

THE MESSENGER

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

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - Κυριακή, 7 Οκτωβρίου 2018

3rd Sunday of Luke - Κυριακή Γ' Λουκά

Sergius and Bacchus the Martyrs, Leontius, The Hieromartyrs Julian the Presbyter and Caesarius the Deacon, Eusebius and Felix the Martyrs, Polychronios the Hieromartyr, The Righteous Ninety nine Holy Fathers of Crete

**We welcome all of the “Connect Orthodoxy”
Conference participants to our Cathedral!!**

Today's Memorials

Found on Page 127 of Divine Liturgy Book

40 Day Memorial Pete A. Poulos (Παναγιωτις Πουλοκεφαλός)

40 Day Memorial for Anastasios Papadimitriou

Passed away in Greece; Father of Panagiota Damianeas

4 Year Memorial for Harriette (Elizabeth) Jacobs

15 Year Memorial for George N. Moraitakis

*Today's Coffee Hour is Sponsored in Loving Memory
of Pete A. Poulos by his Family*

THE HOLY MARTYRS SERGIUS AND BACCHUS



The Holy Martyrs Sergius and Bacchus lived at 3rd century AD and martyred in the Diocletian Persecution in Coele-Syria about 303. Their Martyrdom is well authenticated by the earliest Martyrologies and by the early veneration paid them, as well as by such historians as Theodoret.

Both of them were officers of troops on the frontier, Sergius being *Primicerius*, and Bacchus *Secundarius*. According to tradition, there were high in esteem of the Caesar Maximianus on account of their bravery, but this favor was turned into hatred when they acknowledged their Christian faith. They were tortured and beaten so severely with shoes that Bacchus died under the blows. Sergius, though, had much more suffering to endure; among other tortures, as tradition states, he had to run eighteen miles in shoes which were covered on the soles with sharp-pointed nails that pierced through the foot. He was finally beheaded.

The burial-place of Sergius and Bacchus was pointed out in the city of Resaph; in honor of Sergius the Emperor Justinian also built churches in honor of Sergius at Constantinople and Acre; the one at Constantinople, now a mosque, is a great work of Byzantine art. In the East, Sergius and Bacchus were universally honored. Since the seventh century they have a celebrated church in Rome.

The Church celebrates their feast on 7 October.

(From the Catholic Encyclopedia)

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτίκιον

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. ᾠχος β΄

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῶν Ἁγίων. ᾠχος δ΄

Οἱ Μάρτυρες σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτῶν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου, τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἰκεσίαις, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον τῶν Κεκοιμημένων. ᾠχος πλ. δ΄

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

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.

Κοντάκιον. ᾠχος β΄

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθὴ, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεὶ, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

Ἀπολυτίκια

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 2

When You descended unto death, O Lord who yourself are immortal Life, then did You mortify Hades by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying out: O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You.

Apolytikion for the Saints. Mode 4

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, 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.



TODAY'S EPISTLE READING IS FROM:

ST. PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 11:31-33; 12:1-9

READER: DEE DEE KOSTOPOULOS

PROKEIMENON: *THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG.*VERSE: *THE LORD HAS CHASTENED ME SORELY.*

Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING

LUKE 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

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

DIVINE LITURGY CONTINUES ON PAGE 51 OF THE DIVINE LITURGY BOOK





ACOLYTES GROUP TWO

Platon Constantinides	Anastasios Dallis
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The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Service:

Group: St. Basil the Great

Demetrios Hadjisimos

Despina Lamas

Ted Kipreos

Irene Fotos

George Koulouris

Greg Koutrelakos

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 worshipping 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.

***“Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.” Psalm 4:5***

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