

# On Sunday, March 26, 2017 we commemorate: Sunday of St. John Climacus Synaxis in honor of the Archangel Gabriel 26 Martyrs in Crimea Irenaeus the Hieromartyr of Hungary



# <u>Άπολυτίκιον Άναστάσιμον</u>

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέῳξας τῷ Ληστῆ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

# Δόξα. Τῆς Ἑορτῆς.

Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἰὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἰὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῆ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

# Troparion of St. George

Ως τών αιχμαλώτων ελευθερωτής, καί τών πτωχών υπερασπιστής, ασθενούντων ιατρός, βασιλέων υπέρμαχος, τροπαιοφόρε μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστώ τώ Θεώ θήναι τάς ψυχάς ημών.

# <u>Κοντάκιον</u>

Τῆ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε. Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, ἐκ παντοίων με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἵνα κράζω σοι Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.

# **Resurrectional Apolytikion**

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrhbearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

### Glory. For the Feast.

Today is the summary of our salvation, and the revelation of the age-old mystery. For the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us join him, and cry aloud to the Theotokos: "Rejoice, Maiden full of grace! The Lord is with you."

# **Troparion of St. George**

Liberator of captives, defender of the Poor, physician of the sick, and champion Of kings, O trophy-bearer, Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

# Kontakion

O Champion General, I your City now ascribe to you \* triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, \* being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. \* Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, \* from all kinds of perils free me so that unto you \* I may cry aloud: \* Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

#### St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 6:13-20



BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

# The Gospel according to Mark 9:17-31



At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saving: "Teacher, I brought my son to you. for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him. "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

# CHILDREN'S SUNDAYS

Beginning on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and continuing on the first Sunday of every month, Fr. Sean will be presenting a Children's Sermon for all of our parish children. Please pass the news on and bring your kids, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, and nephews and have them sit up in the first few pews, as Father will be speaking directly to them. The Liturgy on those days will be mostly in English to accommodate our young people so that they may understand the Liturgy better. This is a good way to get our kids involved and have them feel as though they are a major part of our community of faith. Please get them here on time! If they show up after the Gospel reading they will miss the lesson of the day!

# **BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study/Orthodoxy Class will be the first and third Mondays of each month.

Class will be held in the upstairs classroom in the Hellenic Center.

Father Sean will offer each Study at 11:00 AM and 6:00 PM, in order to give people a choice of which time is convenient for them. The same material will be presented at both sessions.

# The Stewardship Committee kindly asks that you submit your 2017 Stewardship Pledge before Pascha.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

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Orthros: 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM Rev. Fr. Demetrios Sean Govostes, Proistamenos

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM Parish Office closed on Friday

# **Church User Assignment**

Sunday, March 26, 2017 Team A Charles Koines, Norina McGowen, Phil McGowen, Bill Manikas,

Pete Kalil

Sunday, April 2, 2017 Team B Alexandra Casey, Lainie Christou, Brian Goodale,

Dimitrios Koutsopoulos, Scott Morlock

# **March Events**

Sunday, March 26, 2017 9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:00 AM Soup Kitchen Preparation

12:00 PM Soup Kitchen Serve

(Sponsored by Olga Delorey in Memory

of Theresa Yavornicky)

6:30 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:00 AM Presanctified Liturgy

Friday, March 31, 2017 5:00 PM **Salutations - Akathist Hymn** 

# **April Events**

Sunday, April 2, 2017 9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Children's Sunday

Russell Wilson Memorial

Monday, April 3, 2017 11:00 AM Bible Study

6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, April 8, 2017 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Saturday of Lazarus

Children's Breakfast and Folding of Palms

following Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 9, 2017 9:00 AM Orthros

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday

6:00 PM Bridegroom Service