

EPISTLE First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

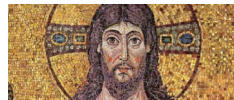
BRETHREN, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL Matthew 19:16-26

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

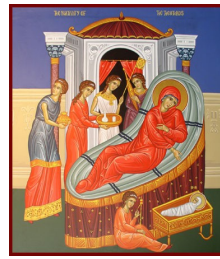
MEMORIAL

A Memorial Service will be offered today for **Titika Savoulidou (1 Year)**, requested by the Catsambas family (**the Altar flowers today are given in her memory**); and for **Theophilos Matsangakis (13 Years)**, requested by his wife Sophia and his children Pierre and Maria., and for **Alexandra Kiriakou (40 Days)**, requested by her daughters Anna and Fotini. May their memory be eternal!



PRAYER LIST: Lee Konjas, Alexander Wadas, Constantina Speris, Joseph Papadakis, Nate Cekay, Chris Calender, Alexander Plotas, Robert Shriver,

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



THE NATIVITY OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS SEPTEMBER 8

In addition to the celebration of the Annunciation, there are three major feasts in the Church honoring Mary, the Theotokos. The first of these is the feast of her nativity which is kept on September 8. The record of the birth of Mary is not found in the Bible. The traditional account of the event is taken from the apocryphal writings which are not part of the New Testament scriptures. The traditional teaching which is celebrated in the hymns and verses of the festal liturgy is that Joachim and Anna were a pious Jewish couple who were among the small and faithful remnant-"the poor and the needy"-who were awaiting the promised messiah. The couple was old and childless. They prayed earnestly to the Lord for a child, since among the Jews barrenness was a sign of God's disfavor. In answer to their prayers, and as the reward of their unwavering fidelity to God, the elderly couple was blessed with the child who was destined, because of her own personal goodness and holiness, to become the Mother of the Messiah-Christ.

Your nativity, O Virgin, has proclaimed joy to the whole universe. The Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, has shone from you, O Theotokos. By annulling the curse he bestowed a blessing. By destroying death he has granted us eternal life. (**Apolytikion**)

By your nativity, O most pure virgin, Joachim and Anna are freed from barrenness; Adam and Eve from the corruption of death. And we, your people, freed from the guilt of sin, celebrate and sing to you: The barren woman gives birth to the Theotokos, the Nourisher of our Life.

(**Kontakion**)

The fact that there is no Biblical verification of the facts of Mary's birth is incidental to the

meaning of the feast. Even if the actual background of the event as celebrated in the Church is questionable from an historical point of view, the divine meaning of it "for us men and for our salvation" is obvious. There had to be one born of human flesh and blood who would be spiritually capable of being the Mother of Christ, and she herself had to be born into the world of persons who were spiritually capable of being her parents.



PARISH RETREAT DAY OCTOBER 1, 2011

Our spiritual theme this year is *Prayer in the Orthodox Church: Entering the Inner Room*. We will explore the depths of true prayer throughout the year. To begin, on **Saturday, October 1, 2011**, we will have our Parish Retreat Day with His Eminence **Metropolitan Panteleimon of Antinoes** giving the year's opening presentation on "The Jesus Prayer". His Eminence is serving as Proistamenos at St. Theodore's in Lanham. Make time to "lay aside all earthly cares" and spend time reflecting on this ancient prayer of the Church. The schedule is on the Church bulletin board across from the Church Office.

40-DAY BLESSINGS

40-Day Blessings will be given today to **Sophia Lynn**, daughter of Katerina and John Paez; to **Isabella**, daughter of John Andreadakis and Rebecca Neagle, to **Athena**, daughter of Evi and Matthew Malone, to **Nicolaos**, son of Philip and Audra Koudellou; and to **Ioannis**, son of Christian and Thomas Velazquez. May God grant them many years!



THE REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. ORTHROS AT 8:45 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 A.M. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE!

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will begin on September 15 (Thursdays) 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.

ALTAR BOY MEETING

There will be a meeting of **all altar boys** on Sunday, September 18, from 12 noon until 1:30 p.m. All acolytes are expected to attend this meeting to start the new Church Year in a prayerful manner.

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 or dsamiosferat@gmail.com

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11

Our goal is to grow in God's love and to make God's love known to others. Students must be registered before September 11. Registration forms can be found on line, in the Herald or on the table in the Church Hall. Registration forms should be mailed or faxed to the Church. Please register today. The Church fax number is 301-469-5945.

PARISH DIRECTORIES

The revised printed Parish Directory is now available. You may obtain one upon request in the Church Office (Mon. through Fri., 8 to 4 p.m.) and on weekends in the Treasurer's Office (opposite the Church Office.) **ONLY ONE COPY PER FAMILY.**

50 PLUS CLUB

Our first meeting is September 14th, which coincides with the Feast-day of **The Exaltation of the Cross**. We encourage everyone to attend the services that morning and come to the meeting immediately afterward. Father George Khitiri will be speaking on **The Meaning of the Cross**. 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. Payment must be received by September 14th.

GREEK SCHOOL

The Greek School of St. George offers classes from pre-K to 7th grade, as well as preparation classes for the Ellinomatheia Exams. Registration for the Friday School is on September 9, 2011 at 4:00 pm, and for the Saturday School on September 10, at 9:30 am. Also, adult classes will be offered for all levels – beginner, intermediate, and advanced. These classes will start in October. If you need more information, please contact Lena Petropoulos at (301) 774-4558 or skpetrop@comcast.net or Katerina Papaioannou at (301) 229-4286 or michaelkaterinap@gmail.com

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 August 30, 2011

Income \$800,205.69*

Expenses \$845,818.04**

*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.

** - Includes expenses incurred (funds disbursed) for Administrative Items, Candles, Facility Rentals, Spring Festival, Fall Fundraiser, Greek School, Pre-School Program, Bookstore, Archdiocese Stewardship, For Those Who Serve, Furniture,

12TH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

THE PROPHET AND GOD-SEER MOSES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2011



Christ and the Rich Young Ruler

St. Cosmas Aitolos once said, "I have need of one hundred grams of bread a day, and God blesses it. He blesses those hundred grams, but not one gram more. So, if I take 110 grams, I have stolen 10 grams from the poor." Those are very strong words! If we carefully apply this to ourselves, we'll see that we fail the test again and again and again. Most of us don't have this kind of faith. We don't trust in God nearly enough. But, we can start with something basic. As much a part of the Christian life as fasting and prayer, is giving of our substance to God. It's as important as prayer. It's as important as fasting, because it's commanded by God. Our Lord said in the Gospel: "... woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. If we don't freely and thankfully give to God, we're not even fulfilling the minimum commandment of Christ. It's the same as fasting, as saying our morning and evening prayers: these are minimums. If we're not even doing the minimums, we're in grave spiritual danger. We must freely give of our substance to God, to His Church.

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Let the heavens sing for joy, and let everything on earth be glad. * For with His Arm the Lord has worked power. * He trampled death under foot by means of death; * and He became the first-born from the dead. * From the maw of Hades He delivered us; * and He granted the world His great mercy.

Seasonal Kontakion

In your holy birth, Immaculate One, Joachim and Anna were rid of the shame of childlessness; Adam and Eve of the corruption of death. And so your people, free of the guilt of their sins, celebrate crying: "The barren one gives birth to the Theotokos, who nourishes our life."

THE NATIVITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

ORTHROS 8:30 A.M.
DIVINE LITURGY 9:30 A.M.

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