



Sunday, December 1, 2019

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

All English Liturgy

*Nabum the Prophet, Ananias the Persian, Philaret the Merciful of Amnia*

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**

By death on Thy cross Thou defeated death and opened to the thief the way to paradise, Thou turned to joy the lament of the women bearing myrrh and commanded the disciples the message to proclaim, that Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world Thy great mercy.

**Isodikon**

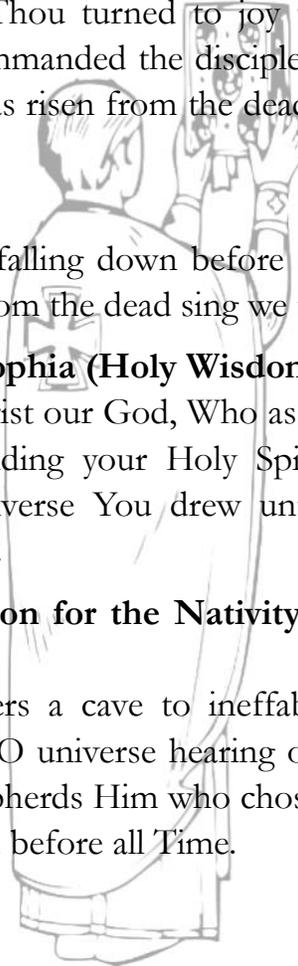
Come let us worship, falling down before Christ. Save us O Son of God who didst arise from the dead sing we to Thee Alleluia.

**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.

**Preparation Kondakion for the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**

Today the Virgin enters a cave to ineffably give birth to Him the eternal Word. Dance O universe hearing of this event. Glorify with the angels and the shepherds Him who chose to be seen as a new born child, God who existed before all Time.



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# Scripture Reading

*Faith comes by hearing...*

Epistle Reader: Vickie Deryiades

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

**Reader:** The Lord will give strength to his people...bring the Lord, O sons of God, bring to the Lord honor and glory.

**Priest:** Wisdom.

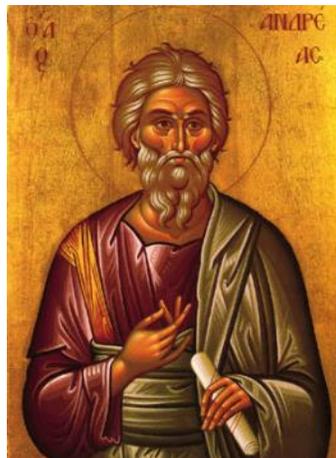
**Reader:** The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:14-22)

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

Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (18:35-43)**

At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.



# 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...*

*Paula Roussos (3 years)*

*Theodora Naoumovitch (2 years)*

*Anna Georgiou (40 days)*

## **ALTAR CANDLES**

Offered in loving memory of Theodora Naoumovitch (2 years) by her family.

## **Understanding the Ten Commandments**

### **Part 7**

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

The remaining Commandments belong to the second table and deal with the relation of the faithful to their neighbors. The commands are given in a negative form. The Christian interpretation, though, should be accepted in an affirmative context. It is not the general "You shall not" that should be stressed, but rather what I ought to do" in the name of the Lord and for the benefit of my neighbor.

#### **The Seventh Commandment**

"Thou shalt not commit adultery"

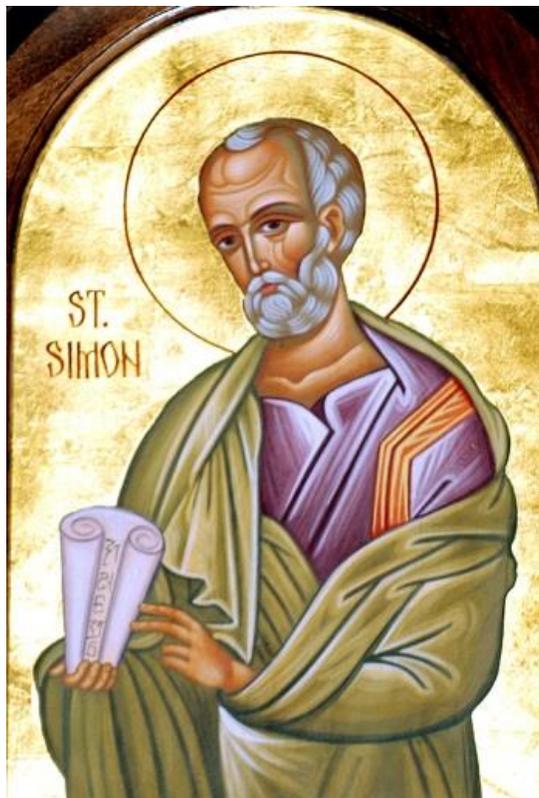
Ex. 20:14

The Seventh Commandment instructs the believer to avoid any act leading to the dishonor of the fidelity of the family. Any such activity outside of marriage is forbidden by this commandment. Purity of life is recommended in order to make steadfast the moral ability of an individual and a nation. To attain this goal the faithful are instructed to protect themselves. The faithful are urged, on one hand, to avoid outside influence and temptation and, on the other hand, to create the ideal of chastity, nourishing it by their relations with friends and with worthy activities. They are urged to invoke the assistance of Almighty God to lead them in the pasture of His Will.

Apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, refers to the purity of the faith, saying, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy and that temple you are" (1 Cor. 3:16, 17). This commandment challenges man to resist carnal temptations.

## Saint of the Day

Simon the Apostle



He was called Cananaean and Zealot, two terms of the same Hebrew word. According to the Apocryphal "Passion of Simon and Jude", both of them preached and underwent martyrdom in Persia. In the New Testament, Simon, one of the brethren of the Lord, was identified with Simon the Apostle. There were many others bearing the same name in the New Testament.

### **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, December 1

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

#### Tuesday, December 3

11 am — Bible Studies Class

#### Wednesday, December 4

*Barbara the Great Martyr*  
9:00 am — Orthros  
10:00 am — Divine Liturgy

#### Friday, December 6

*St. Nicholas the Wonderworker*  
9:00 am — Orthros  
10:00 am — Divine Liturgy

