

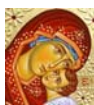
## Second Letter to the Corinthians 4:6-15

Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into His presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

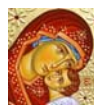
**TODAY'S READER IS GEORGE COMINOS**

### Luke 5:1-11

At that time, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 6:30 P.M.  
PARAKLESIS TO THE HOLY THEOTOKOS**



### PARISH RETREAT DAY

**Metropolitan Panteleimon of Antinoes** will lead us in a day of reflection on **THE JESUS PRAYER, THIS COMING SATURDAY, October 1.** It is the Feast of the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos (*Hagia Skepi*). Orthros at 8:30 a.m. Divine

Liturgy 9:30 a.m., followed by the retreat program ending at approximately 1:30—2:00 p.m. Brunch will be served. A free-will offering is asked to defer the cost of the food and other retreat-related expenses. **MAKE TIME TO NURTURE YOUR SOUL!**



### REPOSE OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Tomorrow, September 26 is the Feast of the **Falling Asleep of St. John the Theologian.** Orthros will be at **8:30 a.m.** and **Divine Liturgy at 9:30 a.m.** Join us for this commemoration of "the disciple whom Jesus loved."



## FISHERS OF MEN...

**"Do not be afraid, henceforth you will be catching men."**

These words of Jesus, taken from today's Gospel, while spoken to the Apostle-fishermen, apply equally to ourselves. Last week's celebration of the Holy Cross reminded us that discipleship will cost us — no such thing as cheap grace. Today, we are reminded that one of the costs we must pay is becoming an "evangelizer" - one of catches others for Christ God. *Not simply the work of the Bishop or Priest, each of us must actively seek out others for Christ and for His Holy Church.* This means we must become witnesses of our Holy Faith, first by the character and quality of our own lives and then by explicitly sharing out faith with others in whatever way is most effective for us. As Orthodox, that kind of explicit witnessing is foreign to us. We are not used to it. Yet that is what the Lord is calling us to do—as He called the Apostles. **To do this, we must firstly know our faith.** By daily prayer, by reading Sacred Scripture, by studying the Fathers and reading Orthodox texts, we become steeped in our faith. The more we understand the more confident we can be in sharing with others. Secondly, we need to think, speak and act differently as Orthodox. That is why Jesus bids the Apostles not to FEAR. Don't be afraid to appear different, to walk alone sometimes, to speak out in a group, to refrain from joining in when others are slandering, gossiping, or maligning another—in fact speak out against what is happening. Speak out against the social and moral issues that require a strong Orthodox response. Be heard. First, live what you believe, then be HEARD! Being a fisher of men is not a idle slogan. It is an invitation from Christ to discipleship. *Will YOU accept or turn away?*



## ST. EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

Born in Alexandria, she secretly left her parental home at the age of 18 and entered a men's monastery under the name of the eunuch Smaragdus. Not recognizing the maiden in male clothing, the

Hegumen assigned her to a solitary cell where Euphrosyne practiced asceticism for many years. Here she was, in the words of the Holy Church, "a virgin in soul and body", "a man with reason and faith", who loved "to be one with the divine goodness of Christ", who conquered "the cunning enemies" and "demonic assaults" on chastity and "the fire of abstinence". Having extinguished "the fire of passions", she increased the "fruits of good works" and reached a high degree of perfection. The father of St. Euphrosyne, Paphnutius, came more than once to the Hegumen of the monastery (where Ven. Euphrosyne practiced asceticism), seeking comfort in his grief for his daughter who disappeared. And once the Hegumen led him to the young ascetic, who so distinguished himself through vigils and labors. The father had long conversations with the monk, not recognizing in the changed face under the lowered klobuk (hood) his favorite daughter. St. Euphrosyne practiced asceticism in the monastery for 38 years, "having undergone great ascetic feats" and shining "with the beauty of virtues". Before her death (which followed in the second half of the 5th century) she revealed herself to her father and to St. Paphnutius. After he distributed his estate, he settled in that same cell where his daughter was saved, and practiced asceticism there (20 or 28 years) before his own death.

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**PLEASE SUBMIT NAMES OF NEEDY OR ILL PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 301-469-7990**

## BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. This year's study will be the Old Testament *Book of Genesis*. Please join us for this important study of one of the seminal books of the Sacred Scripture.

## GREEK SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Greek School for Preschoolers (GSP) has a few openings in each class for the 2011-2012 school year. Please visit the <http://www.stgeorge.org/education/greek-preschool> for applications, forms and more information, or contact [paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net](mailto:paula.spiliotopoulos@verizon.net) or [dsamiosferat@gmail.com](mailto:dsamiosferat@gmail.com)

## 50 PLUS CLUB

At our September 28th meeting, F William Hessmer IV will be speaking on **Essential Estate Planning**, an issue important to us all. A trip to the Dupont Winterthur Mansion and Longwood Gardens is planned for October 12th. Space is still available to this beautiful and interesting museum and garden. To reserve a seat please contact Maria Kopsides at 301-493-5789 as soon as possible.

## 2011 FALL FUNDRAISER AND RAFFLE — Saturday, November 12

Please join us for an evening of great food, excellent music, and dancing at our Greek Night Gala ("So, You Think You Can Greek Dance?") being held on **Saturday, November 12, 2011**. Gala tickets and raffle tickets are available for purchase after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays during Coffee Hour. Also, for those who have already mailed in your payment, your Gala tickets can be picked up during the Coffee Hour. **WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY for a successful and wonderful event!**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL 4TH GRADE TO RECEIVE BIBLES

The 4th grade of our Sunday School will receive their own copy of the Holy Bible today. This is part of the St. George tradition. The Word has power. Let us pray that the Holy Word of God serve to protect them and defend them against all harm, visible and invisible.



In response to continued inquiries regarding church financials, the Church is publishing year-to-date operating income and expenses in the Sunday Bulletin. God bless you and thank you for your support.

### January 1 through September 20, 2011

**Income \$864,016.97\***

**Expenses \$919,408.07\*\***

\*Includes any income (funds received) from Stewardship, Candles, Trays, Donations, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Other Income and Harbor School Rent.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE ST. EUPHROSYNE OF ALEXANDRIA

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2011**



We, as simple Orthodox Christians, are called to catch men for Christ. Consider, for a moment, the state of the world around us. Consider this city we are in, and the cities and towns nearby. Consider the frightful nature of the world, of the overflowing cup of evil all around us. Consider the huge numbers of confused and frightened people, darting this way and that, like frightened fishes in a great dark sea. Some, though perhaps not all, would doubtless find peace and joy if they could but find Christ, in the fullness in which we find Him in Orthodox Christianity. We need only lower our nets, as Christ bids us, and we can catch them for Him. How do we do this? We can do it by witnessing for Christ through the lives that we lead. If we are kind, patient, and generous towards our neighbors, that in itself is the beginning of our witness. If we are models of Christian piety in our lives, praying, keeping the fasts, attending Liturgy, and remaining close to the Church, that too is a witness and will attract a larger catch.

### Resurrectional Apolytikion

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

### Resurrectional Kontakion

When the Life-bestower Christ God had resurrected \* with His vivifying hand, from the dismal caverns, \* all the dead from eternity, He freely bestowed \* resurrection on the substance of our mortal humanity. \* For He is the Savior of all, resurrection and life, and the God of all things.

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