

THE MESSENGER

Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia

Sunday, December 11th, 2016 - Κυριακή, 11η Δεκεμβρίου 2016

11th Sunday of Luke - Κυριακή ΙΑ' Λουκά

Daniel The Stylite, Luke the New Stylite, Holy Martyrs Akepsimas, Aeithalas, Meirax, Barsabas, Terntius, Vincentius, Aimilianus. Leontius the Righteous of Achaia

"By the intercessions of Your Holy Saints, O Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us. Amen!"

PARISH COUNCIL & ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION ELECTIONS

Voting will be held today following the Divine Liturgy until 3:00 pm
in the Music Suite next to the Bride's Room

St. Daniel the Stylite



This Saint was from the village of Marutha in the region of Samosata in Mesopotamia. He became a monk at the age of twelve. After visiting Saint Symeon the Stylite (see Sept. 1) and receiving his blessing, he was moved with zeal to follow his marvelous way of life. At the age of forty-two, guided by providence, he came to Anapulus in the environs of Constantinople, in the days of the holy Patriarch Anatolius (see July 3), who was also healed by Saint Daniel of very grave malady and sought to have him live near him. Upon coming to Anapulus, Saint Daniel first lived in the church of the Archangel Michael, but after some nine years, Saint Symeon the Stylite appeared to him in a vision, commanding him to imitate his own ascetical struggle upon a pillar. The remaining thirty-three years of his life he stood for varying periods on three pillars, one after another. He stood immovable in all weather, and once his disciples found him covered with ice after a winter storm. He was a counsellor of emperors; the pious emperor Leo the Great fervently loved him and brought his royal guests to meet him. It was at Saint Daniel's word that the holy relics of Saint Symeon the Stylite were brought to Constantinople from Antioch, and it was in his days that the Emperor Leo had the relics of the Three Holy Children brought from Babylon. Saint Daniel also defended the Church against the error of the Eutychians. Having lived through the reigns of the Emperors Leo, Zeno, and Basiliscus, he reposed in 490, at the age of eighty-four.

(From the Website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese)

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτίκιον Απολυτίκια

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον ᾠχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφήν καταδέξω
τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, Ἡ ζωὴ
καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Resurrectional Apolytikion Mode pl. 4

You descended from on high, O compassionate One,
and condescended to be buried for three days, so that
from the passions You might set us free. Our life and
resurrection, O Lord, glory be to You.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Προπατόρων ᾠχος β'

Ἐν πίστει τοὺς Προπάτορας ἐδικαίωσας, τὴν ἐξ
Ἐθνῶν δι' αὐτῶν προμνηστευσάμενος Ἐκκλησίαν.
Καυχῶνται ἐν δόξῃ οἱ Ἅγιοι, οἱ ἐκ σπέρματος αὐτῶν,
ὑπάρχει καρπὸς εὐκλεῆς, ἡ ἀσπόρος τεκοῦσά σε.
Ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς
ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Apolytikion for the Forefathers Mode 2.

By faith You justified the Forefathers, having through
them betrothed to yourself the Church that came out of
the nations. The saints are boasting in glory; for the
glorious fruit, the Virgin who without seed gave birth
to You, is from their progeny. At their entreaties, O
Christ our God, save our souls.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ ᾠχος δ'

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ
ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ
Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν
χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ
Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος
μετὰ σοῦ.

Apolytikion of the Church Mode 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the reve-
lation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity.
The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabri-
el announces the grace of this Good News. Let us also
join with him, calling to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O
Woman full of grace; the Lord is with you.

Κοντάκιον Προεόρτιον ᾠχος γ'

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν
Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπορρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ
οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ
τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, παιδίον νέον,
τὸν πρὸ αἰῶνων Θεόν.

Kontakion of the Forefeast Mode 3

On this day the virgin comes to the cave to give birth
to * God the Word ineffably, * Who was before all
ages. * Dance for joy, O earth, on hearing * the glad-
some tidings; * with the Angels and the Shepherds
now glorify Him * Who is willing to be gazed on * as
a young Child Who * before the ages is God.



DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 13 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK

10TH SUNDAY OF LUKE - Κυριακή Γ' Λουκᾶ

**TODAY'S EPISTLE READING:
ST PAUL'S LETTER TO THE COLOSSIANS 3:4-11**

EPISTLE READER: NICKOLAS KOSTOPOULOS

PROKEIMENON: *Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers.*

VERSE: *For You are just in all You have done.*

BRETHREN, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away; anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: LUKE 14:16-24

The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

"Take up and read, take up and read." St. Augustine, *Confessions XII*

DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 27 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK





ACOLYTES GROUP THREE

Gus Karas	Alexander Vastakis
Niko Skiouris	Alexandros Katsoudas
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George Poulos	Ted Tzavaras
George Dallis	Nicholas Vastakis
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HANDMAIDENS GROUP THREE

Anastasia Zaharis	Kysia Katsoudas
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The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Divine Liturgy:

Connie Carros
Al Galloway

Ned Biehler
Michael Missailidis

Sandy Papadopoulos
Noula Zaharis

GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered in the Orthodox Church only to those individuals baptized and chrismated (confirmed) in the Orthodox Faith. To participate in Holy Communion one must be in good standing with the Church spiritually (for example, married people must have had their marriage blessed in the Church; and, all must be without grave sin on their hearts). For all Orthodox Christians, the proper preparation for Holy Communion must be observed: that is, examination of conscience, confession, reading the prayers for Holy Communion, and the proper fasting. If you have any further questions about this, please speak with the clergy. Women should remove all lipstick when approaching for Holy Communion. Please let parents with their babies and the elderly approach first. Thank you.

"How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

Psalm 83 (84): 1-2



Rev. Fr. Paul A. Kaplanis, *Dean*
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