

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

EPISTLE READING:

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 146.5;134.3

Great is our Lord, and great is his power.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 8:8-13; 9:1-2

Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING:

The Gospel According to Matthew 25:31-46

The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then

he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SAINTS AND FEASTS:

- **Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)**
- **Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia**
- **Theodora the Empress**
- **Finding of the relics of Zachariah the Prophet, Father of the Holy Forerunner**

Readings:

Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

The foregoing two parables -- especially that of the Prodigal Son -- have presented to us God's extreme goodness and love for man. But lest certain persons, putting their confidence in this alone, live carelessly, squandering upon sin the time given them to work out their salvation, and death suddenly snatch them away, the most divine Fathers have appointed this day's feast commemorating Christ's impartial Second Coming, through which we bring to mind that God is not only the Friend of man, but also the most righteous Judge, Who recompenses to each according to his deeds. It is the aim of the holy Fathers, through bringing to mind that fearful day, to rouse us from the slumber of carelessness unto the work of virtue, and to move us to love and compassion for our brethren. Besides this, even as on the coming Sunday of Cheese-fare we commemorate Adam's exile from the Paradise of delight -- which exile is the beginning of life as we know it now -- it is

clear that today's is reckoned the last of all feasts, because on the last day of judgment, truly, everything of this world will come to an end.

All foods, except meat and meat products, are allowed during the week that follows this Sunday.

Blaise the Holy Martyr of Sebastia

Saint Blaise was Bishop of Sebastia. Divine grace, through which he healed the diseases of men and beasts, and especially of infants, made his name famous. He contested for the Faith under Licinius in the year 316. Saint Blaise is invoked for the healing of throat ailments.

Theodora the Empress

As for the renowned Empress Theodora, she was from Paphlagonia and was the daughter of a certain Marinus, the commander of a military regiment. While being the wife of the Emperor Theophilus, the last of the Iconoclasts, she adorned the royal diadem with her virtue and piety; as long as her husband Theophilus lived, she privately venerated icons, despite his displeasure. After his death, she restored the holy icons to public veneration; this is commemorated on the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the First Sunday of the Great Fast. She governed the Empire wisely for fifteen years, since her son Michael was not yet of age. But in 857 she forsook her royal power and entered a certain convent in Constantinople called Gastria, where she finished the course of her life in holiness and reposed in the Lord. Her sacred incorrupt remains are found in Corfu, in the Church of the Most Holy Theotokos of the Cave, in the capital city of the island (see also Dec. 12).

“Meatfare Sunday”

Sunday, February 11th, 2018

8:30am - Orthros

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

10:40am-Sunday School

Saturday, February 17th

Second Saturday of the Souls

9:30am- Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service

3:00-5:00pm- Confession

5:00pm- Vespers

Parish Council Assignment Team #1- Athena, Marina, Zoi, Tom

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The ladies of St. Irene Philoptochos invite you to our annual, complimentary “Communi-Tea” in the Community Center following the dismissal of Liturgy. Please see the enclosed flier for more details.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 12 at 6:30pm

BIBLE STUDY AND YAL

Tuesday, 7:10pm, Topic: I Jn. 5, Location Church

INQUIRER’S CLASS

Tuesday, 6:00-7:10pm, Location: Church

LENTEN RETREAT

February 17th- St. Irene Philoptochos is hosting a free Lenten Retreat “Forgiveness: Transforming Wounds into Wisdom” with guest speaker Cynthia Kostas. See flier and registration form in the Narthex for details or call the church office.

SEEKING VOLUNTEER FOR IRRIGATION

We are seeking a volunteer to be responsible for the irrigation on our property. If you might be able to help with this please contact a Parish Council member for more information.

VOLUNTEERS TO SPONSOR

FELLOWSHIP HOUR Would you like to sponsor a fellowship hour? Please contact the church office at 480 899-3330.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has scholarships available for qualified students. For applications and eligibility requirements please visit our website: www.azhellenic.org
Applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2018.

YOUTH CHOIR

The Church Youth Choir began in September. If you are interested and would like more information please contact:

Alexandra.af@cox.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 17th – Lenten Retreat- see enclosed flier for details.

March 3rd- St. Irene Philoptochos annual trip to St. Paisius Monastery. More details to come soon.

June 3rd-9th – All Saints Camp, for details see: <http://www.allsaintscamparizona.org/#home2>

PLEASE NOTE...

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APOLYTIKION AND KONTAKION HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His are. He has trampled down death by death, becoming the first-born of the dead. He has delivered us from the depths of hell and has granted to all the world His great mercy.

Apolytikion of St. Katherine

Let us sing the praise of the Bride of Christ renown, the Patroness of Sinai, Katherine Divine. Our assistance and protection, for she has brilliantly subdued, the impious refine, by the power of the Spirit. She was crowned as a martyr of the Lord, and for all, she entreats the great mercy.

Τὴν πανεύφημον νόμφην Χριστοῦ ὑμνήσωμεν, Αἰκατερίναν τὴν θεῖαν καὶ πολιοῦχον Σινᾶ, τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν καὶ ἀντίληψιν, ὅτι ἐφίμωσε λαμπρῶς, τοὺς κομψοὺς τῶν ἀσεβῶν, τοῦ Πνεύματος τῆ μαχαίρα, καὶ νῦν ὡς Μάρτυς στεφθεῖσα, αἰτεῖται πᾶσι τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion for Judgement Sunday

When You come down to the earth, O God, in Your glory, all things will cower tremulous, and a river of fire will draw before Your Judgment Seat; the books shall be opened up, and public knowledge will things hidden be. Rescue me, then, I pray, from unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O You, the most righteous Judge.

Welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today!

We're glad you're here! Please join us at our Fellowship Hour immediately following the Divine Liturgy to meet fellow parishioners and learn more about the community.