



Sunday, October 27, 2019

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of St. Luke

Bilingual Liturgy

Nestor the Martyr of Thessaloniki

### 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

### **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἢ Ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When Thou descended to an earthly death, Thou who art immortal Life, then did Thou strike down Hades by the lightning of Thy divinity and Lord when Thou did raise from the depths all those who were dead, all the Heavenly powers cried out to Thee: O Christ our God and giver of life, Glory to Thee.

### **Hymn of Saint Sophia**

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

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

### **Kontakion**

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμῶντων σε.

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: Nick Manolelis

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

**Reader:** The Lord is my strength and my song...the Lord has chastened me sorely.

**Priest:** Wisdom.

**Reader:** The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31-33; 12:1-9)

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

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands.

I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.

# 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...*

*Harry D. Kollias*

*Charles Krilis (40 days)*

*Harry Gallanes (1 year)*

*Frank Desby*

## **PERPETUAL CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of Frank Desby by his son Neal Desby.

## **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS**

Offered in loving memory of Harry D. Kollias by his wife, Linda, children, Jim (Doris), Bill and Sophia, and grandchildren, Harrison and Christina.

## **Understanding the Ten Commandments**

### **Part 2**

#### **The Second Commandment**

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven images...Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them."

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Ex. 20:4-6

The Second Commandment is a continuation of the First in guiding the believer not to have for himself a graven image. This utterance is given to protect the believer from the temptation to create images and thus ignore the True God. Some believers worship the means of their own creation, which in itself becomes an idol and graven image. In the religious life of a Christian there are many objects and gestures which absorb his attention and devotion. The Second Commandment forbids anything in Heaven above and the earth beneath from replacing the pure faith in the One Lord. Knowledge, skill, money and works also can become graven images if they are not put to their proper use, that of serving and nourishing the pure faith in the One Lord and God. This commandment does not prohibit the use of icons or other objects of the Church. These objects help the faithful Christian to express his true faith in God; the believer does not "bow down to them or worship them." The tabernacle with cherubic pictures on the curtains and sculptured cherubs was not considered idolatry, as it is mentioned in Exodus 36:35-38. The use of statues of a non-existing deity in worship is considered idolatry because the worshipper "exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles" (Romans 1:23) (cf Psalm 135:15-18).



## Saint Sophia Cathedral Stewardship Drive

Goal:

**\$750,000**

Pledged and Paid:

**\$438, 000**

Percentage of goal to date:

**58.4%**

**We Cordially Invite the Parish Families to  
fill up a Stewardship Card**

It is important to plan your donation to help in the parish ministries. The donations made to the parish are tax deductible and is useful for your yearly tax returns. Also, sometimes there is a need of a letter for legal matters and if you are not a steward in good standing there are no informational facts available. For more information please visit the parish office or talk to a parish council member during coffee hour.



### **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, October 27**

8:30 am — Orthros

9:45 am — Memorials

10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

No Class — Bible Faith Studies



### **Tuesday, October 29**

11:00 am — Bible Studies

### **Friday, November 1**

*Cosmas and Damian the Holy Unmercenaries  
of Asia, and their mother Theodota*

9:00 am — Orthros

10:00 am — Divine Liturgy