

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost and the Seventh Sunday of Luke

Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children; Venerable Bishop Stephen of Mar Sabbas Monastery in Palestine; Athanasios I, Patriarch of Constantinople; Venerable Job of Pochaev

Sunday, October 28, 2018

Tone 5; Eothinon 11

Apolytikion for the Resurrection (Tone 5)

Let us believers praise and worship the Word; coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation. For, He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh to suffer death; and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Apolytikion for our Patron, Michael the Archangel (Tone 2)

O ye foremost of the heavenly hosts, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy, pray that we may be encompassed with a shadow of thine unearthly glory; preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly: Deliver us from oppression since ye are the prince of the highest powers.

Kontakion for the Theotokos (Tone 2)

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

Daily Readings

THE EPISTLE (for the Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost)

Thou, O Lord, shall preserve us and keep us from this generation.
Save me, O Lord, for the godly man hath disappeared.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (6:11-18)

Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the Law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all, who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

THE GOSPEL (for the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

The Reading of the Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were

weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

The Synaxarion

On October 28 in the Holy Orthodox Church we commemorate the holy Martyrs Terence and Neonilla and their children: Nitas, Sarbelus, Hierax, Theodulus, Phocas, Beles and Eunice.

Verses

The pair of yoke-mates with their seven children
reckoned the sword’s cutting to be an honor.

On the twenty-eighth the necks of Terence’s family were cut.

This family came from from Syria, suffering martyrdom during a persecution of Christianity under the emperor Decius (249-250). They zealously confessed Christ and denounced idolatry. For this, the pagans subjected the entire Christian family to terrible tortures and torments, but failed to get them to renounce the true Faith. The holy martyrs were beheaded and received crowns of martyrdom.

On this day, we also commemorate Venerable Bishop Stephen of Mar Sabbas monastery in Palestine; Athanasios I, patriarch of Constantinople; and Venerable Job of Pochaev. By the intercessions of Thy Saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

A Note Regarding Holy Communion

Since we understand Communion to mean that we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, *only* those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and recent Confession may participate in Holy Communion. (We invite all, however, to partake of the blessed bread which is distributed at the dismissal.) Please see the Pastor for inquiries on how to become a member.

OFFERINGS

Holy Bread and Memorial Wheat are being offered and the coffee hour hosted by the Khoury family for the one-year memorial of their beloved mother, Esma Khoury (+ October, 2017). Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is being offered with prayers by Rami, Yuriko, Sarah and Sam Yanni on the occasion of Leilah Yanni's 21st birthday. May God bless, protect her, and grant her many years.

Prayers are also offered by the Yanni family in loving memory of Sophie Yanni (+28 October, 1995). Memory eternal.

Holy Bread is also being offered by Maha & David Alexander for twelve year memorial of David's father, Nour Iskander Ayoub (+1 November, 2006). Also for the repose of Anwer, Manowir and Nora Ayoub; Riad, Fadia, Jamil, the Priest Jeries, Elias Samaan, and all of the departed Rabadi and Ayoub family members at rest in the Lord.

Holy Bread is being offered by Presbytera Nicole & Father Minas, celebrating their wedding anniversary (October 27), and with prayers for their daughter, Mary. May God grant them many years!

Special offerings and requests for prayer are being made . . .

for the two-year memorial of the servant of God, Gretta Casalnuovo (+30 October, 2016). Memory eternal.

for the well being and good health of Bassem Azzam.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

The 8th Sunday of Luke

Saturday, November 3rd, Great Vespers, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 4th, Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Archangel Michael - November 8

Vesperal Divine Liturgy, Wednesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m.

Fast of the Holy Nativity - November 15 - December 24

[This fast is divided into two periods: 1) November 15 - December 19 - the traditional fasting discipline includes no meat, poultry, dairy, fish, wine and olive oil on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, with provision for wine and oil (some also permit fish) on Tuesdays and Thursdays; with fish, wine and olive oil on Saturdays and Sundays; 2) December 20-24 - the traditional fast is Monday through Friday with provision for wine and olive oil on Sunday, December 24.]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October is “Youth Month” in the Antiochian Archdiocese

Our teens are participating in the services each week during the month of October. Reading the epistle this morning is: George Khouri. Ushering today are: Elisa Milkie, Jorej Alsaigh, Juliana Aparicio and Andrew Wassef.

Parish Council Nominations

On Sunday, November 18, 2018 we will be holding a brief Special Meeting of the Voting Membership solely for the purpose of receiving and accepting nominations for Parish Council members to be elected for three (3), three-year terms (January, 2019 to December, 2021). At this meeting the Nominations Committee will present their report and additional nominations will be open from the floor. It is important that persons being considered be able to fulfill the commitment to serve. Therefore it is necessary that all nominees first be personally asked if they would accept nomination, and second be approved by the Pastor as someone who is qualified. The Parish Constitution prescribes that all nominees must be at least twenty-five years of age or older, have been a pledging members of the parish for at least one year and have fulfilled the canonical requirements of the Faith [Article VI, Sec. 2]. The nominees must also be committed in attending monthly Parish Council meetings held on the third (3rd) Sunday of each month. We sincerely thank Eric Nelson [ending his seventh consecutive year; able to be appointed for a one-year term]; Richard Ajalat [electable; appointed to complete the first (1st) term of the late, Caren Deeb Kouri]; and Richard Tamoush [completing his first (1st) term; re-electable]. Our three (3) one-year appointed members whose terms are expiring are: David Alexander [first year appointed], Amy Castillo [second year appointed], and Regan Hines [first year appointed]. The Parish Council election will be held on two (2) consecutive Sundays: November 25 and December 2. Council members whose terms are unexpired are: Joe Ayoub, Carrie Sadd Khouri, Connie Abdun-Nur Barilla, Adam Lamar, Michael Mitchell, and Deacon Andrew Monsue. Charmaine Darmour is also completing her eighth (8th) consecutive year as President of the Antiochian Women.

Upcoming Events (see the foyer bulletin board for more information)

St. Mark (Irvine) Annual Wine Tasting and Dinner
Saturday, November 3, 2018; \$80/person by Oct. 28; \$90/at the door

Educational Forum on Human Trafficking - Sunday, November 4;
St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church (Pasadena), 4 p.m.

Pilgrimage to St. Paisius Monastery (Safford, Arizona)
November 10-12, 2018; \$150/person; \$75/15 years or younger
Registration deadline: October 1st

St. Michael Feast Day Luncheon - Sunday, November 11, 2018

Holy Virgin Mary (OCA) Cathedral (Los Angeles) Annual Slavic Festival
Sunday, November 11, 2018; 12 noon to 4 p.m

IOCC Dinner and Presentation - Sunday, November 11, 2018
St. Anthony Greek Orthodox Church (Pasadena)
Speaker: John McKinney, "Hiking the Holy Mountain"
\$35/adults; \$10/18 and under; Tickets: ioccc.org/la

Special Meeting of the Voting Membership - Sunday, November 18, 2018

St. Michael Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal and Program
Saturday-Sunday, December 8-9, 2018

St. Michael Church 50th Anniversary Celebration with His Eminence,
Metropolitan JOSEPH - Saturday and Sunday, January 26-27, 2019

Note to Coffee Hour hosts: coffee and paper goods will be provided each week.

Holy Bread Offering List

Nov 04 - The Mitchell Family

Nov 06 - Feastday Liturgy

Nov 11 - open

Nov 25 - open

Dec 02 - the Azzam/Hallak families

Dec 09 - open

Dec 16 - the Meena family

Coffee Hour Hosts Calendar

Nov 04 - The Mitchell Family

Nov 11 - St. Michael Feast Day Luncheon

Nov 25 - The Sweiss Family

Dec 02 - the Azzam/Hallak families

Dec 09 - Church School Christmas Luncheon

Dec 16 - the Meena family

Please contact Fr. Timothy (818/219-3761; pastor@stmichaelvannuys.org) to sign-up to offer Holy Bread and
Cindy Tamoush at: (818-345-4363; famtam5@socal.rr.com) to sign-up for the Coffee Hour.

SAVE THE DATE
PLAN TO CELEBRATE ST. MICHAEL DAY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
after The Divine Liturgy

A Family Friendly Meal Featuring...

Mezza (hummus, olives, pickled turnips), Chicken, Rice, Salad, a Vegetable dish plus desserts & beverages

Tickets: \$10 for adults \$7 children 12 & under
Family ticket of 2 adults and 1 or more children: \$25

“O Lord, I Have Loved the Beauty of Thy House” (LXX Psalm 25:7)
Part Twelve

The following article is the Twelfth of a series of articles on Byzantine church architecture. The previous eleven were written by His Grace, Bishop BASIL. This article has been edited by Father Timothy Baclig to address the architecture of St. Michael Church.

This article features a few drawings of our new church sanctuary that were originally prepared by Kamus & Keller Architects of Westlake Village, California. Kamus & Keller were selected to prepare the original design of our church based upon the recommendation of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church (Camarillo, California), and who designed the master plan for the construction of their church and “Agape Center” (hall). Phase I included the completion of the “Agape Center” that is currently being used as their temporary church sanctuary since May 30, 2015. Mr. Keith Valle, Project Manager of St. Demetrios Church was hired by our Project Manager, Michael Malouf, as the electrical contractor of our project. In addition, Mr. Valle’s two sons are assisting in our project: a) Nathan Valle, who worked for Kamus & Keller Architects, now with Antilla Design Studio, and b) Harris Valle, hired as

Project Supervisor, and Construction Manager of ZK Building and Development — serving as our General Contractor.

The hard copy drawings with this bulletin show: a) the longitudinal sections (along Vanowen Street), b) the transverse sections the west and south elevations, c) the west and south elevations, and c) the first floor dimension plan. Note: There are a few modifications to these plans that were dated at the time of City approval: January 19, 2018. It is important to bear in mind that we are constructing the largest possible church sanctuary on our church property with a total of 149 parking spaces. The church structure includes: an 8,213 square foot first floor and mezzanine, a 40 foot height dome, three apses, altar space, sacristy, robing room, *solea*, nave, narthex with “cry room” and restrooms, with an occupancy for 299 persons. Our plans were approved to exclude water sprinklers with the provision for adequate fire doors and windows, and protected fire retardant steel. All of these requirements are based upon the California Fire Code that exempts the installation of fire sprinklers for religious worship spaces for this occupancy size. This exemption provided us with a significant cost savings (in excess of \$250,000) and avoids the high risk of water damage that could result with mechanical malfunctions or earthquake damage that would be extremely detrimental to church icons and frescoes.

The church’s distinctive exterior and interior design expresses our Orthodox Christian faith through architectural forms and colors. The materials will include: steel, aluminum and drywall framing, anodized aluminum dome and apse, stucco exterior finish with brick facade, tile roofing, wood and glass doors.

The church altar is positioned facing east and provides for three large aisles for liturgical processions both in the interior, as well as the exterior where a sidewalk encircles the entire building. The main entrance doors of the church is within forty (40) feet of the Assembly Hall and both entrances are on the same level.

In the tradition of the church’s antiphonal music, the position of singers under two apses: one on the north and another on the south in the area of the dome, provides for the choir and chanters.

The use of cushioned chairs with padded kneelers (to be sponsored by members) will provide for the flexibility for large and small numbers of worshippers for service venues, with room for veneration and prostrations. A “cry room” within the narthex of the church, which provides visibility to the sanctuary through a large glass window and an audio speaker is located adjacent to the women’s restroom; making it convenient for nursing mothers and parents with toddlers.

[End of Part XII]



The first Antiochian Women ["Ladies' Guild"] of St. Michael Church
with Pastor: The V. Rev. John Reinhold and Matushka Leonida

Don't miss your chance to include your special message in the St. Michael 50th Anniversary Journal. The deadline is December 1st.

The 50th Anniversary Journal Committee is working hard to assemble the pictures, people, letters, and stories that will commemorate the history of St. Michael. We have had lots of interest from parishioners and friends of St. Michael from around the country who want to remember and celebrate family and friends in this historic Journal. If you and your family would like to place a special message in the 50th Anniversary Journal, see Samia Habib during coffee hour or go to the St. Michael Website www.stmichaelvannuys.org and click on the Events tab. The deadline to submit Journal forms is December 1, 2018. Remember, every family attending the 50th Anniversary Banquet will receive a copy of the Journal, and copies will be mailed to all contributors who are not able to join us. Your generous support of the Anniversary Journal will help us make a fine keepsake that you will cherish for years to come and will help make the Anniversary Banquet a successful and memorable event.

NOTICE: Next Weekend We "Fall Back"

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to sleep next Saturday when Daylight Savings Time ends.

How Does the Orthodox Church Speak About: Marriage and Homosexuality?

The following is a link to two podcasts (each lasting approximately 50 minutes) on Ancient Faith Radio that addresses one of the most frequently asked questions in our day: "How should Orthodox Parents talk to their children about homosexuality. Simply go to: [http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/series/how should orthodox parents talk to their kids about homosexuality](http://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/series/how%20should%20orthodox%20parents%20talk%20to%20their%20kids%20about%20homosexuality)

Both podcasts are helpful to understand the distinction between sexual desire and intimacy, and the Orthodox meaning of "Marriage." It may also be helpful in conversations that you have with members of your family, friends and co-workers.

Dr. Philip Mamalakis, who is the Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, has served with Father Timothy on the Pastoral Committee of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops in the United States, Chaired by Metropolitan JOSEPH. Dr. Mamalakis has also been a contributor to our Faithtree Resources team. Philip is easy to listen to. In the second podcast he responds to questions like: "If two people love each other, why shouldn't they be able to be together or to be married?" "How can any Christian tell someone else that homosexuality is wrong, especially if Christians do not judge others?" "Can a practicing homosexual have a relationship with Christ?" "If a young person at a young age considers himself or herself to be homosexual, what can you possibly say to a one who asks: 'How can your church look down on my behavior?'" "Should a young person who has a homosexual classmate inform him or her that he or she cannot be friends?" "How is a Christian young person able to associate with a gay or lesbian person without leading others to think that he or she is himself gay or lesbian also?"

There is much to gain in taking the time to hear these two podcasts, especially since it addresses the full range of subjects that pertain to our personal relationships, and specifically those that are grounded in our relationship to Christ and the Church. To continue the discussion on the subject, please feel free to speak with Father Timothy.

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ATHANASIOS I, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE;
VENERABLE JOB OF POCHAEV

طروبارية القيامة على اللحن السادس

إنّ القواتِ الملائكية ظهرت عند قبرك الموقر، فالحراسُ صاروا كالأموات، ومريم وقفت عند القبر طالبةً جسدك الطاهر، فسبيت الجحيمَ ولم تُجرب منها، وصادفتَ البتولَ مانحاً الحياة، فيا من قام من بين الأموات، يا ربَّ المجدِّ لك.

طروبارية رؤساء الملائكة باللحن الرابع

أيها المتقدمون على الأجناد السماويين، نتوسلُ إليكم نحن غير المستحقين، حتّى أنكم بطلباتكم تكتنوفوننا بظلّ أجنحةٍ مجدكم غير الهيولي، حافظين إيانا نحن الجائين والصارخين بغير فتور، أنقدونا من الشدائد، بما أنكم رؤساء مراتب القوات العلوية.

قنداق السيدة على اللحن الثاني

يا شفيعة المسيحيين غير المخذولة، المتوسطة لدى الخالق غير المردودة، لا تعرضي عن أصوات طلباتنا نحن الخطاة، بل تداركينا بالمعونة بما أنك صالحة نحن الصارخين إليك بإيمان: بادري إلى الشفاعة وأسرعى في الطلبة، يا والدة الإله المتشفعة دائماً في مكرميك

الرسالة

أنت يا ربُّ تحفظنا وتسيرنا من هذا الجيل
خلصني يا ربِّ فإن البارَّ قد فني

*فصل من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول إلى أهل غلاطية (18-6:11) *

يا إخوة، انظروا ما أعظم الكتابات التي كتبتها إليكم بيدي* إن كل الذين يريدون أن يرضوا بحسب الجسد يلزمونكم أن تخبتنوا، وإنما ذلك لئلا يضطهدوا من أجل صليب المسيح* لأن الذين يخبتنون هم أنفسهم لا يحفظون الناموس، بل إنما يريدون أن تخبتنوا ليفتخروا

بِأَجْسَادِكُمْ * أَمَا أَنَا فَحَاشَى لِي أَنْ أَفْتَحِرَ إِلَّا بِصَلِيبِ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، الَّذِي بِهِ صُلبَ الْعَالَمُ
لِي وَأَنَا صُلِبْتُ لِلْعَالَمِ * لِأَنَّهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ لَيْسَ الْخِتَانُ بِشَيْءٍ وَلَا الْقَلْفُ، بَلِ الْخَلِيقَةُ
الْجَدِيدَةُ * وَكُلُّ الَّذِينَ يَسْلُكُونَ بِحَسَبِ هَذَا الْقَانُونِ، فَعَلَيْهِمْ سَلَامٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَعَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ اللَّهُ * فَلَا
يَجْلِبُ عَلَيَّ أَحَدٌ أَتْعَابًا فِيمَا بَعْدُ، فَأَنْتِي حَامِلٌ فِي جَسَدِي سَمَاتِ الرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ * نِعْمَةٌ رَبَّنَا يَسُوعَ
الْمَسِيحِ مَعَ رُوحِكُمْ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ. آمِينَ.