

EPISTLE Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

TODAY'S READER: JEANNE KITSOULIS

GOSPEL Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.



Elder Porphyrios of Mt. Athos

On the Sunday after All Saints Sunday, it is customary to venerate the Saints who have shown forth on Mount Athos. This holy mountain has produced some of the Church's most revered holy men. It is the cradle of the Orthodox faith and continues to give the Church holy men, true spiritual fathers, to help guide us to God through the ascetic struggle. O Holy Fathers of Mount Athos, pray to God that our souls may be saved!

IKOS FROM THE CANON OF THE SAINTS OF MT. ATHOS

How good is our union, Fathers wise in God! How sweet and delightful, this your common feast, on which all you Saints who have shone forth on this Mountain, those whose names are known, those who are not, whose fame is one, as brothers in spirit, now take your pleasure! like myrrh poured upon Aaron's head, and running down upon his beard, and as the dew of Hermon. For it was necessary, it was necessary that those who have been well-pleasing to the Lord should be feasted together on one day. Therefore we also, solitaries and cenobites have come together and as is fitting call you blessed; the young, the old; the sons, the fathers; the sinful, the holy, as we cry aloud with one accord, 'Keep this place, which you chose for your dwelling, safe from every evil. O multitude of Saints, boast of Athos!'



FROM ST. NIKODEMOS OF MOUNT ATHOS

"You must learn that perfection consists in nothing but coming near to God and union with Him, as was said in the beginning. With this is connected a heartfelt realization of the goodness and greatness of God, together with the consciousness of our own nothingness and our proneness to every evil This is the law of love, inscribed by the finger of God Himself in the hearts of His true servants ! This is the renunciation of ourselves that God demands of us! This is the blessed yoke of Jesus Christ and His burden that is light! This is the submission to God's will, which our Redeemer and Teacher demands from us both by His word and by His example "Do you now see what all this means, brother? I presume that you are longing to reach the height of such perfection. Blessed be your zeal! But prepare yourself also for labor, sweat and struggle from your first steps on the path. You must sacrifice everything to God and do only His will. Yet you will meet in yourself as many wills as you have powers and wants. Therefore, to reach your desired aim, it is first of all necessary to stifle your own wills and finally to extinguish and kill them altogether. And in order to succeed in this, you must constantly oppose all evil in yourself and urge yourself towards good. In other words, you must ceaselessly fight against yourself and against everything that panders to your own wills, that incites and supports them. So prepare yourself for this struggle and this warfare and know that the crown--attainment of your desired

aim--is given to none except to the valiant among warriors and wrestlers."You must know that progress on the path of spiritual life differs greatly from an ordinary journey on earth. If a traveler stops on his ordinary journey, he loses nothing of the way already covered; but if a traveler on the path of virtue stops in his spiritual progress, he loses much of the virtues previously acquired In an ordinary journey, the further the traveler proceeds, the more tired he becomes; but on the way of spiritual life the longer a man travels, reaching forth unto those things which are before, the greater the strength and power he acquires."

MEMORIALS

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Margarita Karas Campbell (6 months)** requested her daughter Barbara (Patrick) and grandchildren Alexa and Christian; for **Maria M. Nemechek (40 days)** requested by her daughter Barbara; for **John G. Stoides (3 years)** requested by his wife Dina, his children and grandchildren and loving family; for **Helen Williams (5 years)** lovingly requested by her children Marcia, Karen, James, Jeffrey and their families; for **Ulysses G. Auger II (1 year)** requested by his wife Alison, and his children Ulysses III, Nicholas, Annabel, and James; and for **Themistocles Aposporos (3 years)** requested by his loving family. May their memories be eternal!

SUMMER REMINDERS

The Summer schedule is now in effect: Orthros 8:30 a.m. and Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Also with the advent of the hot weather, please remember to keep your attire appropriate when coming to Divine Liturgy. It is God's house!

PRAYER LIST: Antonia "Nitsa" Kempf, Connie Kanaris, Diana Lazar, George Markomanolakis, Argie Palaios, Katherine Panagakos, Priscilla Preuss, George Virvan, Sylvia Basdekas, George Speris, Mariah Smiley, Doris Webb, the child Camille Feruzzi who is gravely ill, the child Heather Greene, Irene Pappas, Marty Levine, Lindsey Reijsoo, the child Ashley Lyvers, the child Alexis Ross, the child Joseph Saxon, Francine Bruggeman, Estrella Grandea Ocampo, Stephanie Skanderis, Michael Giatzis, Georgia Haldas, Eric Ricasa, Theodosia Karmiris, and Robert Shriver. **US ARMED FORCES:** (Col.) Fr. Alexander Webster, Rev. Fr. John Kalantzis, Lt. Nicholas Kamaze, Spc. Spiro Nino, John Xanthakos, Maj. Sydney Pennix, Colonel James Karas, and Gary Hogman (Iraq) and his wife Cindy, and 2nd Lt. Phillip Natsios

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please inform the Church Office 301-469-7990 (ext 300) of any loved ones who are hospitalized or “shut-ins,” so they may be visited and receive the grace of Holy Communion.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

LITTLE ANGELS SPONSORS SERIES The home church is the most basic element of our Orthodox faith. Parents are the first teachers and examples of Orthodox belief. In an effort to deepen our understanding and appreciation of Orthodoxy in the home, the Little Angels is sponsoring a lecture series open to the entire St. George community. There will be four different presentations in the series. The first presentation, given by Fr. George, is entitled “Holy Tradition vs. Man-made Tradition.” It will be **TOMORROW EVENING (June 7) at 7:30 p.m.** (Future dates and topics will be forthcoming.) Please RSVP to Sophia Adamantiades at 240-687-3271, or sophiapatronas@yahoo.com

GOYA ACTIVITIES

GOYA elections (June 13th right after church)- Any current GOYAns who are interested in being on the GOYA board for the year 2010-2011 should come to church on June 13th. Elections will be held immediately after divine liturgy. Location in church will be announced soon. GOYA Father’s Day Honors (June 20th)- Sunday June 20th GOYA will honor the fathers of our parish with readings by GOYAns and more. Bring your dad to church to make him feel special this Father’s Day!

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Camp Good Shepherd, which is the summer camp of the Metropolis of New Jersey and located in Branchville, NJ, will be holding two sessions for GOYA aged persons (12-18) and one session for JOY aged children (7-11). The first GOYA session is from July 11-17 and the second session is from July 18-24. The JOY session is from July 25-31. For further information and for registration forms, please visit the Metropolis of New Jersey website: www.nj.goarch.org, or contact Fr. George: frgeorge@stgeorge.org.

Ionian Village, the official summer camp of our Archdiocese, will be holding two summer sessions for GOYA aged youths. Session 1 will be held from July 1-20 and session 2 from July 25 through August 15. For further information and registration forms, please visit the website www.ionianvillage.org, or contact Fr. George: frgeorge@stgeorge.org.

Orthodox Youth Day will be held at Paramount's Kings Dominion on Thursday, June 24th. All GOYA groups from the Greek Orthodox parishes in DC, Maryland, and Virginia will be participating. What a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and fun. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. George ASAP at frgeorge@stgeorge.org

ST. GEORGE BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF ST. MATTHEW JUNE 6, 2010



THE CALLING OF PETER AND ANDREW

In today’s Gospel passage, we witness the call of the Apostles—chiefly Andrew and Peter. The process was amazing for it’s simplicity: Jesus came upon them as they were plying their trade of fishing. He said “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” The immediately abandoned their nets and their livelihood and followed Jesus. What trust! What a risk! No questions asked they changed their entire lives to begin their Apostolic ministry. What is our response to Jesus when he calls us to follow Him? “Too hard, Lord”, “Have a lot of things to do Lord,” “I can’t totally reorient my life Lord, I have a family, a job, responsibilities.” “Lord, that stuff is for monks and nuns and priests.” Think about it. Jesus is calling you everyday **TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD AND FOLLOW HIM.** What response do you make?

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. You rose on the third day, O Lord and Savior, granting life unto the world. For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your eternal rule; glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the creator most constant: O despise not the voices of those who have sinned; but be quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, O thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

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