



Sunday, December 8, 2019

10th Sunday of Luke

Bilingual Liturgy

Forefeast of the Conception by St. Anna of the Most Holy Theotokos

Patapius the Righteous of Thebes

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

Resurrection Apolytikion

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Descending from on high O compassionate one, to free us all from our iniquities. Humbling Yourself by dwelling three days in the tomb, our life and resurrection. Lord, Glory to You.

Troparion of Saint Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφος τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμφας 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.

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

Ἡ παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα. δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

Today the Virgin enters a cave, to ineffably give birth to Him, the eternal Logos. 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: John Holloway

Priest: Let Us Attend...

Reader: Make your vows to the Lord our God and perform them...God is known in Judah; his name is great in Israel.

Priest: Wisdom.

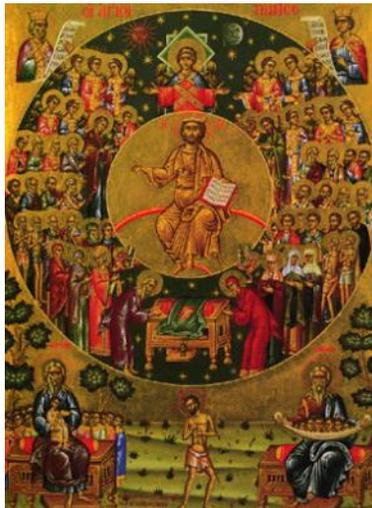
Reader: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-7)

Priest: Let us be attentive...

Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (13:10-17)

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by 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...

Pauline Tassop (50 years)

John Tassop

Nicholas Tassop

Ernie Tassop

Lola Gialketsis

George Gialketsis

Steve Cosfol (28 years)

Vasilios Gerasimou (30 years)

Helen Gerasimou

Michael Divris

Dora Divris

Kostas Divris

Vasileios Tzavellas

Sophia Sotiriu

Fotis Sotiriu

Petros Hristides

Xarikleia Tzavella

Maria Tzavella

Nikolaos Koutsikos

George Phillip William (1 year)

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Steve Cosfol by his son Peter and Denise, and grandchildren.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Vasilios and Helen Gerasimou by their families, Kouji and Mary Nakata and Andreas and Ellen Gerasmimou and grandchildren.

Two Blessings

Augustine

There are two kinds of blessings; temporal and eternal. Temporal blessings are health, honor, friends, wealth, children, a home, a wife, and other things from our journey in life. But we reside in the hotel of life as travelers moving on, not as owners intending to remain. For eternal blessings are eternal life, the body and soul's incorruption and immortality, the allegiance of angels, the heavenly city, unending glory and the Father-the former without death, the latter without an enemy. These blessings make us desire them with eagerness and ask for them with perseverance. We don't ask with lengthy words, but with groans. A longing desire is always praying even though the tongue is silent. For if you ever long for these things, you are praying. When does prayer sleep? When desire grows cold. So then, let us beg for these eternal blessings with eager desire. Let us seek these good things with entire earnestness. Let us ask for them with assurance... Beloved, ask also for temporal blessings, but in moderation. Be sure that if we do receive them, He who knows what is beneficial for us gives them to us. You have asked. Hasn't He given you what you asked for? Trust your Father. He would give it to you if it was beneficial for you.

"For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

-Hebrews 13:14-

Recovering in Battle

Augustine

What is the full and perfect liberty found in the Lord Jesus? He said, "If the Son shall make you free, then shall ye be free indeed." And when will we have full and perfect liberty? When hostility ends and death, our last enemy, is destroyed. "For this corruptible must put on immortality. And when this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' O death, where is thy struggle." Now we will never die but live in Him who died for us and rose again. As those who are wounded, we should be praying for a physician. We must be carried into the inn to be healed. For He who pitied the man left half alive on the road by robbers, promises salvation. He healed the man's wounds. He placed him on his animal. He took him to the inn. He placed him in the innkeeper's care. Who was the innkeeper? Perhaps it was Paul, the one who said, "We are the ambassadors of Christ." He gave also two coins to pay for healing the man's wounds. Perhaps these are the two commandments on which the law and the prophets all hang. Therefore, beloved, the church is the traveler's inn where the wounded are healed. But above the church is the life and liberty we inherit.

"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 15:56-57



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 8

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

Thursday, December 12

Spyridon the Wonderworker
9:00 am — Orthros
10:00 am — Divine Liturgy