



Sunday, December 15, 2019

11th Sunday of Saint Luke

All English Liturgy

Eleutherios the Hieromartyr, Bishop of Illyricum, and his mother Anthia

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 Holy Forefathers of Christ

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth to You, is from their offspring At their entreaties, O Christ our God, save our souls.

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.

Proeortion (Preparation) Kondakion

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: Julian Hanberg

Priest: Let Us Attend...

Reader: Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints...what shall I render to the Lord for all that he has given me?

Priest: Wisdom.

Reader: The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (1:8-18)

Priest: Let us be attentive...

TIMOTHY, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me - may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you will know all the service he rendered at Ephesos.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (14:16-24)

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

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...

<i>Mary Aronis</i>	<i>Penelope Caiopoulos Batanides (7 years)</i>
<i>Basil Aronis</i>	<i>Andrew Kyriaco (10 years)</i>
<i>Melina Aronis</i>	<i>Eftychios Psaltiras (3 years)</i>
<i>Stacy Rasmussen</i>	<i>Steve G. Bonorris</i>
<i>Ray Rasmussen</i>	<i>Victoria</i>
<i>Gus Constance</i>	<i>Karla</i>
<i>Margaret Constance</i>	<i>Alex</i>
<i>Spiros Constance</i>	<i>Eddie</i>
<i>James S. Drulias (53 years)</i>	

ALTAR CANDLES

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

PERPETUAL CANDLES

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

COFFEE HOUR

Offered in loving memory of Mary and Basil Aronis, Melina Aronis, Stacy and Ray Rasmussen, Gus and Margaret Constance and Spiros Constance by the Aronis family.

Offered in loving memory of Eftychios Psaltiras by the Psaltiras family.

The Eighth Commandment

"Thou shalt not steal."

Ex. 20:15.

Almighty God endowed each of us with abilities to work and produce the means of life. Man's possessions, both spiritual and material, enable him to be a steward for the benefit of himself and society. To steal your neighbor's property is forbidden, and is considered a sin. This commandment forbids also the supposed legitimate act of taking away your neighbor's property by so-called legal methods. Stealing is deceit, and regardless of legal protections, it is an evil act which both corrupts the conscience of a people and undermines the peace of societies, individuals and nations. The Christian attitude is to make steadfast moral values opposed to legal cleverness. Stealing is a bad habit and should be corrected early in a person's life in-order to create in him an attitude of respect and honor for the possessions of others. This attitude, should be a standard from within rather than being guided by external laws of the state, which many times are misconstrued.

The Ninth Commandment

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

Ex. 20:16

To accuse a man by bearing false witness against him, either in the court of law officially, or in public in order to destroy his dignity, is a sin not only before God, but even before man, according to the ordinary standards of life. This act is not merely a lie; it is spiteful joy at the expense of an innocent person. To bear false witness, against one's neighbor is a vice which includes lying and defamation, as well as mockery, calumny and profanity.

It is an offense with the armour of manifold weapons of destruction. The writer of the Epistle of James 1:3-5, describes in a vivid manner the use of human abilities against one's neighbor and society. Such behavior is the opposite of the truth by which the Church of Christ is sustained and nourished by Almighty God.

The commandment not only admonishes us to avoid bearing false witness or even neutrality, but also encourages us to promote the fruits of the Truth as it is described by our Savior in the Sermon on the Mount.



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 15

8:30 am — Orthros

9:45 am — Memorials

10:00 am — *Divine Liturgy*

Cancelled — Bible Faith Studies

