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Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sunday of St. John Climacus

Commemorating: Kalliopios & Akyline the Martyrs; Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and Enlightener of North America; Righteous Father Savvas the New of Kalymnos

Epistle Reading: 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.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 6:13-20 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα Ἀδελφοί,

Ἀδελφοί, τῷ Ἀβραάμ ἐπαγγειλάμενος ὁ θεός, ἐπεὶ κατ' οὐδενὸς εἶχεν μείζονος ὁμόσαι, ὥμοσεν καθ' ἑαυτοῦ, λέγων, Ἴμην εὐλογῶν εὐλόγησά σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως μακροθυμήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἄνθρωποι μὲν γὰρ κατὰ τοῦ μείζονος ὀμνύουσιν, καὶ πάσης αὐτοῖς ἀντιλογίας πέρας εἰς βεβαίωσιν ὁ ὄρκος. Ἐν ᾧ περισσώτερον βουλόμενος ὁ θεὸς ἐπιδείξει τοῖς κληρονόμοις τῆς ἐπαγγελίας τὸ ἀμετάθετον τῆς βουλῆς αὐτοῦ, ἐμεσίτευσεν ὄρκῳ, ἵνα διὰ δύο πραγμάτων ἀμεταθέτων, ἐν οἷς ἀδύνατον ψεῦσασθαι θεόν, ἰσχυρὰν παράκλησιν ἔχωμεν οἱ καταφυγόντες κρατῆσαι τῆς προκειμένης ἐλπίδος· ἦν ὡς ἄγκυραν ἔχομεν τῆς ψυχῆς ἀσφαλῆ τε καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχομένην εἰς τὸ ἐσώτερον τοῦ καταπετάσματος· ὅπου πρὸδρομος ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν εἰσῆλθεν Ἰησοῦς, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἀρχιερεὺς γενόμενος εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.

Gospel Reading: The Gospel According to Mark 9:17-31

At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "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."

Orthros Gospel: One

Tone: Fourth

Thank You to the Following Stewards of St. John's Parish:

Parish Council Member on Duty: Ligia Bolet

Prosforon brought by: Zoe Pournaras

Coffee Hour by: Nick & Linda Michaels & Virginia Theodore

Today's Second Tray will benefit the Building Fund

Schedule of Services and Community Events

Sunday, April 7th:

- Orthros 9:00 am, Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
- Sunday School following Divine Liturgy
- Greek School 12:30 pm

Tuesday, April 9th: Festival Meeting 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10th: Presanctified Liturgy 10:00 am

Thursday, April 11th: Philoptochos Meeting 1:00 in Library

Friday, April 12th: Akathist Hymn 6:00 pm

- Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Saturday, April 13th: Daughters of Penelope Bake Sale 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Great Lent Fast
 Mon. Mar. 11th – Sat. Apr. 20th
Holy Week Fast
 Sun. April 21st – Sat. April 27th
Holy Pascha
 Sunday, April 28th

Community News and Events

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE ANNUAL BAKE SALE: Come to the Daughters Annual Bake Sale on Friday, April 12th and 13th from 9 am to 4 pm. Setup will be Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th from 10 am to 2 pm.

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS - APRIL 20th: A Pancake Breakfast follows Liturgy; and Palm Crosses prep afterwards.

IOCC LENTEN COIN BOXES: Please return the coin boxes on Palm Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY FISH LUNCHEON: Tickets are available for purchase in the office or during coffee hour. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Children under 12.

PAINTING OF OUR CHURCH: We are still in need of donations for the painting project. For more information or to make a donation, please see Jimmy Arakas.

LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SCHOLARSHIPS: The scholarship package is available on the St. John Website. Deadline for submittal of the package is April 15th. No exceptions.

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE: 2019 Scholarship forms are available at the church office and are due by May 1st.

AHEPA SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications are available in the church office. Please return completed applications to the church office by May 1st.

ICONS: Icons are available for sale in the Narthex display cabinet. Contact a Philoptochos member if interested.

YOUTH GREEK DANCING: Instruction for Greek dancing will be on Saturdays at 10:00 am. Katherine Wright will be the instructor. For more information, please contact Katherine Wright at 843-267-9857.

ST. JOHN'S GREEK FESTIVAL: DATE CHANGE – OCTOBER 17 THRU OCTOBER 20. MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Please attend the Festival Meeting on Tuesday April 9th at 6:00 pm.

2019 CHURCH GOLF TOURNAMENT: This year's tournament will be on Tuesday June 11th~8:00 am at the Arrowhead Country Club. This golf tournament is the second largest fundraiser for our church!!! Your support is very important to the success of this event! Parishioners & golfers can help by signing up friends and associates for golf and selling hole sponsorships (\$100). Volunteers are needed before and the day of the event. Call Jimmy Lambrinos (443-238-5618) or Jimmy Arakas (843-450-3665) with any questions. Registration forms are at the Pangari.

ST. JOHN'S RELIGIOUS BOOKSTORE AND GIFT SHOP: A variety of books, icons, instructional guides, Orthodox literature, worship greeting cards, bracelets, olive oil soap, "A Voyage in Greek Cooking", St. John's parish cookbook is available. Contact Loretta Siotka at 843-399-8955. (Moved to the Library in Community Center)

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship forms for 2019 were mailed to all parish members. Please return as soon as possible. Additional forms are available at the pangari.