

THE MESSENGER

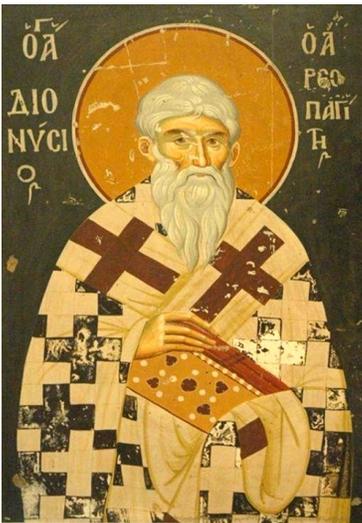
Weekly Worship Guide of The Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Atlanta Georgia

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - Κυριακή, 8 Οκτωβρίου 2017

3rd Sunday of Luke - Κυριακή Γ' Λουκᾶ

The Righteous Pelagia and Taisia the former harlots, Pelagia the Martyr

St. Dionysios the Areopagite



St. Dionysios was one of the nine judges of Areios Pagos, the Supreme Court of Ancient Athens. When St. Paul went to Athens and stood on Areios Pagos to preach about Christ, Dionysios remembered the Eclipse he had witnessed, on the day of the Crucifixion of the Lord, he believed in St. Paul's sermon and was baptized. He was also consecrated Bishop in the city of Athens, by St. Paul.

Through his devotion and hard spiritual struggle, he elevated his mind from earthly to heavenly things and thus he became a prominent theologian, as his writings testify.

When our Lady the Theotokos departed from this life and gave her spirit to her son, St. Dionysios was miraculously brought in a cloud, to Gesthemane, together with the Holy Apostles and Hierarchs, to witness her Dormition.

Later he traveled to Rome, where he met St. Clemens the Bishop of the city. St. Clemens sent him on a mission to Gaul (France), along with his two disciples Rusticus and Eleftherios. In France he built a church in a small city called Lutetia (which later was renamed to Paris). In Lutetia many believed and were baptized, thanks to St. Dionysios' words, deeds, miracles, but mostly thanks to the joy that sprung out from him. His great reputation as a Christian Bishop reached Rome to cause the extreme anger of Emperor Dometian, who ordered the execution of the three Christian missionaries in France. Thus, St Dionysios and his two disciples Rusticus and Elftherios were arrested and decapitated outside of Paris. As the Synaxarion narrates, a miracle occurred upon St. Dionysios' beheading: He took his head on his arms and he walked for a short distance towards the city. Some Christians took the bodies of the three Hieromartyrs and buried them properly.

St. Dionysios the Areopagite is considered as the Patron Saint of the cities of Athens and Paris. Our Church celebrates his memory, together with his two disciples Rusticus and Eleftherios on October 3rd.

ORDER OF HYMNS FOLLOWING THE SMALL ENTRANCE

Απολυτίκιον Απολυτίκια

Ἀναστάσιμον Ἀπολυτίκιον. ᾠδὸς α΄.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν· διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόωσαν σοι ζωοδότα. Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε φιλόανθρωπε.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ὁσίας. ᾠδὸς πλ. δ΄.

Ἐν σοὶ Μητὲρ ἀκριβῶς διεσώθη τὸ κατ' εἰκόνα· λαβοῦσα γὰρ τὸν σταυρόν, ἠκολούθησας τῷ Χριστῷ, καὶ πράττουσα ἐδίδασκες ὑπερορᾶν μὲν σαρκὸς παρέρχεται γὰρ, ἐπιμελεῖσθαι δὲ ψυχῆς, πράγματος ἀθανάτου· διὸ καὶ μετὰ Ἀγγέλων συναγάλλεται Ὁσία Πελαγία, τὸ πνεῦμά σου.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ. ᾠδὸς δ΄.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἢ 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. ᾠδὸς β΄.

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

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 1.

The stone had been secured with a seal by the Judeans, * and a guard of soldiers was watching Your immaculate body. * You rose on the third day, O Lord * and Savior, granting life unto the world. * For this reason were the powers of heaven crying out to You, O Life-giver: * Glory to Your resurrection, O Christ; * glory to Your kingdom; * glory to Your dispensation, only One who loves mankind.

Apolytikion for the Saint. Mode pl. 4.

In you, O Mother, is preserved undistorted what was made in the image of God; for taking up the cross, you followed Christ and by example taught, that we should overlook the flesh, since it passes away, and instead look after the soul, since it is immortal. And therefore, O devout Pelagia, your spirit rejoices with the angels.

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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3RD SUNDAY OF LUKE

Κυριακή Γ' Λουκᾶ

TODAY'S EPISTLE READER: ALEXIA SPETSERIS ST PAUL'S SECOND LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 9:6-11

PROKEIMENON: *Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.*

VERSE: *Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.*

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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*

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The following Parish Council members will be on duty today during the Divine Liturgy:

Chris Adams Tom McBride III Charlie Burland
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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 the Fellowship Hour at the end of the Divine Liturgy in Carlos Hall next to the Church. Thank you for your visit! Please stop by our Newcomers table and sign the register in the Narthex.

"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



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