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Saint Sophia Cathedral



Sunday, January 26, 2020

Bilingual Liturgy

15th Sunday of St. Luke

Xenophon & his Companions

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

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ἀησιτῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρηῖνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

Troparion of Saint Sophia (Holy Wisdom)

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἀλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμφσας 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.

Kondakion of the Presentation

Ὁ μήτρان παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χειρὰς τοῦ Συμεῶν εὐλόγησας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

Virgin womb sanctified by Thy birth and by the hands of Simeon who blessed as was proper, coming just in time Thou saved us Christ the God. Always grant peace to Thy commonwealth and give strength to the leaders whom Thou hast loved, the only lover of all.

We welcome baptized Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared to receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to receive a blessing.

Please let the children come first, then wait for the ushers to guide you out row by row.

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Scripture Reading

Faith comes by hearing...

Epistle Reader Shereen Rabadi

Priest: Let Us Attend...

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

Priest: Wisdom.

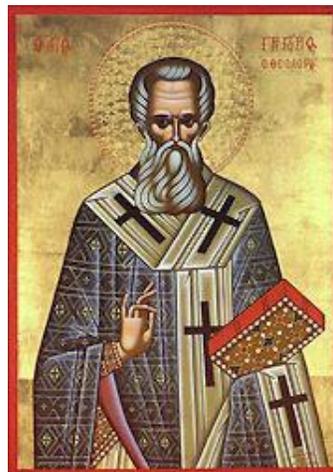
Reader: The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy (4:9-15)

Priest: Let us be attentive...

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE (19:1-10)

At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaios; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed onto a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaios, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaios stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



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...

Wadad Colyer (30 years)

Savas Jerry Stathatos (6 years)

Elaine Thomas (2 years)

ALTAR CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Wadad Colyer by her daughter Jeanine and son-in-law Steve Hanna.

PERPETUAL CANDLES

Offered in loving memory of Savas Jerry Stathatos by his family.

Gregory the Theologian, Archbishop of Constantinople

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This great Father and Teacher of the Church was born in 329 in Arianzus, a village of the second district of Cappadocia, not far from Nazianzus. His father, who later became Bishop of Nazianzus, was named Gregory (commemorated Jan. 1), and his mother was named Nonna (Aug. 5); both are among the Saints, and so are his brother Caesarius (Mar. 9) and his sister Gorgona (Feb. 23). At first he studied in Caesarea of Palestine, then in Alexandria, and finally in Athens. As he was sailing from Alexandria to Athens, a violent sea storm put in peril not only his life but also his salvation, since he had not yet been baptized. With tears and fervour he besought God to spare him, vowing to dedicate his whole self to Him, and the tempest gave way to calm. At Athens Saint Gregory was later joined by Saint Basil the Great, whom he already knew; but now their acquaintanceship grew into a lifelong brotherly love. Another fellow student of theirs in Athens was the young Prince Julian, who later as Emperor was called the Apostate because he denied Christ and did all in his power to restore paganism. Even in Athens, before Julian had thrown off the mask of piety; Saint Gregory saw what an unsettled mind he had, and said, "What an evil the Roman State is nourishing" (Orat. V, 24, PG 35:693).

After their studies at Athens, Gregory became Basil's fellow ascetic, living the monastic life together with him for a time in the hermitages of Pontus. His father ordained him presbyter of the Church of Nazianzus, and Saint Basil consecrated him Bishop of Sasima (or Zansima), which was in the archdiocese of Caesarea. This consecration was a source of great sorrow to Gregory, and a cause of misunderstanding between him and Basil; but his love for Basil remained unchanged, as can be plainly seen from his Funeral Oration on Saint Basil (Orat. XLIII).

About the Year 379, Saint Gregory came to the assistance of the Church of Constantinople, which had already been troubled for forty years by the Arians; by his supremely wise words and many labours he freed it from the corruption of heresy, and was elected Archbishop of that city by the Second

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Ecumenical Council, which assembled there in 381, and condemned Macedonius, Archbishop of Constantinople, the enemy of the Holy Spirit. When Saint Gregory came to Constantinople, the Arians had taken all the churches and he was forced to serve in a house chapel dedicated to Saint Anastasia the Martyr. From there he began to preach his famous five sermons on the Trinity, called the Triadica. When he left Constantinople two years later, the Arians did not have one church left to them in the city. Saint Meletius of Antioch (see Feb. 12), who was presiding over the Second Ecumenical Council, died in the course of it, and Saint Gregory was chosen in his stead; there he distinguished himself in his expositions of dogmatic theology.

Having governed the Church until 382, he delivered his farewell speech - the Syntacterion, in which he demonstrated the Divinity of the Son - before 150 bishops and the Emperor Theodosius the Great; in this speech he requested, and received from all, permission to retire from the see of Constantinople. He returned to Nazianzus, where he lived to the end of his life, and reposed in the Lord in 391, having lived some sixty-two years.

His extant writings, both prose and poems in every type of metre, demonstrate his lofty eloquence and his wondrous breadth of learning. In the beauty of his writings, he is considered to have surpassed the Greek writers of antiquity, and because of his God-inspired theological thought, he received the surname "Theologian." Although he is sometimes called Gregory of Nazianzus, this title belongs properly to his father; he himself is known by the Church only as Gregory the Theologian. He is especially called "Trinitarian Theologian," since in virtually every homily he refers to the Trinity and the one essence and nature of the Godhead. Hence, Alexius Anthonus dedicated the following verses to him:

Like an unwandering star beaming with splendour,
Thou bringest us by mystic teachings, O Father,
To the Trinity's sunlike illumination,
O mouth breathing with fire, Gregory most mighty.

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, January 26

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

Tuesday, January 28

- 11 am — Bible Studies

Thursday, January 30

- Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs*
- 9:00 am — Orthros
- 10:00 am — Divine Liturgy

