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Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

Prokeimenon. Third Mode. Psalm 46.6,1.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from St. Paul's 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 Reading

12th Sunday of Matthew

The Reading is from 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."

Hymns of the Day

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Mode

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord by His Might, has created a Dominion. He has conquered death by death, and become the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of Hades, and has granted the world great mercy.

Apolytikion for Apodosis of the Forerunner in the Second Mode

The memory of the just is observed with hymns of praise; for you suffices the testimony of the Lord, O Forerunner. You have proved to be truly more ven'erable than the Prophets, since you were granted to baptize in the river the One whom they proclaimed. Therefore, when for the truth you had contested, rejoicing, to those in Hades you preached the Gospel, that God was manifested in the flesh, and takes away the sin of the world, and grants to us the great mercy.

Apolytikia for the Church in the First Mode

Save O Lord, Your people, and bless Your inheritance, granting victory to the faithful over the enemy, and by your cross protecting your common wealth.

Tou Stavrou' Sou ton ti'pon en ourano' theasa'menos ke os o Pa'vlos tin kli'sin ouk ex anthro'pon dexa'menos, o en vasilev'sin Apo'stolos Sou Ki'rie vasile'vousan po'lin ti hiri' Sou pare'theto, in peri'soze dia pantos' en iri'ni, presvi'es tis Theoto'kou mo'ne philan'thrope.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Fourth Mode

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life

Services and Events

Calendar

August 30 to September 13, 2020

Sunday, August 30

9:45AM 3rd Hour Prayers
10:00AM Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, September 2

6:00PM Vespers
7:30PM Bible Study

Thursday, September 3

6:00PM On-line Catachism Class

Saturday, September 5

6:00PM Great Vespers

Sunday, September 6

9:45AM 3rd Hour Prayers
10:00AM Divine Liturgy

Monday, September 7

10:00AM Fr. Timothy Out 7th-12th

Sunday, September 13

9:45AM 3rd Hour Prayers
10:00AM Divine Liturgy

News and Announcements

We will not have Orthos on Sundays during the month of September but will have 3rd hour prayers beginning at 9:45 before the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. We will resume Orthos in October.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Cathy Bardis on the loss of her father, Hilario.

Fr. Timothy has a new email address - frtimothy@hcchgoc.org. Please direct any church related emails to him at this address.

Please see information in Philoptochos news about parishioner in need. We will collect donations this Sunday as well.

We still have no new updates so our past directives for Sunday services are still in place. We continue to ask that if you are planning to attend service this Sunday, please email the church office to let us know. We offer our on-line streaming services. Keep watching us on Facebook and our YouTube channel (Orthodoxy Huntsville).

Fr. Timothy offers Catechism class on Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m. He also hosts a ZOOM Bible Study every Wednesday evening after

Vespers at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Fr. Timothy if you would like to participate.

We are grateful for our Parishioners who continue to pledge and donate to our church. Please email or call the church office if you have any questions on how to give.

Philoptochos News

The Philoptochos is sponsoring a fundraising drive for a parishioner in need. We will accept any monies for the remainder of this month in way of check made out to the Philoptochos or cash. There will be a box in church Sunday to drop your donation or you may send your donation to the church. Our parishioner is a Catechumen who is fighting stomach cancer, going through chemo therapy and still working. Thank you all in advance for any help you can give. If you have any questions please see Fr. Timothy.

Prayer List

If you know anyone who is sick, in the hospital, nursing home, rehab center, or shut in, and needs a visit from Father Timothy, please let him know.

In our prayers: Nicole Berros, Matthew Stoval, Debbie Tshakis, Pavlos Honderich, David Shular, Jason Bardis, Jo Ann Flynn- sister of Danny Xenofos, Larry Hartman, Eikaterini, Scott Kolonko, Barbara-Sister of Michael Papgermanos, Fotis brother of Michael Papagermanos, Fr. Edward, , Anna Caldarone (friend of Dr. Gray), Carl, (uncle of Luke Harrison).

Father Timothy is available to meet with you at the Church office, discussing any questions or just for fellowship. You can contact him by text at 706-627-9257 or by email at dr.cremeens@ggsm.us

Saints and Feasts



September 04

Moses the Prophet & Godseer

The Prophet Moses-whose name means "one who draws forth," or "is drawn from," that is, from the water-was the pinnacle of the lovers of wisdom, the supremely wise lawgiver, the most ancient historian of all. He was of the tribe of Levi, the son of Amram and Jochabed (Num. 26:59). He was born in Egypt in the seventeenth century before Christ. While yet a babe of three months, he was placed in a basket made of papyrus and covered with pitch, and cast into the streams of the Nile for fear of Pharaoh's decree to the mid-wives of the Hebrews, that all the male children of the Hebrews be put to death. He was taken up from the river by Pharaoh's daughter, became her adopted son, and was reared and dwelt in the King's palace for forty years. Afterward, when he was some sixty years old, he fled to Madian, where, on Mount Horeb, he saw the vision of the burning bush. Thus he was ordained by God to lead Israel and bring it out of the land of Egypt. He led Israel through the Red Sea as it were dry land and governed the people for forty years. He wrought many signs and wonders, and wrote the first five books of the Old Testament, which are called the Pentateuch. When he reached the land of Moab, he ascended Mount Nabau, on the peak called Phasga, and there, by divine command, he reposed in the sixteenth century before Christ, having lived for some 120 years. The first two Odes of the Old Testament, "Let us sing to the Lord" and "Attend, O heaven, and I will speak," were written by him. Of these hymns, the first was chanted by the shore of the Red Sea as soon as the Israelites had crossed it; the second, in the land of Moab, a few days before his repose. The Holy High Priest Aaron was the elder brother of the Holy Prophet Moses. He was appointed by God to serve as the spokesman of Moses before the people, and also before Pharaoh, in Egypt. Afterwards, in the wilderness, he was called to the ministry of the high priesthood, as narrated in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers in the Old Testament. The name Aaron means "enlightened."

Wisdom of the Fathers

The sign that thou lovest God, is this, that thou lovest thy fellow; and if thou hatest thy fellow, thy hatred is towards God. For it is blasphemy if thou prayest before God while thou art wrath. For thy heart also convicts thee, that in vain thou multipliest words: thy conscience rightly judges that in thy prayers thou profitest nought.

St. Ephraim the Syrian

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