THE MESSENGER

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

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Sunday of the Canaanite - Κυριακή της Χαναναίας

The Hieromartyr Haralambos, the Wonderworker, Porphyrios and Baptos the executioners of St. Haralambos, who believed in Christ and were martyred by the sword, The Three Women Martyrs who were converted by St. Haralambos, The Virgin Martyrs Ennatha and Valentina, The Holy Martyr Paul, The Righteous Fathers, Zenon and Anastasios, Archbishop of Constantinople.

Today we welcome Father Christopher Metropulos, President of Hellenic College & Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology as well as some of the school's students.

Today is Godparents Sunday!

We welcome all of our Godparents and Godchildren who are visiting today!
Following the Prayer of Thanksgiving, our Sunday School students leave for classes. You are invited to join them in class, or meet them in Carlos Hall during coffee hour.

Today's Memorials

1 Year Memorial for Helen (Eleni) Tsiklistas (Mother of Georgia Caras)
3 Year Memorial Service for Henry (Aristotelis) Panos
7 Year Memorial Service for Archontia (Toula) Kontoes

The Hieromartyr Haralambos the Wonderworker

The Hieromartyr Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia, the Martyrs Porphyrius and Baptus and Three Women Martyrs suffered in the year 198. Saint Haralambos, Bishop of Magnesia (Asia Minor), successfully spread faith in Christ the Savior, guiding people on the way to salvation. News of his preaching reached Lucian, the governor of the district, and the military commander Lucius. The saint was arrested and brought to trial, where he confessed his faith in Christ and refused to offer sacrifice to idols. Despite the bishop's advanced age (he was over 100 years old), he was subjected to monstrous tortures. They lacerated his body with iron hooks, and scraped all the skin from his body. During this the saint turned to his tormentors, "I thank you, brethren, that you have restored my spirit, which longs to pass over to a new and everlasting life!" The enraged Lucius seized the instruments of torture and began to torture the holy martyr himself, but suddenly his forearms were cut off as if by a sword. Then Lucius entreated the saint to show mercy on him, and both hands were healed through the prayers of Saint Haralambos. That said, as Saint Nicodemos the Athonite notes in the Synaxaristis, "Lucius' hands were healed, but his spirit remained wicked". Seeing the Elder's endurance and his complete lack of malice, two soldiers, Porphyrius and Baptus openly confessed Christ, for which they were immediately beheaded with a sword. Three women who were watching the sufferings of Saint Haralambos also began to glorify Christ, and were quickly martyred. Finally, Saint Haralambos to beheading with a sword. During Saint Haralambos' final prayer, the heavens opened and the Saint saw the Savior and a multitude of Angels.

Order of Hymns Following the Small Entrance

Απολυτίκια

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. Ἦχος δ΄

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἱερομάρτυρος. Ἦχος δ'

Ὡς στῦλος ἀκλόνητος, τῆς Ἐκκλησίας Χριστοῦ, καὶ λύχνος ἀείφωτος τῆς οἰκουμένης σοφέ, ἐδείχθης Χαράλαμπες, ἔλαμψας ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, διὰ τοῦ μαρτυρίου, ἔλυσας τῶν εἰδώλων, τὴν σκοτόμαιναν μάκαρ· διὸ ἐν παῤῥησίᾳ Χριστῷ, πρέσβευε σωθῆναι ἡμας.

Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Μνήσθητι, Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἥμαρτον συγχώρησον·οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος καὶ τοῖς μεταστασι δοῦναι τήν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. Ἦχος 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 ἡμεὶς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Κοντάκιον Ἦχος β'

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Apolytikia

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion of the Hieromartyr. Mode 4

A pillar unshakable are you in Christ's holy Church, * and, as your own name denotes, an ever radiant lamp, * all-blessed Haralambos, * shining throughout the whole world * by your feats as a martyr, * driving away the darkness of the worship of idols. * With confidence, therefore, pray to Christ, * entreating Him to save our souls.

Kontakion for the Departed. Mode pl. 4

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your servants, and forgive every sin they have committed in this life. For no one is sinless except You, Who have power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.

Apolytikion of the Church. Mode 4

Today is the beginning of our salvation, and the revelation of the mystery which was hidden from eternity. The Son of God becomes the Virgin's Son, and Gabriel 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.

Kontakion. Mode 2

A protection of Christians unshamable, intercessor to our Holy Maker, unwavering, please reject not the prayerful cries of those who are in sin. Instead, come to us, for you are good; your loving help bring unto us, who are crying in faith to you: Hasten to intercede and speed now to supplicate, as a protection for all time, Theotokos, for those who honor you.

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Sunday of the Canaanite—Κυριακή της Χαναναίας

Today's Epistle Reading is from:
St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 2:1-10
Reader: Jerod Spetseris

Prokeimenon: *The Righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.*
Verse: *Oh God, hear my cry.*

Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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Acolytes Group Two

Anastasios Dallis
Demetre Lignos
Mario Dallis
Nicko Kostopoulos
Nikolaos Constantinides
Pete Constantinides
Pete Kostopoulos
Peter Kessler
Platon Constantinides
Spears Vavalides
Stavros Mookas
Theo Pappas

Handmaidens Group Two

Athena Mookas
Christina Dallis
Dee Dee Kostopoulos
Gabriella Pappas
Isabella Pappas
Laila Turner
Marina Dallis
Paulina Katsoudas
Sophia Karampelas

The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Service:
Group: St. Gregory the Theologian

Scott Davenport
Owen Jones
George Koulouris
Greg Koutrelakos
Demetrios Hadjisimos
Constance Nagle

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.

WELCOME EVERYONE!

Welcome everyone! We extend a warm welcome to our visitors worshiping with us today in our Cathedral. You are invited to join us for our fellowship following the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our hospitality table and sign the register in the Narthex.

"Come to Him and be enlightened,

and your face shall never be shamed"

Psalm 33 (34):6

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