Sunday, November 19, 2023

9th Sunday of Luke
The Holy Prophet Obadiah
Eothenon/Orthros Gospel: Second (Mark 16:1-8)
Mode of the Week: Grave/Βαρύς

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:
Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς Βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

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To our Visitors and Guests:
We extend a warm welcome to all worshiping with us today!

While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!
The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Verse: Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor. (Ps. 28)

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The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. (2:14-22)

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Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing to an end the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fastaking Guidance:
Saturday (11/25—St. Katherine—Fish, Wine, Oil): Matthew 25:3-13; Galatians 3:23-29, 41-5; Mark 5:24-34

Prayer Requests:
Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish): Panteleimon, Michael, Evtihia, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Betty, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Dianna, Keith, Jennie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Roberta, Mike, Effie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelanos, Brian, Vassilios, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Kathy, Bill, Virginia, Karl
Prayers for those recently reposed: Jackie (+October 21)

Prayers for expecting mothers:
Hannah K., Julieta L., Myruth S.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:
Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glutzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrhotesio, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and for the Office of the Hospitality Church:
Bobbie, CJ, Ethan, Jake, James, Jessica, Nate and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:
St. Ignatius of Antioch, an early Father of the Church from the second century, on thanksgiving—the importance of communal thanksgiving: Take heed often to come together to give thanks to God and show forth His praise. For when you assemble frequently in the same place, the powers of Satan are destroyed, and the destruction of your enemies is prevented by the unity of your faith. Nothing is more precious than peace, by which all war, in heaven and earth, is brought to an end.”

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements:

**Upcoming Celebrations This Week**

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
November 25: Katina Cavacas, Katerina Iakovodis, Kathy Patras, Irene Mary, Mary Katherine Saratsiotis, Katerina Saxon
Birthdays—Happy Birthday!
November 25: Sophia Cantrell
Anniversaries—Congratulations!
None in the Records

*If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!*

**Announcements:**
* Goya/Young Adults: Service project after church today; please help us deliver the inflow of donated items to Daybreak for a couple of hours after church activities today during their benefit Music Festival! Bring a change of clothes/shoes to church. Please see Pemtysa Stacey if you are interested in helping today!
* There will be a Holy Vigil (Apokrisis) on Monday evening to celebrate the Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos, one of the twelve Great Feasts of the Church year. Great Vespers will begin at 9:00pm followed by Orthros and Divine Liturgy with Communion just after midnight. Come and see!
* Philoptochos: Please see the emails/bulletin email that have been sent for more information about the Christmas Fair Sale and the collections happening to assist Macron Outreach and the Colby Center!
* Orthodoxy 101 is off this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.
* The facilitator of the bookstore, Kristina Lekas, is very graciously offering to open the Holy Cross Bookstore during the week. On Wednesday afternoons, the bookstore will be open from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.
* Christmas Card/Poinsettias: If you would like to participate in the 2023 Christmas Card and/or purchase a poinsettia “In Memory of” or “In Honor of,” please fill out the form sent by email and turn in your payment to Natalia Saratsiotis. Christmas Card deadline was November 15th. Christmas Poinsettia deadline is December 17th.
* Festival: Chairman follow-up meeting will be December 9th. For anyone that has suggestions for improvements to the Festival, please contact Natalia Saratsiotis.
* As a reminder, we have begun the Nativity Fast this past week on November 15th. Of course, this week we celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving. While we may lessen the fast to celebrate together with our fellow American brothers and sisters, don’t forgo the blessed, beautiful, and fruitful Nativity Fast!
* Please see your email for the 2024 Coffee Fellowship sign-up!
* Congratulations to Louis and Maggie Bennett on the birth of their daughter, Riley Jane Bennett!