

Announcements

WELCOME VISITORS

We are honored that you have chosen to join us for worship today. Our hope is that your visit with us has blessed in you in some way. Please take some time after the service today to visit our Grotto Shrine which is located next to the Church just outside of the breezeway. Please feel free to take some of the miraculous healing Holy Water home with you. Also please take the time to venerate the relics of St. Paraskevi and St. Panteleimon which are located in the back corners of the Church. If you do not have a parish home we would be delighted if you would make this your spiritual home. Please fill out a visitor card, which can be found in your pew or in the Narthex.

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GREEK PARADE

The Greek Independence Day Parade down 5th Ave. in Manhattan will take place on Sunday, March 25th. We are seeking donations to help offset the cost of the float and a bus. Without your help we will not be able to have a float in the parade this year. Please contact Georgia Psilakis for more information.

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THE THURSDAY HOMELESS NIGHTS

The homeless nights have begun and are going well. Thank you to all of the volunteers who have come to help. We need help preparing meals for our homeless. If you would like to help please call Anastasia at 516-922-3854.

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GODPARENT SUNDAY

Godparent Sunday is on February 26th. There will be no Sunday School classes on that day. Please invite your Godchildren or Godparents to worship with you at the Divine Liturgy on that day and plan on receiving communion together.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

This Wednesday, February 8th the Good Neighbor Fund of St. Paraskevi will hold its third annual Valentine's Day wine & food tasting fundraiser. This year it will be held at Ruvo restaurant in Greenlawn. Please see the flyer in the February issue of, "The Message".

STEWARDSHIP 2012

As of today, 203 families have become stewards of St. Paraskevi pledging a total of \$113,326. We thank everyone who made their pledge for 2012 with the average pledge at \$558.26.

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55th ANNIVERSARY DANCE

On April 22nd we will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary at the Watermill Inn with a wonderful Dinner/Dance. Please see the February issue of, "The Message" or go to: www.stparaskevi.org/55thanniversarydanve.htm for more details and to place an ad in the journal.

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LIFE CENTER SUNDAY

Today is Life Center Sunday. Please help us help those who are less fortunate. Your donation helps provide diapers, formula, baby wipes, and baby clothing to new mothers who are in need.

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GREEKS GOT TALENT

The first meeting of the Greeks Got Talent Committee will be on Tuesday, March 13th at 7:30pm. Please join us if you are interested in helping out with this event.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

The GOYA has placed a box in the Narthex to collect items for the, "Birthday Wishes" program. This program provides birthday party items for needy children who otherwise would not be able to have a birthday party. Please bring in cake mixes, cake frosting, disposable cake pans, birthday candles, etc. to help this very worthy cause. Please contact Irene Bertos at 261-3180.

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CUB SCOUTS

St. Paraskevi is starting a Cub Scout/Boy Scout troop and will have a table set up in the gym after Church with survey forms for any one who is interested. For more information please contact Joseph Ferrazano at 646-242-8114 or Steve Stavros at 646-784-0425.

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ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

On Sunday, March 18th, immediately following the Divine Liturgy, we will be holding our annual Parish Oratorical Festival. All children ages 13 - 18 are eligible to participate. Please see Fr. Lou if your child is interested.

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MONASTERY TRIP

On Saturday March 24th, we will be making a pilgrimage to the All Saints Greek Orthodox Monastery in Calverton, NY. We will meet at St. Paraskevi at 7:30 am and depart by 7:45am. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy together. Orthros will begin at 8:45am. Please contact the Church office if you are interested in attending.

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BOOK STORE

Please be sure to visit our book store and icon shop. There are many wonderful new additions to the book store that would make a very nice Christmas gift. The book store is open every Sunday in the gym during the coffee hour.

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ICON SHOP

Do you need an icon or another Orthodox item? Please come and visit the St. Paraskevi Icon Shop located in the main hallway of the church offices. The store is open during the week from 9am - 5pm, Saturdays from 9:30am - 1pm and Sundays after the Divine Liturgy. You can also visit our Church website to make a purchase online. If we do not have what you are looking for we can make a special order for you. For more information on the Icon Shop please contact Mary Sofides or the Church office.

BOTTLES & BOOTIES

The "Baby Bottle and Baby Booties" program has begun and will continue until February 12th. Please be sure to take a bottle or a bootie that will be hanging in the breezeway. Please help the mothers and babies who come to us for assistance.

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FIRST SATURDAY OF SOULS

The first Saturday of the Souls is on Saturday, February 18th. If you wish to order a plate of Kollyva please call the Church office. Please only bring names of your departed loved ones to the Church so that they can be read during the special memorial service.

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1ο Ψυχοσάββατο

Το πρώτο Ψυχοσάββατο είναι στις 18 του Φεβρουαρίου. Αν θέλετε να παραγγείλετε ένα πιάτο κόλλυβα, παρακαλώ καλέστε το γραφείο της Εκκλησίας. Φέρτε μόνο τα ονόματα των αποθανόντων ώστε να μπορούν να διαβαστούν κατά την μνυμόσυνον ακολουθία.

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PHILOPTOCHOS

Once again, the Philoptochos, in conjunction with the John W. Engeman Theatre on Main Street in downtown Northport Village, invite you to the production of, "The Sunshine Boys". When you purchase a ticket for this performance, mention the promotion code, "STPARA" you will receive \$5 off of the original ticket price of \$60. Also when you use the code, "STPARA" the Philoptochos will receive \$10 as part of the John W. Engeman Theatre's, "give back program". This is a great way to help support our Philoptochos and have a great time doing it.

Go Forth...

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FROM THE FATHERS...

"...There is such a thing as a good separation. There is also such a thing as a bad agreement, just like there can be a good disagreement..."

and peace-loving person must fight and defend these matters..."

- ST. NIKODEMOS THE HAGIORITE -

"...It is of no use to live a 'clean life' while holding on to corrupt doctrines..."

"...The fight against heresies represents the highest expression of love for the heretics while the tolerance and amnesty for heresy is a cruel form of love and overmasked hate. In the realm of false ecumenism (branch theory) lurks the worse case of 'man hatefulness'.

Thus, it is not without significance that St. Maximos the Confessor issued a statement condemning the tolerance of heretics: "I define this to be cruelty towards mankind and absence of Divine Love to attempt to give authority to a false faith aiding even more the destruction of those that are adhering to it'..."

- ARCHIMANDRITE SPIRIDON BILALIS
(MOUNT ATHOS) -

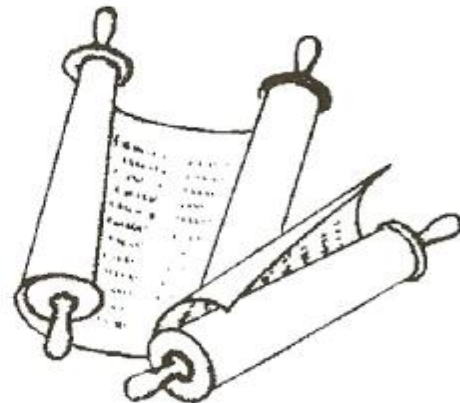
"...If someone believes heretically about the Faith, flee from him and have nothing to do with him not only if he is a man, but even if he happens to be an angel from heaven..."

"...Be aware not to be corrupted from love of the heretics; for this reason do not accept any false belief (dogma) in the name of love..."

"...The purity of heretics is worse than all debauchery...how can a virgin, having rebelled against the true Faith, now pay attention to the deluded, believing the demons and honoring lies?..."

- ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM -

"...If the discussion and the question proposed is about the True Faith and Tradition of our Church, then even the most meek and quiet



ΤΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ

Λουκάν ιη/ 10-14

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄνθρωποι δύο ἀνέβησαν εἰς τὸ ἱερόν προσεύξασθαι· ὁ εἷς Φαρισαῖος, καὶ ὁ ἕτερος Τελώνης. Ὁ Φαρισαῖος σταθεὶς πρὸς ἑαυτὸν ταῦτα προσήρχετο· Ὁ Θεὸς εὐχαριστῶ σοι, ὅτι οὐκ εἰμι ὡσπερ οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἄρπαγες, ἄδικοι, μοιχοί, ἢ καὶ ὡς οὗτος ὁ Τελώνης. Νηστεύω δις τοῦ Σαββάτου, ἀποδεκατῶ πάντα ὅσα κτῶμαι. Καὶ ὁ Τελώνης μακρόθεν ἑστὼς, οὐκ ἤθελεν οὐδὲ τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς εἰς τὸν οὐρανὸν ἐπάραι, ἀλλ' ἔτυπεν εἰς τὸ στήθος αὐτοῦ λέγων· Ὁ Θεός, ἰλάσθητί μοι τῷ ἁμαρτωλῷ. Λέγω ὑμῖν, κατέβη οὗτος δεδικαιωμένος εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ, ἢ ἐκεῖνος. Ὅτι πᾶς ὁ ὑψῶν ἑαυτὸν ταπεινωθήσεται· ὁ δὲ ταπεινῶν ἑαυτὸν, ὑψωθήσεται.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:10-14

The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Εὐαγγέλιον ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς

Λουκάν ιε/11-32

Next week's gospel reading

Luke 15:11-32

Ρήσεις τῶν Πατέρων τῆς Ἐκκλησίας

Πηγαίνετε καὶ ἰεσете splacnik;othta για ὄλους, διότι μέσω splacnikvothta", θα διαπιστώσει knapoio" tvhn jελευθερία Ivogou jενώπιον του Θεού.

Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ

Β/ Τιμ. γ/ 10-15

Εὔξασθε καὶ ἀπόδοτε Κυρίῳ τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν.

Γνωστὸς ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ὁ Θεός

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Β' Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τό ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρηκολούθηκάς μου τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ, τῇ ἀγωγῇ, τῇ προθέσει, τῇ πίστει, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῇ ὑπομονῇ, τοῖς διωγμοῖς, τοῖς παθήμασιν, οἷά μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἷους διωγμούς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐρρύσατο ὁ κύριος. Καὶ πάντες δὲ οἱ θέλοντες εὐσεβῶς ζῆν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διωχθήσονται. Πονηροὶ δὲ ἄνθρωποι καὶ γόητες προκόψουσιν ἐπὶ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι. Σὺ δὲ μένε ἐν οἷς ἔμαθες καὶ ἐπιστώθης, εἰδὼς παρὰ τίνος ἔμαθες, καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρέφους τὰ ἱερὰ γράμματα οἶδας, τὰ δυνάμενά σε σοφίσει εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πίστεως τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ.

Ἀπόστολο ἐρχομένης Κυριακῆς
Α' Κορινθίους στ' 12-20

Sayings of The Church Fathers

Go and have pity on all, for through pity, one finds freedom of speech before God.
Abba Pambo

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:10-15

Pray to the Lord our God and offer him thanks

God is known in Judea, his name is great in Israel.

The reading is from Paul's second Letter to the Timothy

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Next week's epistle reading:
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

FEBRUARY 8 - THE HOLY AND GREAT MARTYR THEODORE STRATELATES

There are martyrdoms that are more than costly. The costliness of a martyrdom depends on the greatness of the good things of this world that a Christian gives up, receiving suffering in its place; and it depends also on the greatness of the suffering which he endures for the sake of Christ. St Theodore, a Roman commander in the army of the Emperor Licinius and governor of the city of Heraclea, scorned his youth, his good looks, his military status and the goodwill of the Emperor, and in place of all this received terrible tortures for the sake of Christ.

Firstly Theodore was flogged, receiving 600 lashes on the back and 500 on the stomach; then he was cruci-



fied and pierced through with arrows. Finally he was slain with the sword. Why all this? Because St Theodore loved Christ more than anything else in the world. He scorned the foolish

idol-worship of the superstitious Emperor, shattered the silver and gold idols, giving the pieces to the poor, brought many to the Christian faith and urged the Emperor himself to reject idolatry and believe in the one God. During the whole of his torture, Theodore repeated unceasingly: 'Glory to Thee, my God, glory to Thee!' He suffered on February 8th, 319, at three o'clock in the afternoon, and entered into the Kingdom of Christ. He is regarded as the protector of soldiers, who turn to him for help. His wonderworking relics were taken from Euchaita to Constantinople and buried in the Church at

Blachernae.

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Go Forth...and teach all nations. (Matthew 28:19)



ΤΕΛΩΝΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΦΑΡΙΣΑΙΟΣ

ταπεινώση: τό θεμέλιο τής σωτηρίας

Ὁ ἱερός Χριστόστομος παρατηρεῖ ὅτι ἡ ὑπερηφάνεια εἶναι ἡ ἀκρόπολις τῶν κῶν καὶ ἡ ρίζα καὶ ἡ πηγὴ ὅλης τῆς κακίας. Ἐξαιτίας τῆς ὑπερηφάνειας χάσαμε τὴ παράδεισο. Θελήσαμε νὰ γίνουμε ἴσοι μὲ τὸν Θεὸ καὶ γυμνωθήκαμε ἀπὸ τὴ λα χάρι καὶ ἀγάπη. Γι' αὐτὸ καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς ὡς ἰαχοῦρ καὶ ἀσφαλὴς θεμέλιος ἐπιστροφῆς καὶ τῆς σωτηρίας μας ἔθεσε τὴν ταπεινώση. Ἐκίνησε τὸ ἐπίγειο ρυγμὴ τοῦ ἀπὸ τὸ μακαρισμὸ τῶν «πτωχῶν τῷ πνεύματι», δηλαδὴ τῶν ταπεινῶν. Διακήρυξε ὅτι δὲν ἦθε γιὰ νὰ κατέσει «δικαίους», δηλαδὴ αὐτοὺς ἃ θεωροῦν τὸν ἑαυτὸ τους «ἐντόξει» ἐναντὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἀλλὰ «ἀμαρτωλοὺς μετάνοιοι». Τόνισε ὅτι πρῶτος ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ εἶναι ὁποῖος ταπεινώσει ἑαυτοῦ του, ὅπως τὸ παιδί, καὶ ὁποῖος γίνει «πάντων ἕσκατος καὶ πάντων ἰκονος». Ἐπίσης, μὲ ἀφορμὴ τῆ σημερινῆ περικοπῆ, ἀλλὰ καὶ σὲ ἄλλες περιπτώσεις, μᾶς ἀποκάλυψε καὶ ἀπογράμμισε τὸ βασικὸ πνευματικὸ νόμο, ποὺ ὑπεῖ παντοῦ καὶ πάντοτε, ὅτι ὁποῖος ὑψώνει τὸν ἑαυτοῦ του θά ταπεινωθεῖ, ἐνῶ ὁποῖος ταπεινώνει τὸν ἑαυτοῦ του θά ἀνυψωθεῖ.

Ἡ σημερινὴ Κυριακὴ ἀποτελεῖ τὴν ἀρχὴ τοῦ Τριωδίου καὶ ὄλου τοῦ κύκλου τῶν κινητῶν ἐορτῶν. Γι' αὐτὸ καὶ ἡ Ἐκκλησία μας, ἐμπνευσμένη ἀπὸ τὸ Ἅγιο εὐαγγέλιον, στὴν ἀρχὴ τοῦ Τριωδίου ἔθεσε ἐνώπιόν μας τὴν παραβολὴν τοῦ Τελῶνι καὶ Φαρισαίου. Μὲ αὐτὸ τὸν τρόπο μᾶς διδάσκει ὅτι ἡ σταυρικὴ πορεία μας ὡς τὴν ἀνάστασιν τοῦ Χριστοῦ καὶ τὴν προσωπικὴ μας ἀνάστασιν, πρὸς τὴν ἀκτίση τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Ἁγίου Πνεύματος καὶ τὸν ἁγιασμὸ μας, ἔχει ὡς ἀρχὴ τὸ θεμέλιό τῆς τὴν ταπεινώση. Δίκως τὴν ταπεινώση ὅτι οἱ κόκοι, οἱ προσευχῆ καὶ οἱ νηστείες μας πᾶνε χαμένοι, ὅπως συνέβηκε καὶ μὲ τὸν φαρισαῖο τῆς

Εἶναι ὄντως μυστήριον τὸ πῶς ἓνας τόσο ἀμαρτωλὸς ἄνθρωπος, ὅπως ὁ τελῶνις τῆς παραβολῆς, μόνο ἐπειδὴ ἠρωσευκίθηκε ποτὶ τὴν ταπεινὴν, με βαθιὰ ἐπίγνωση τῆς ἀμαρτωλότητός του, δικαιώθηκε ἀπὸ τὸν Θεὸ, ἐνῶ ἓνας τόσο ἐνάρετος ἄνθρωπος ἔκρινε τῆς ἐπιτοχῆς, ὁ πὸς ὁ φαρισαῖος, ἐπειδὴ προσεψακίθηκε ὑπερήφανα καὶ κατέκρινε τὸν ἑπίποιον του, κατακρίθηκε καὶ ἐξέπεσε ἀπὸ τῆ δικαίη ζωῆ.

Στὸ μυστήριον αὐτὸ τῆς ταπεινώσεως ὀφείλομε οἱ πιστοὶ νὰ μελετοῦμε, προκειμένου νὰ δικαιωθοῦμε ἀπὸ τὸν Θεὸ. Ἐνας αὐγκρονος θεολόγος κήρυκος ἀναφερόμενος σ' αὐτὸ τὸ μυστήριον παρατηρεῖ ὅτι εἶναι γεγονός πιστολογιμένο ἀπὸ τὴν ἐμπειρία μας ὅτι ὅταν κατακλυζόμεσθε ἀπὸ τὸ αἰσθηματῆς ἀπομιμνήσκῃς μας, τὸ δικαίον πῶς μᾶς μεταμορφώνει καὶ μᾶς μεταφέρει ὡς υἱοὺς στὸν οἶκον τοῦ Πατρὸς· καὶ συνεχίζει: «Πῶς ἐξηγεῖται αὐτὸ; Γιατὶ ἡ αὐτοκαταδικη μας δικαιώνει ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ;» Ἡ ὁπάντηση βρῖσκεται στὸ ὅτι στὴ βαθιὰ συναίσθηση τῆς ἀμαρτωλότητός μας ὑπάρχει ἡ ἀλήθεια, καὶ ὡς ἀποτέλεσμα, τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας βρῖσκει κῶρον γιὰ τὸν ἑαυτοῦ του μέσα μας.

Ἡ ταπεινώση ὡς ἐπίγνωση τῆς ἀληθείας

«Ἰνώσεσθε τὴν ἀλήθειαν, καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια ἐλευθερώσει ὑμᾶς», διακήρυξε ὁ Υἱὸς καὶ Λόγος τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἁπίσιος ἐπίποις εἶπε: «Ἐγὼ εἶμι ἡ ἀλήθεια». Ἐπίσης κήρυξε ὅτι τότε θά βροῦμε ἐνάπαση σὺς ψυχῆς μας, ὅταν γνωρίσομε ἀπὸ αὐτὸν τὴν πρᾶτητα καὶ τὴν ταπεινώση του. Συμφωνῶ μὲ αὐτὰ τὰ θεῖα λόγια, στὸν Χριστὸ γνωρίζομε τὴν ἀλήθειαν καὶ τὴν ταπεινώση. Στὸν Χριστὸ γνωρίζομε πῶς θέλει ὁ Θεὸς νὰ εἶναι ὁ ἄνθρωπος. Πρῶτοιο τοῦ καὶ Θεὸν ἀνθρώπου εἶναι ὁ Θεὸς ἀνθρώπος Ἰησοῦς.

Ἀφοῦ ὁ Χριστὸς εἶναι Θεὸς στὴ φύση του, ὀφείλομε καὶ ἐμεῖς νὰ γίνουμε θεοὶ κατὰ χάρι. Ἐπομένως, ἡ σωτηρία μας δὲν βρῖσκεται σὺς φτηνῆς καὶ οὐτιδανῆς δυνάμεις μας, ἀλλὰ στὴν ἐνώση μᾶς μὲ τὸν Θεὸ - Χριστὸ μέσα ἀπὸ τὰ μυστήρια τῆς Ἐκκλησίας. Γι' αὐτὸ δὲν μποροῦμε νὰ κουκόμασθε γιὰ τίποτε, ἀφοῦ ὅλα τὰ κατὰ ἔργα μας δὲν μποροῦν νὰ μᾶς θεώσουν καὶ νὰ μᾶς καταστήσουν αἰώνιους. Ὅτι ἔκομε, τὸ ὁπίσιον ἀνέχει στὴν αἰωνιότητα, εἶναι δῶρον τοῦ Θεοῦ, ποὺ μᾶς δίδεται μέσω τῶν ὀσιῶν μυστηρίων.

Ἀφοῦ ὁ Χριστὸς εἶναι τὸ πρῶτοιο τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ ὅπως τὸν θέλει ὁ Θεός, αὐτὸ σημαίνει ὅτι ἡ σωτηρία μας βρῖσκεται στὸ νὰ ὁμοιωθοῦμε μὲ αὐτὸν σὲ ὅλα. Ἐν δὲν γίνουμε ὅμοιοι μὲ τὸν Χριστὸ πρὸς φρόνημα καὶ πρὸς ζωῆ, πῶς μποροῦμε νὰ ζήσομε μαζί του γιὰ πάντα; Ἡ ἐπίγνωση αὐτῆς τῆς ἀληθείας γεννᾶ μέσα μας βαθιὰ ταπεινώση καὶ ἐπίγνωση ὅτι κατ' οὐσίαν εἴμασθε γεννήματα τοῦ ἔδου.

Γι' αὐτὸ ἡ σωτηρία μας βρῖσκεται στὴν τελικὴ φρόση «ὁ Θεὸς ἰλάσθητι μοι ἐπὶ ἀμαρτωλῆ». Ὅλη ἡ ζωῆ μας ὀφείλει νὰ συναρμολογηθεῖ πρὸς τὴ φρόνημα ποὺ ἔκοραζει αὐτὴ ἡ φρόση, γιὰ νὰ σωθοῦμε δωρεάν διὰ τοῦ ὀσιου ἐλέους καὶ τῆς ὀσιῆς χάριτος.

Entrance Hymns

Resurrection Apolytikion

The stone had been sealed by the Jews, and soldiers were guarding your pure Body; but on the third day, Saviour, you arose and gave life to the world. Wherefore the heavenly Powers cried out to you, Giver of life: Glory to your resurrection, Christ, glory to your kingdom, glory to your divine plan, you who alone love human kind.

Apolytikion of the Presentation

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the resurrection.

For The Memorials

Keep Thy servants in remembrance, O Lord, since Thou art good; and do Thou forgive every sin in this life; for no man is without sin, except for Thee Who art able to grant rest even unto those who have departed hence.

St. Paraskevi

Appropriate to your calling, O Champion Paraskevi, you worshipped with the readiness your name bears. For an abode you obtained faith, which is your namesake. Wherefore, you pour forth healing and intercede for our souls.

St. Panteleimon

Panteleimon, saintly champion and healer, intercede with our merciful God to grant our souls remission of sins.

Kontakion of the Entrance

You who sanctified the Virgin's womb by Your birth, & blessed the hands of Symeon as it was right, has saved us even now by anticipation O Christ God. But grant peace to your commonwealth amidst wars and strengthen the leaders whom You have loved, lover of humanity.

Εισοδικά

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος, Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβῶν σοί, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε!

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς

Χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σύ, πρεσβῦτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν ἀνάστασιν.

Για Τα Μνημόσυνα

Μνήσθητι Κύριε ὡς αγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἡμαρτῶν συγχώρησον, οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοὶς μεταστάσοι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἁγίας Παρασκευῆς

Τὴν σπουδὴν σου τῇ κλήσει κατάλληλον, εργασαμένη φερώνομε, τὴν ὁμώνυμόν σου πίστιν εἰς κατοικίαν κεκληπώσαι, Παρασκευὴ ἀθληφόρε ὄθεν προχέεις ἰάματα, καὶ πρεσβεύεις ὑπὲρ τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἁγίου Παντελεήμονος

Ἄθλοφόρε ἅγιε καὶ ἰαματικὲ Παντελεῆμον, πρέσβευε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχη ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς

Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρηνεύσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

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The Church of St. Paraskevi is a sacred and holy site. Upon entering the Church, please remain silent, remove chewing gum, refrain from personal conversations and when sitting, please do not cross your legs. If you are prepared to receive Holy Communion, it is customary to cross yourself, do a prostration and say your name before receiving the body and blood of Christ. If you are wearing lipstick, please remove it before approaching the Holy Chalice. Also, please remember that one must be an Orthodox Christian in order to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to embrace the Orthodox Faith, please see Father Dimitrios Moraitis. Thank you and God bless you.

LENTEN AND HOLY WEEK FLOWER OFFERINGS

Please consider donating one of these items for the health of your family or in memory of a loved one

- 5 Icons for the Salutations @ \$95.00 each
- 8 donations of \$35.00 each for the daffodils for the Veneration of the Cross
- 1 Icon for Sunday of Orthodoxy @ \$95.00
- 1 Large icon of the Annunciation @ \$125.00
- 1 Icon of The Nymphios for Palm Sunday @ \$95.00
- 1 small Icon of The Nymphios for Palm Sunday @ \$65.00
- 2 Icons for Palm Sunday @ \$65.00 each
- 2 vases of yellow & white roses for Altar Table on Palm Sunday 150.00
- 1 Icon of the Last Supper for Holy Wednesday @ \$95.00
- Wreath Crowns/Floral Arrangements for the Cross on Holy Thursday @ \$150.00
(as many as want to donate)

- 1 Icon for Holy Thursday @ \$95.00
- Rose petals \$150.00
- 9 bunches of Bay leaves @ \$30.00 each
- 9 bunches of Laurel leaves @ \$25.00 each
- 1 Large Icon of the Taking Down of the Lord from the Cross @ \$125.00
- 1 Large icon of the tomb of Christ \$125.00
- 1 Icon of Women at the Tomb for Holy Saturday morning @ \$75.00
- 1 icon of the Resurrection @ \$95.00
- 2 Icons of the Resurrection @ \$65.00 each
- 1 Resurrection Banner @ \$160.00
- 2 Icons on Iconostasion @ \$195.00
- 1 dome for the Epitaphio @ \$225.00
- 1 small dome @ \$195.00
- 50 Lily Plants @ \$12.00 each
- 40 Longflora Lilies @ \$195 total
- Lavendar Roses for Epitaphio @ \$165.00 total
- 10 Bunches of Dendroviolas @ \$25 each
- 10 Buckets of Purple Stock @ \$20 each
- 3 Dozen Gardenias @ \$50/Dozen

One of the many beautiful traditions which accompany the celebration of the Greek Orthodox Holy Week is for the faithful of the Church to bring a flat white sheet to be used during the services when we take Jesus down from the Cross on Good Friday afternoon. Upon the completion of the 40 days after the Resurrection of Christ, Ascension Thursday, these sheets are returned to the faithful and are to be kept in each person's home. Upon the passing away of a loved one, it is traditional to take this sheet, which was once blessed by carrying the body of the Lord, and place it over our loved one on the day of his or her funeral. Please bring only one sheet per family, and in blue ink, write your family name and "Easter 2012" on the sheet so it can be returned to you after the Feast of the Ascension.

RESERVATIONS FOR THE ABOVE ONLY THROUGH MARIA IN THE CHURCH OFFICE –
PLEASE CALL 261-7272



February 5, 2012

Sunday of The Publican & The Pharisee

5η Φεβρουαρίου 2012

Κυριακή Τοῦ Τελώνου καί Φαρισαίου



Memorials

Celia Strum - 40 Days

Nicholas Nestopoulos - 1 Year

Matina Bocalles - 7 Years

Artoklasia

The Life Center



Upcoming

Weekday Liturgies

St. Haralambos

Friday, February 10th

Orthros - 8:45am

Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

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St. Theodore

Friday, February 17th

Orthros - 8:45am

Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

Reminder

Please turn off your cell phones

Υπόμνηση

Σας παρακαλούμε,
κλείσετε το τηλέφωνό σας

Saints of The Day

St. Agatha the Martry.

St. Polyeuktos.

“Αγιοι τῆς Ἡμέρας

Τῆς Αγίας Μάρτυρος Αγάθης.

Τοῦ ἐν Ἁγίοις Πατρός ἡμῶν

Πολυεύκτου, Πατριάρχου

Κωνσταντινουπόλεως.



St. Paraskevi Greek Orthodox Shrine Church

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>5 Sunday of the Publican +Pharisee Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:45am</p> <p>Life Center Sunday</p>	<p>6 Adult Basketball 8:30pm</p>	<p>7 Little Angels 10:30am Regents 5:15pm GOYA 7:30pm</p>	<p>8 Girl Scouts 3:30-7:30pm Good Neighbor Fund @ Ruvo 7:30pm</p>	<p>9 Homeless Night 5:30pm</p>	<p>10 St. Haralambos Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>HOPE 7pm Little Angels 7pm</p>	<p>11 Greek School 9:30am</p>
<p>12 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Orthros 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:45am</p>	<p>13 Adult Basketball 8:30pm</p>	<p>14 Little Angels 10:30am Regents 5:15pm GOYA 7:30pm</p>	<p>15 Girl Scouts 3:30-7:30pm</p>	<p>16 Homeless Night 5:30pm</p>	<p>17 St. Theodore Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy</p> <p>JOY 7pm</p>	<p>18 1st Saturday of Soul Orthros 8:45am Divine Liturgy Greek School 9:30am Parish Council Meeting 11:30am</p>

Sunday, February 5 – Sunday of The Publican and The Pharisee