### Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral

**New Orleans, Louisiana**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024 – 15th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW**

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**PHILOPTOCHOS** – The next Senior Luncheon is Thursday, February 22. All Seniors of the Community are invited to attend. The Philoptochos Stewardship of $40 is now being accepted. Second Harvest Outreach Project will be during February. A box is set up in the round room for donations of nonperishable foods. Plans are being made to visit the Second Harvest Center. If interested in attending, contact Faith Kyame or Connie Tiliakos.

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELLOPE** – Membership meeting is Sunday, February 18, following the Divine Liturgy. An outing to The Vue Orleans exhibit is planned for Saturday, February 24 at 11 am. For tickets and additional information contact Ann Morcos or Barbara Stavis Wolf. Dues for 2024 are now being collected ($50) and if submitted by the end of February, members will be entered in a drawing for free dues in 2025.
ENDURANCE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD
II Corinthians 4:6-15 [34th Sunday, 5th Period]

Reflecting on the Genesis creation story the Holy Apostle Paul begins this passage recounting the importance of the goodness of light over darkness and recognizing that Jesus Christ is God. In our recent vacation in Greece we observed, earthen vessels from Biblical times are seen in every museum of antiquity. They were used to keep everything of value but were easily broken. Using this imagery, Saint Paul describes our bodies as earthen vessels that can easily be crushed and destroyed, but the importance is what’s inside: a person who has the will to live a life for God. Referencing Psalm 114 LXX (116:1-9) Saint Paul sees an extraordinary expression of Faith, and his desire is to imitate that Faith in his life and in his suffering. The Orthodox Study Bible adds: “the relative comfort of the Corinthian Christians is contrasted with the persecuted, poverty stricken and uncertain life of the apostles. The apostles have endured all kinds of humiliation, being treated as filth, and instead of fighting back have responded with love toward their persecutors - all for the joy of serving Christ and reconciling the world to God.” Even though Saint Paul’s mission was filled with difficulty and challenges, he endured for the sake of the growth of the Christian community in Corinth, and his desire that they might grow in their relationship with Christ, receiving the Grace of God which leads to Salvation.

GREEK FESTIVAL PASTRY WORKSHOPS TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY - Great fun! Good friends! Good food! Please join the Greek Festival Pastry Committee for weekly workshops beginning Tuesday, February 6 (11:30am), and Wednesday, February 7 (9:30am). Due to Mardi Gras and some previously scheduled events, subsequent workshops will be held MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, and WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21. Thereafter, the customary Tuesday and Wednesday schedule will ensue, except for HOLY WEEK. Workshops will take place from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm with lunch provided. Everyone is invited to come!

GREEK FESTIVAL BOOTH CHAIRPERSON MEETING - The Greek Festival Executive Committee invites all 2024 Greek Festival booth chairpersons to this year’s first meeting on Saturday, February 17, at 10:00 am in the Coffee Room. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend as work on the annual Greek Festival is underway.

AHEPA - The next AHEPA SOCIAL will be on February 28, 2024, at The Basin in Lakeview from 6 – 9 pm. All AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope members are welcome. AHEPA Dues of $75 are being collected and can be turned in to Nick Bouzon or Lance Uhde. National AHEPA scholarship application deadline is March 31 for all AHEPA Family members and their children in college or graduate school (ahepa.org/education).
GOD KEEPS A PROMISE

According to the law of Moses, all Hebrew parents were required to bring their first-born son to the Temple on the 40th day after his birth. This was done in remembrance of the Hebrew exodus from Egypt and their freedom from slavery -- when their first-born sons were protected from the “angel of death,” -- who slew the young male children of the Egyptians. It was customary to bring a sacrifice to the Temple that day in thanksgiving to God.

Obedient to the precepts of their people, Joseph and Mary brought the infant Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 40 days after His birth. As their sacrifice, they brought two young doves with them. While there, they encountered the Righteous Simeon -- a pious man who was advanced in years. God promised him that he would not die until he saw the coming of the Messiah. When Simeon came upon Christ and His parents, he knew that this was the One for Whom the world had waited: the Light Who would enlighten the Gentiles. Indeed, Simeon knew that he could now “depart in peace.” Simeon blessed them and proclaimed that: “this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel.” (Luke 2:34)

Before returning home, Mary, Joseph and Jesus also met Anna, a prophetess who had lived in the Temple some 84 years as a widow. She, too, recognized the true identity and mission of the young Child.

This event is celebrated as the FEAST OF THE MEETING OF THE LORD by our Holy Orthodox Church in February each year. To further emphasize the coming of the “Light” into a darkened world, candles are blessed on this holy day.

GREEK SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - Mr. and Mrs. Steve Psarellis are sponsoring $1,000.00 scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to the student that best excels in attendance, participation, and proficiency during the Spring 2024 term. We pray that this will encourage all our students in their efforts in Greek education.

Deadline for submissions for the Sunday Bulletin is Wednesday of each week. Send all notices to secretary@holytrinitycathedral.org and to frgwilson@gmail.com

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Δ' ΦΕΒΡΟΥΑΡΙΟΥ 2024

Κυριακή μετά τὴν 'Ὑπαπαντῆν τοῦ Κυρίου

'Ἡχὸς Δεύτερος. 'Εσθινὸν Β'

At the Praises: Glory: 2nd Eothinón. 2nd Mode.

Sunday after the Meeting of our Lord

Second Mode; 2nd Eothinón

Eis tôn τῶν αἰνούσις- Δέξα. 'Εσθινὸν Β'. 'Ἡχὸς Β'.

Metá μύρων προσελθούσης, ταῖς περὶ Μαριάμ γυναιξί, καὶ διαπορευμέναις, τῶς ἦσαν αὐτῶν τυχεῖν τοῦ ἐφέτου, ὀράθη ὁ λίθος μετηρμένος, καὶ θείος νεανίας, καταστέλλων τὸν θόρυβον αὐτῶν τῆς ψυχῆς. Ἡγέρθη γάρ φησιν, ἦσον ὁ Κύριος· διὸ κηρύσσετε τοὺς κήρυκες αὐτοῦ Μαθηταὶς, τὴν Γαλαλαίαν δραμεῖν, καὶ ἀμεθῆ αὐτῶν, ἀναστάντα ἐκ νεκρῶν, ὡς ζωοδότην καὶ Κύριον.

Antifonon Β' - Ἐφύμιον

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ δικαίου Σωμάτων βασταχθεῖσις, σάλλοντας σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Antifonon Γ'/Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς. 'Ἡχὸς α'.

Χάρις κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, εἴκ σου γὰρ ἐνέκρωσεν ὁ Ἡλίος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότω. Εὐφραίνου Πρεσβύτα Ἡλίος, ἡμῖν δόξα σοι καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Ἀναστάσιμον Απολυτίκιον. 'Ἡχὸς β'

"Ὅτε κατηθύμησες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ἰωάννης θάνατος τότε τὴν ἐκείνην ἐνέκρωσεν, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς βοῶπος ὁ Θεός ἦμων, ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ἀναστασίαν. Δόξα σοι Ἐλπίς, δόξα σοι Ἐλπίς."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Τοῦ Ναοῦ. 'Ἡχὸς πλ. δ'.

Εὐλογητός εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφοις τοὺς ἀλείας αναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτούς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἁγιόν, καὶ διὰ αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ὑπαπαντῆς. 'Ἡχὸς α'.

'Ὁ μήτραν παρθενίκην ἀγάσας τὸ τόκο σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Σωμάτων εὐλογήσας ως ἔπρεπε, προφήτασας καὶ γὰρ ἐξωσάμενης ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλὰ ἐφεύρεσαν ἐν πόλεμοι τὸ πολέμεια, καὶ κραταίωσας Βασιλείας οὓς ἡγάτησας, ὁ μόνος φιλάνθρωπος.'

'Ὁ Ἀπόστολος

Προκείμενον. 'Ἡχὸς Β'. 'Σαλμὸς ξ′' (117).

'Ἰσχύς μου καὶ ὡμοθυμίας μου ὁ Κύριος, καὶ ἐγένετό μοι εἰς σωτηρίαν..

Στίχος: Πανδεύον ἐπαιδεεσθε με ὁ Κύριος, καὶ τῷ θανάτῳ οὐ παρεδωκώ με.

The Epistle


The Lord is my strength and my song; * and has become my salvation.

Verse: The Lord chastened me hard, but did not hand me over to death.
Πρὸς Κορινθίους Β’ Ἑπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.

[4:6 – 15]

Ἄδελφοι, ὁ Θεὸς ὁ εἰπών, ἐκ σκότους φῶς λάμψα ὁ ἐλαμψέν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Χριστοῦ. Ἐξομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτὸν ἐν ὀστρακίνιοι σκέυεσιν ἢ ἡ υπερβολή τῆς δυνάμεως ἢ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν ἐν παντὶ θλίβομεν ἄλλῳ στενοχωροῦμενοι ἄλλῳ αὐτῶν ἐξαιροῦμενοι ἂν ἐκταλαπτισμοῦμεν καταβαλλοῦμεν ἄλλῳ ὁπολλοῦμεν πάντοτε τὴν γέρων τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες ἶνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σῶματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Ἀρε γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδοῦμεν διὰ Ἰησοῦν ἰνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θυμίᾳ σαρκί ἡμῶν. Ὡστε οἱ θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται ἢ δὲ ζωή ἐν ἡμῖν. Ἐχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον ἔπιστευσα διὰ ἑλάσμα καὶ ἡμὲς πιστεύουμεν διὰ καὶ λαλοῦμεν εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν Κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς σὺν Ἰησοῦ ἐγείρει καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ἴμα. Τά γὰρ πάντα δι’ ὑμᾶς ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πτειόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύη εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

The Holy Gospel

[22: 35 – 46]

At that time, a lawyer asked him a question, to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think of Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, inspired by the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, till I put your enemies under your feet’? If David thus calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.
Two answers to a test

Have you ever taken a test, and you weren’t quite ready for it yet? Maybe you had a spelling test, and you didn’t get a chance to study. Sometimes you don’t have much time, so you have to look over things really fast to get it into your head. That’s called “cramming.”

In the Gospel today, we hear about how a man was trying to give Jesus a test! Of course, that’s a funny thing, because our Lord God knows everything, so He could answer any question. The man said, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?”

Jesus knew that man was trying to trick him, but He answered him anyway. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.”

Sometimes we have to make choices about what to do and how to act. If we can just remember these two commandments, it’s like getting the answers to a test! We don’t even have to cram. Let’s remember: love God, and love our neighbor. If we do that, then we know we’re passing the test!
WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Apples and Roses
Dorothea
Gospel
Influence
Love God
Love our Neighbor
Martyr
Saint
Test
Theophilos

What’s in the icon?

In this icon of Saint Dorothea (or Dorothy), do you notice the apples and roses in the saint’s hand?

These remind us of the special miracle that Saint Dorothea prayed for. Theophilos (who is a saint now too!) laughed at her and said, “Send me some apples and flowers from your paradise!” It was cold in February, but Dorothea did just that!
Do you know what an influencer is? An influencer is somebody who tries to get people to buy something or do something. A company that sells shoes might get an influencer to tell everybody how great a pair of shoes is. If people trust that influencer, they’ll keep watching on the internet, and then they’ll buy the shoes! Sometimes people make decisions because of what they see influencers do.

Saint Dorothea lived about 1,700 years ago, but she was an influencer too! She was the best kind of influencer though, because she helped lots of people make good decisions about really important things. Saint Dorothea was a Christian, and everybody knew it. The authorities knew it too, and they punished her for it. Once, they sent two young women (who used to be Christians) to try to convince Dorothea to give up her Christian faith. But, that didn’t happen, because Dorothea influenced them to turn back to their faith. She told them that God forgives.

Another time, Dorothea prayed for a special miracle to convince one of the authorities, Theophilos, to believe in Christ too. When God granted the miracle, Theophilos told everyone he believed in the God of Dorothea, our one, true God.

Saint Dorothea is a wonderful saint who reminds us that, with God’s help, we can all be influencers. We don’t need to tell people what shoes to buy, but we can help others make good decisions, to turn to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

We celebrate Saint Dorothea on Tues., February 6th (OC: Feb. 19th).
Saint Dorothea, pray for us!

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The Living Icon Connection - Mother of God  
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Featuring Guest Speaker  
Iconographer  
Cheryl Pituch  

Among the 100's of miraculous Icons of the Theotokos three will be examined from the 6th century through today. What does this bring to our lives personally? How do we as "Living Icons" connect to the Icons in our churches and in our homes? Join us as we find out.

Date: February 3, 2024  
Time: 1PM - 4PM  
Location: St Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church  
3916 Hudson St.  
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Price: $15 - Includes a Tea Lunch  
Registration: www.stbasilneworleans.org  
Afterwards, feel free to join us for Great Vespers at 5PM