus of Cephalonia*

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 1**

The stone of Thy tomb was sealed by the Judaeans and the soldiers guarded Thy Sacred and Pure Body, the Saviour arose on the third day granting life to the world, they cried to Thee and because of this Heavenly Hosts did acclaim Thee, and called out, giver of Life: Glory to Thy resurrection O Christ, Glory to Thy Kingdom, Glory to Thy providence who alone loves mankind.

**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 for the Greatmartyr Artemios and the Righteous Matrona**

You lived your life as the Apostles lived and have become successor to their thrones. Divinely inspired one, using your gifts of logical thought, you righteously taught the word of truth, and you stood fast in faith to your martyrdom. Holy martyrs Artemios and Matrona, intercede with Christ our God that our souls be saved.

**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**

Protector 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 thee. Hasten O Theotokos to intercede for us, the protector of us all who defends those who honor thee.

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# Scripture Reading

*Faith comes by hearing...*

Epistle Reader: Thani June

**Priest:** Let Us Attend...

**Reader:** Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our father...for you are just in all you have done

**Priest:** Wisdom.

**Reader:** The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (9:6-11)

**Priest:** Let us be attentive...

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (8:26-39)**

At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

# 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...*

*Mary Sirus*

*Mary Latinopoulos (40 days)*

*George Steve Bonorris*

*Leila Valentine*

*Nick Stathes (1 year)*

## **ALTAR CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of George Steve Bonorris by his family.

## **ALTAR TABLE CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of George Steve Bonorris by his family.

Offered in loving memory of Mary Latinopoulos by her family

## **PERPETUAL CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of Leila Valentine by her sons Gregory and Michael Pappas.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Offered in loving memory of Nick Stathes by his wife Sonia Stathes and family.

## **COFFEE HOUR SPONSOR**

Offered in loving memory of Leila Valentine by her sons Gregory and Michael Pappas.

## **UNDERSTANDING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**

### **Part 1**

### **Man's Relation to God**

The first four Commandments are articulated in such a way as to guide the devotion of the believer toward God. They belong to the one table, and should be recognized and accepted with reverence and fear of Almighty God, without deviation or compromise. The Lord our God demands not a part of our lives, but that the wholeness of our lives be dedicated without hesitation or reservation. By these commandments the full communion of man with God is sought. It is surprising, but at the same time a great privilege for the believer to be allowed to communicate with Almighty God, person to person; to enter the realm of the sonship; to be called a son of God, and to be designated an ambassador of God's will on earth.

### **The First Commandment**

"I am the Lord thy God... Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

"And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

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Ex. 20:1-3

Moses went down from the mountain to the people and told them what God ordered him to tell them. God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the Lord your God." God identifies Himself in order to guide mankind to the proper worship and belief in one God; a God Who takes part in the history of mankind, Who is present to harken to the voice of the people and to answer them. It is obvious that the Jewish people believed in a super-existing being. It is the task not only of the Old Testament writers, but even of the New Testament message to guide the people in the paths of believing and knowing the True God. Here in the First Commandment, the question of pure faith is at stake for the believer, "that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3). God identifies Himself to the people as the only Lord who created the universe and governs it continuously, thus guiding the faith of man and leading him into His kingdom. The First Commandment then refers to the right Faith unto the True God. The wholeness of this knowledge was provided by Jesus Christ, so that Christians have a full knowledge of the Almighty God. In the First Commandment we read that God opposes faith in other gods. Everyone believes either in the True God or in idols and superstitions, which are the "other gods". The human race, in its adventure and innate tendency to reach for the super-being, many times fails and misuses this tendency, falling into beliefs in other gods, superstitions and other objects of devotion.

Devotion and worship, unguided and careless, lead people away from God. This commandment does not have meaning for atheists whose hearts are immune to any faith, but appeals to people whose hearts burn with the willingness to believe in God. Other gods are man-made objects or conditions, such as greed, lust, careless education and many other things which man responds to with devotion and dedication. The task of the First Commandment then is to guide the believer to devote himself to the one God in the manner indicated in the Old Testament, and especially through our Lord Jesus Christ. This true faith in the One True God should be nourished daily and constantly through prayer and study so that the temptations of other gods have no power to mislead him. Apostle Paul aware of these faults, advised the Corinthians "to shun the worship of idols." (1 Cor. 10:14), and again, to protect the believer from various desires and goals, for instance, "... covetousness, which is idolatry." (Col. 3:5).

**Sunday, October 20**

8:30 am — Studies in Faith  
9:45 am — Memorials  
10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*  
12:30 pm — Bible Faith Studies

**Tuesday, October 22**

11:00 am — Bible Studies



**Wednesday, October 23**

*James the Apostle, brother of Our Lord*  
8:45 am — Orthros  
9:45 am — Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, October 26**

*The Holy Great Martyr Demetrius the Myrrh-Streamer*  
9:00 am — Orthros  
10:00 am — Divine Liturgy