Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
New Orleans, Louisiana

MAY 26, 2019 — SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Sunday, May 26 ~ 9:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parish Council Member on Duty—Christ Kanellakis

11:00 am ~ GREEK FESTIVAL
Monday, May 27 ~ Greek Festival Clean Up
Saturday, June 1 ~ 3:30 pm KARMOUKOS BAPTISM

Sunday, June 2 ~ 8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am ~ Divine Liturgy—SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
Parish Council Member on Duty—John Jimenez
2:00 pm ~ BEACH BAPTISM

2019 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL “MAKING THINGS RIGHT”
The 2019 Vacation Church School program will be held July 29 – August 2 for children preschool through 5th grade. Early registration forms are available in the Cathedral.

EPISTLE READERS NEEDED
Greek and English Epistle readers, primarily Greek readers, are needed throughout the year for the Sunday Divine Liturgy. See Father George or Vladimir Ammons to sign up. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

H&R BLOCK NON-PROFIT REFERRAL PROGRAM
Fay Kalergi, who works for H&R Block as well as directs Greek School, made arrangements for Holy Trinity Cathedral to enroll in her firm’s non-profit referral program. Once registered and accepted Holy Trinity qualified to receive referral funds through the parishioners that used H&R Block to complete their taxes this past spring. Recently, the community received a check for $440! Many, many thanks are extended to the members that participated in the program and to Fay, who initiated this rewarding opportunity.

GREEK FESTIVAL - MAY 23, 24, 25, & 26!
CELEBRATING MASTIC FROM THE ISLAND OF CHIOS, GREECE, AND ALL THINGS GREEK!

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA:
I WILL BE YOUR SPIRITUAL FRIEND AND BROTHER
By Tasos Kokkinidis - May 16, 2019 - GreekReporter.com

Newly elected Archbishop Elpidophoros of America on Wednesday sent his first letter to all the faithful of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese throughout the United States.

“I am coming to America not only to be your Archbishop but your spiritual friend and your brother, your servant to the Lord, your partner to the Lord,” he said in the missive.

Elpidophoros was unanimously elected last week to become the new Greek Orthodox Archbishop of America by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. His enthronement will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City on June 22.

“I convey to you my great desire to embrace all of you as spiritual children and to show you the love with which God filled my heart for the precious flock of the Archbishopric of America.

“I come near to you as your brother in Christ. On the 22nd of June, in my enthronement, I also hope to embrace our ecumenical and interfaith friends as well as the entire pluralist American society that serves the freedom of conscience and religious freedom with passion.

“This period is a period of hope and positive expectation for all of us. We have much to do together, and with the grace of God and His power, we will be certain winners,” Elpidophoros said in his message.

AHEPA - DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION
The local AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Chapters will host a District Convention June 20-23 for members from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas City, and Atlanta. Local members are invited to participate and submit an ad sponsorship to welcome these visitors to New Orleans and to advise them of any businesses in the city that they may consider visiting. Ad forms are now available and offer three options—full page ($175), half page ($125), or quarter page ($100) ads.
As faithful Christians, we come to church every Lord’s Day to worship God during the Divine Liturgy. It is an important religious service because the Eucharist is consecrated during it. In a sense, the Liturgy is the Lord’s own service. At the Mystical Supper on then night before He died, Jesus took bread and wine, prayed over them, blessed them, pronounced them His body and blood, and then gave them to His apostles to eat. Then He instructed His followers: “DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.”

Early Christians did as the Lord had commanded. They met every first day of the week to worship, to pray, to hear God’s Word, to offer the bread and wine, have these consecrated by invoking the Holy Spirit, and then partaking of Communion. In this way they both remembered and received Christ.

As parents, we guide our children to confess their sins to Christ in the presence of a Priest, who pronounces God’s absolution. We teach them to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The word Communion means a common union of the most intimate kind, enjoyed by Christians with God and with others in the Church. The Priest stands at the Lord’s Table, chalice of wine and plate of bread before him, and after prayer and consecration we receive these as the body and blood of Christ.

But Communion does not end in church. We feel Christ’s presence in us, we sense His power in our wills, His peace in our lives. And others, too, seeing the joy of our souls, know we have been in the presence of God.

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COMMUNION

“Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”
1 Cor. 11:24
When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and had 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.

**Resurrection Apolytikon**

**Tone 4**

O Lord, midway through the feast, give drink to my thirsty soul from the waters of true religion. For to all You the Savior cried aloud, “Let whoever is thirsty come to Me and drink.” O Christ our God, the fountain of life, glory to You.

**Apolytikion of the Feast**

Plagal Tone 4

Blessed are You, O Christ our God, who made fishermen all-wise, sending upon them the Holy Spirit and, through them, netting the world. O Loving One, glory to You.

**Apolytikion of the Holy Trinity**

Plagal Tone 4

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out “Rejoice” to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

**THE EPISTLE**


**IN THOSE DAYS**, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabos stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

**ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ**

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων 1:3-19

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκείναις, διασπαρέντες οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τῆς Βλήσεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Σετεφάνῳ διήλθαν ἔως Φωκίνης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιόχειας, μηδενείς λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μή μονον Ἰουδαίους. Ἡσαν δὲ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἴνους εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἔλακον πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστας, ἐσχειλισσόμενοι τὸν κύριον ἡσον. Καὶ ἢ ἄνδριον μετ’ αὐτῶν πολὺς τὰς ἀρχαῖς πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ηκοσθεὶ δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τα ὀπτα τῆς ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἰερουσαλήμ πρὸς αὐτῶν καὶ ἐξεπεκελεῖν τας ἐπανάλεγεν ἐως Ἀντιόχειας. ὡς παραγενόμενοι καὶ Ἰουδαίς τὸν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλεσαν πάντας τῇ προφήτει τῆς καρδίας προσεμένων τὸν κύριον· ὅτι ἢ ἅνθροψ ἀβαίνει καὶ πληρής πνεύματος ἀγίου καὶ πίστεως· καὶ προσεκέθη ὁδὸς ικανὸς τῷ κύριῳ. Εξῆλθεν δὲ εἰς Ταρσον ὁ Ἀραβανᾶς ἀνατιόχησεν Σαίλοι, καὶ ἐφορέας ἠγανακτεὶ ἐντιόχειαν. Εγένετο δὲ ὁ δασκαλος ξανακατάθεται ὁδὸν συναχίσας τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάσας ὁδὸν ικανον, χρηματίζει τῷ πρώτῳ ἐν Ἀντιόχι τῶν μαθητῶν Ἀραβανᾶς. Ἐν ταύτι τοῖς δε τοῖς ἡμεραῖς κατήλθον ἀπὸ Ἰερουσαλήμ προφήτης ἐς Ἀντιόχειαν. Αναστὰς δὲ εἰς αὐτῶν ὁ ἄνθροψ Ἁγαβός, ἔσμηθε διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μεγάν µελέτην ἔσκαβα ἤπ’ ὅλην τὴν οἰκουµένην· ὡς καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτο τις, ὄρωνεν ἐκάκος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πείραν τοὺς κατοικοῦν ἐν τῇ Ιουδαίᾳ ἄδελφοι Ο καὶ ἐποίησεν, ἀπανεκλείνει τοὺς πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Ἄραβα καὶ Σαίλοι. 

**Απολυτίκιον τῆς Ανάστασεως**

ソー ὁ Θεός τὸν παραράγενος καὶ ἔσκαβεν εἰς τὸν Χριστόν καὶ ἐκκλησίαν, καὶ ἐκκλησίαν ἔσκαβεν καὶ καθερένευσα τοὺς ἀνθρώπους καὶ τῆς ἀνάστασεως τῶν ἀνθρώπων τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς συνάξεως.
At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman answered him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly.” The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, “What do you wish?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” So, the woman left her water jar and went away into the city and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying “Rabbi, eat.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.” So the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought him food?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, then comes the harvest’? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony. “He told me all that I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world.”