

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL READINGS

EPISTLE READING:

Prokeimenon. Mode 3.

Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 2:11-18

BRETHREN, he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, "I will proclaim thy name to my brethren, in the midst of the congregation I will praise thee." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I, and the children God has given me. Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same nature, that through death he might destroy him who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong bondage. For surely it is not with angels that he is concerned but with the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brethren in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make expiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered and been tempted, he is able to help those who are tempted.

Προκείμενον. Ἦχος γ'.

Λουκᾶν 1:46-48

Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον, καὶ ἠγαλλίασε τὸ πνευμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ σωτήρῳ μου.

Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 2:11-18 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα εἶναι ἀπο Ἀδελφοί, ὁ ἀγιάζων καὶ οἱ ἀγιαζόμενοι, ἐξ ἐνὸς πάντες· δι' ἣν αἰτίαν οὐκ ἐπαισχύνεται ἀδελφοῦς αὐτοὺς καλεῖν, λέγων, Ἀπαγγελῶ τὸ ὄνομά σου τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς μου, ἐν μέσῳ ἐκκλησίας ὑμνήσω σε. Καὶ πάλιν, Ἐγὼ ἔσομαι πεποιοῦς ἐπ' αὐτῷ. Καὶ πάλιν, Ἴδου ἐγὼ καὶ τὰ παιδιά ἃ μοι ἔδωκεν ὁ θεός. Ἐπεὶ οὖν τὰ παιδιά κεκοινωνήκεν σαρκός καὶ αἵματος, καὶ αὐτὸς παραπλησίως μετέσχευεν τῶν

αὐτῶν, ἵνα διὰ τοῦ θανάτου καταργήσῃ τὸν τὸ κράτος ἔχοντα τοῦ θανάτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν τὸν διάβολον, καὶ ἀπαλλάξῃ τούτους, ὅσοι φόβῳ θανάτου διὰ παντός τοῦ ζῆν ἐνοχοὶ ἦσαν δουλείας. Οὐ γὰρ δήπου ἀγγέλων ἐπιλαμβάνεται, ἀλλὰ σπέρματος Ἀβραάμ ἐπιλαμβάνεται. Ὅθεν ὤφειλεν κατὰ πάντα τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς ὁμοιωθῆναι, ἵνα ἐλεήμων γένηται καὶ πιστὸς ἀρχιερεὺς τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, εἰς τὸ ἰλάσκεσθαι τὰς ἀμαρτίας τοῦ λαοῦ. Ἐν ᾧ γὰρ πέπονθεν αὐτὸς πειρασθεῖς, δύναται τοῖς πειραζομένοις βοηθῆσαι.

GOSPEL READING:

The Gospel According to Luke 1:24-38

In those days, Elizabeth the wife of Zacharias conceived and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord had done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you! Blessed are you among women!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the

Lord; let it be to me according to your word."

And the angel departed from her.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 1:24-38 Εὐαγγελίου τοῦ Ἀναγνώσματος

Ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκείναις συνέλαβεν Ἐλισάβετ ἡ γυνὴ αὐτοῦ, καὶ περιέκρυβεν ἑαυτὴν μῆνας πέντε, λέγουσα ὅτι οὕτω μοι πεποίηκεν ὁ Κύριος ἐν ἡμέραις αἷς ἐπείδεν ἀφελεῖν τὸ ὄνειδος μου ἐν ἀνθρώποις. Ἐν δὲ τῷ μηνὶ τῷ ἕκτῳ ἀπεστάλη ὁ ἄγγελος Γαβριὴλ ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ εἰς πόλιν τῆς Γαλιλαίας, ἣ ὄνομα Ναζαρέτ, πρὸς παρθένον μεμνηστευμένην ἀνδρὶ, ᾧ ὄνομα Ἰωσήφ, ἐξ οἴκου Δαυὶδ, καὶ τὸ ὄνομα τῆς παρθένου Μαριάμ. καὶ εἰσελθὼν ὁ ἄγγελος πρὸς αὐτὴν εἶπε· χαῖρε, κεχαριτωμένη· ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ· εὐλογημένη σὺ ἐν γυναιξίν. ἡ δὲ ἰδοῦσα διεταράχθη ἐπὶ τῷ λόγῳ αὐτοῦ, καὶ διελογίζετο ποταπὸς εἶη ὁ ἀσπασμὸς οὗτος, καὶ εἶπεν ὁ ἄγγελος αὐτῇ· μὴ φοβοῦ, Μαριάμ· εὗρες γὰρ χάριν παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ. καὶ ἰδοὺ συλλήψῃ ἐν γαστρὶ καὶ τέξῃ υἱόν, καὶ καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦν. οὗτος ἔσται μέγας καὶ υἱὸς ὑψίστου κληθήσεται, καὶ δώσει αὐτῷ Κύριος ὁ Θεὸς τὸν θρόνον Δαυὶδ τοῦ πατρὸς αὐτοῦ, καὶ βασιλεύσει ἐπὶ τὸν οἶκον Ἰακώβ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, καὶ τῆς βασιλείας αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔσται τέλος. εἶπε δὲ Μαριάμ πρὸς τὸν ἄγγελον· πῶς ἔσται μοι τοῦτο, ἐπεὶ ἄνδρα οὐ γινώσκω; καὶ ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ ἄγγελος εἶπεν αὐτῇ· Πνεῦμα Ἅγιον ἐπελεύσεται ἐπὶ σέ καὶ δύναμις ὑψίστου ἐπισκιάσει σοι· διὸ καὶ τὸ γεννώμενον ἅγιον κληθήσεται υἱὸς Θεοῦ. καὶ ἰδοὺ Ἐλισάβετ ἡ συγγενὴς σου καὶ αὐτὴ συνειληφυῖα υἱὸν ἐν γήρει αὐτῆς, καὶ οὗτος μὴ ἔκτος ἐστὶν αὐτῇ τῇ καλουμένῃ στείρα· ὅτι οὐκ ἀδυνατήσει παρὰ τῷ Θεῷ πᾶν ῥῆμα. εἶπε δὲ Μαριάμ· ἰδοὺ ἡ δούλη Κυρίου· γένοιτό μοι κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου. καὶ ἀπῆλθεν ἀπ' αὐτῆς ὁ ἄγγελος.

SAINTS AND FEASTS:

Today we commemorate:

- **Annunciation of the Theotokos**

Reading:

Six months after John the Forerunner's conception, the Archangel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth, a town of Galilee, unto Mary

the Virgin, who had come forth from the Temple a mature maiden (see Nov. 21). According to the tradition handed down by the Fathers, she had been betrothed to Joseph four months. On coming to Joseph's house, the Archangel declared: "Rejoice, thou Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women." After some consideration, and turmoil of soul, and fear because of this greeting, the Virgin, when she had finally obtained full assurance concerning God's unsearchable condescension and the ineffable dispensation that was to take place through her, and believing that all things are possible to the Most High, answered in humility: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." And at this, the Holy Spirit came upon her, and the power of the Most High overshadowed her all-blameless womb, and the Son and Word of God, Who existed before the ages, was conceived past speech and understanding, and became flesh in her immaculate body (Luke 1:26-38).

Bearing in her womb the Uncontainable One, the blessed Virgin went with haste from Nazareth to the hill country of Judea, where Zacharias had his dwelling; for she desired to find Elizabeth her kinswoman and rejoice together with her, because, as she had learned from the Archangel, Elizabeth had conceived in her old age. Furthermore, she wished to tell her of the great things that the Mighty One had been well-pleased to bring to pass in her, and she greeted Elizabeth and drew nigh to her. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, she felt her six-month-old babe, Saint John the Baptist, prophesied of the dawning of the spiritual Sun. Immediately, the aged Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and recognized her as the Mother of her Lord, and with a great voice blessed her and the Fruit that she held within herself. The Virgin also, moved by a supernatural rejoicing in the spirit, glorified her God and Savior, saying: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," and the rest, as the divine Luke hath recorded (1:39-55).

“Annunciation”

Sunday, March 25th, 2018

8:30am - Orthros

9:30am - Divine Liturgy

10:40am-Sunday School

Wednesday, March 28th

6:00pm- Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 31st- Lazarus Saturday

9:30am-Divine Liturgy

10:40am- Altar Boy Practice, Myrrh bearer's rehearsal & Holy Confession for children

3:00-5:00pm- Confession

5:00pm- Vespers

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

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Fellowship hour this morning is being sponsored by Evangelia Archuleta in honor of her name day. Lentil soup, salad, pita bread, sherbet- \$5. Proceeds will be applied towards the ice machine.

PAN ORTHODOX VESPERS TONIGHT

At 6:00pm we are invited to join all the Orthodox parishes in the valley at St. John the Baptist Romanian Orthodox Church located at 3749 W. Behrend drive in Glendale. A delicious Lenten meal will be served following the service.

BIBLE STUDY AND YAL

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

GREAT LENT

Great Lent began Monday, February 19th. During this period Orthodox Christians are encouraged to fast from meat, dairy and their by-products and from fish with a backbone. Olive oil, wine and beer are allowed on weekends. Attendance at Lenten services, confession and practicing charity are encouraged.

MYRRH BEARERS

Any girls from 8-13 years of age who would like to serve as “myrrh bearers” for the Holy Friday Lamentation Service and Holy Pascha Resurrection Service are encouraged to call Antigoni Bhatia at 617-308-1860

EPITIFIOS DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help defray the cost of adorning the Epitaphios please contact Antigoni Bhatia.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Copies of the Holy Week schedule are available on the table in the Narthex.

REQUEST OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

We strive to make **The Spirit** an interesting and useful communication tool for our community; your contributions (articles, photos, current events, etc.) are needed and valued. If there have been changes in your contact information please send any updates to The Spirit editor: spiritatskg@gmail.com.

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

YOUTH CHOIR

If you are interested in joining and would like more information please contact: Alexandra.af@cox.net

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 31st – Philoptochos Palm Cross making family activity- See enclosed flier for details.

April 1st – Philoptochos Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon- See enclosed flier for details.

April 21st – Arizona Walk for Missions see flier in Narthex for details

April 21st- Agape Ball- see enclosed flier for details.

May 11th –ASC Golf Tournament- Assumption Church will be hosting a Golf Tournament at Starfire Golf Club to raise funds for All Saints Orthodox Summer Camp. See flier in Narthex for details.

June 3rd-9th – All Saints Camp- flier in Narthex, for early registration discount please see: <http://www.allsaintscamparizona.org/#home2>

PLEASE NOTE...

It costs \$100 dollars per week per family to operate Saint Katherine Greek Orthodox Church. Please prayerfully consider your stewardship. We certainly appreciate all those who give of their time, talent & tithings. Thank you for your love and commitment to Saint Katherine!

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APOLYTIKION AND KONTAKION HYMNS

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the First Tone

Although your tomb was sealed with a stone (by the Jews), O Savior, and Your most pure body was guarded by the soldiers, You rose on the third day giving life to all the world. Therefore, O giver of life, the powers of heaven praise you: glory to Your resurrection, O Christ. Glory to Your kingdom. Glory to Your saving wisdom (dispensation), O only lover of mankind.

Apolytikion of the Annunciation

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."

Akathist Kontakion to the Annunciation

Mighty Defender, and Commander, I, your city, sing hymns of thanksgiving for the victory ascribed to you. From all terrors hast thou rescued me, Theotokos, I entreat you, for your power is invincible from all dangers that may threaten me, deliver me, that I may cry to you: Rejoice, O unwedded bride!

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.