

SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN & PHARISEE

Resurrectional Dismissal Hymn

Though the tomb was sealed by a stone by the Jews and soldiers guarded Your pure body, You arose, O Savior, on the third day, giving life to the world. Therefore, O Giver of Life, the heavenly powers praise You: "Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ; glory to Your kingdom, glory to your plan of redemption, O only Loving God."

Dismissal Hymn of the Presentation

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receives in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

Dismissal Hymn for Sts. Constantine & Helen

The form of Your Cross was seen in the sky by Your Apostle among the kings, O Lord. He received his calling, like Paul, not from man, and placed his imperial city in your hands. Ever guard it in peace, O Loving God, through the intercessions of the Theotokos.

Kontakion of the Presentation

Thou Who didst sanctify the Virgin's womb by Thy birth, and didst bless Symeon's hands as was meet, by anticipation hast even now saved us, O Christ God. But grant peace in the midst of wars unto Thy commonwealth and strengthen the hierarchs whom Thou hast loved, O only Friend of man.

From the Holy Fathers –

Ponder, then, on all this; listen to Christ's parable and decide for yourself how apt it is. If you say in amazement: 'This parable does not apply to me,' then this means that you are sickened in the illness known as unrighteousness. If you protest: 'I am righteous; this applies to the sinners around me,' then this means your sickness has reached its peak. If, though, you beat your breast in repentance and reply: 'It's true; I'm sick and need a doctor,' then this means you are on the way to healing. Don't be afraid then; you'll get well.

- St. Nikolai Velimirovic (of Zika)

Κυριακή του Τελώνου και Φαρισαίου

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοὶ ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνη φιλόνηρωπε.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς

Χαίρει κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένη· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἁγίου Κωνσταντίνου

Τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου τὸν τύπον ἐν οὐρανῷ θεασάμενος, καὶ ὡς ὁ Παῦλος τὴν κλησιν οὐκ ἐξ ἀνθρώπων δεξάμενος, ὁ ἐν βασιλεῦσιν, Ἀπόστολός σου Κύριε, Βασιλεύουσιν πόλιν τῇ χειρὶ σου παρέθετο ἦν περισώζε διὰ παντὸς ἐν εἰρήνῃ, πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, μόνη Φιλάνθρωπε.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς

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

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, February 9 - Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee

Epistle: II Timothy 3:10-15

(Bible, Page 1416)

Gospel: Luke 18:10-14

(Bible, Pages 1245,1246)

Acolytes Group 1 (Thrones): D. Porcaro, Y. Patestas, A. Zeppos, A. Grassley, A.J. Tilley, M. Patestas, C. Zeppos, A. Zeppos

Council Members Welcoming Today:

John Lountzis, Ion Craciun

Council Members Ushering Today:

Angel Helm, Gus Kotsakis

Fellowship Hosts: Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kollintzas, Ms. Maria Kompitiatis, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Kompotiatis, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kopala, Mr. & Mrs. Constantine Kotsakis

Fellowship Sponsor: David Torrence

40-Day Memorial – William Sianis

40-Day Memorial – Gail Torrence

5-Year Memorial – Mary Marmarou

- **JOY Greek Dance Practice TODAY** following Divine 8:30 AM Orthros, 9:45 Am Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, February 10 – St. Haralambros** 8:30 AM Orthros, 9:45 AM Divine Liturgy
- **GOYA Basketball Practice** Wednesday, February 12 @ Atonement Lutheran

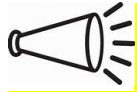
Next Sunday, February 16 – Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Acolytes Group 2 (Powers): H. Robitzer, D. Scantzios, A. Futrick, A. Scantzios, E. Ross, J. Ross, J. Futrick, N. Meitzler, F. Amegangee

- **GOYA Basketball Tournament 3 @ Holy Trinity,** Pittsburgh Friday, February 14-Sunday, February 16
- **'Orthodoxy on Tap' YAL (Young Adults) Meeting:** Tuesday, February 18, 7-9 PM, Chatty Monks Brewery on Penn Avenue - RSVP with Dino.
- **GOYA Room Kickoff Event:** Sunday, February 23

Other Announcements

- Support Sts. Constantine & Helen by buying gift cards from us for your grocery shopping at Giant, Redner's, and Weis supermarkets. They will be on sale each week at Fellowship.



ECHO Alert! Assembling and mailing of the February ECHO is scheduled for Thursday, February 27th. The HARD deadline for ECHO submissions will be Thursday, February 20th. Your cooperation is very much appreciated!

Nicephoros the Martyr of Antioch

This Martyr, who was from Antioch in Syria, contested during the reign of Gallienus, about the year 260. Through the working of the evil one, his friendship with a certain Christian priest named Sapricius was turned to bitter hatred. Nicephoros, repenting of his enmity, tried both through intermediaries and in person to be reconciled with Sapricius, but to no avail. Later, when the persecution broke out under Valerian and Gallienus, Sapricius was seized as a Christian. When Saint Nicephoros learned that Sapricius had been arrested by the pagans and was enduring torments for Christ, he sent intermediaries to Sapricius, begging his forgiveness; but Sapricius would not forgive him. Later, as Sapricius was being taken to beheading, Nicephoros, hoping that Sapricius, at his end, in such a holy hour, would at last forgive him, met him on the way, fell before him, and fervently asked his forgiveness; but Sapricius forgave him not. Wherefore, though Sapricius had passed through many sufferings, and the crown of martyrdom was now awaiting him, because he disdained the chief commandments of love and forgiveness, the grace of God, which had been strengthening him in his torments, departed from him, and he told his executioners he would sacrifice. Nicephoros immediately confessed Christ before them, and being himself beheaded, took the crown that Sapricius had cast away. Should the Apodosis of the Feast of the Meeting in the Temple fall on this day the service to Saint Nicephoros is chanted on the 8th.



Mark your Calendars!
All parishioners and guests are invited to join St. Xenia Philoptochos Society for this very informative daytime meeting to be held in our social hall...

Monday, February 17, 2020

Please join us at 12 noon

(A light luncheon will be served following the program and short meeting. Please sign up during Fellowship so we can plan the luncheon.)

**"The Opioid/Overdose Crisis
in Berks County"**

This program will be presented by our very own... Stanley Papademetriou, Director of the Council on Chemical Abuse (COCA) a private non-profit organization located in Reading. Stanley will discuss Opioid overdose, local response to the crisis, and emerging substance use trends.

This Past Week

Your Stewardship made these possible:

- **Funeral for Marina Baxewanis (May her memory be eternal!)**
- **Paraklesis on Wednesday evening (Supplicatory service to the Mother of God)**
- **Preparation of the GOYA room for the youth to gather in the church more frequently.**

***Sts. Constantine & Helen
2020 Apokries Party
Saturday, February 15th***

7 pm to 11 pm

Tickets: \$12

***All Children & College Students Free
Greek & American Music By DJ Leo***

Tickets will be sold during fellowship today.

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