

Holy Transfiguration

Greek Orthodox Church

The 15th Sunday of Luke – The 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

January 26, 2020

Venerable Xenophon, his wife, Mary, and their sons, Arcadius and John, of Constantinople

The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

The Liturgy begins on p 19 of the "Divine Liturgy Hymnal." The following are the changeable parts and special instructions for today.

The Antiphonal Psalm verses are for a normal Sunday (Psalms 102, 91, 145, 117).

p 29, the 2nd Antiphon: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia!

Only Begotten, new version: Only begotten Son and Logos of God, being immortal, You condescended for our salvation to take flesh from the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary and, without change, became man. Christ, our God, You were crucified and conquered death by death. Being one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

p 37, the 3rd Antiphon: Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 7, p 123: By Your cross, O Lord, You destroyed death; to the thief You opened paradise. The myrrhbearers' sorrow You transformed into joy, and You sent Your apostles forth to proclaim that You had risen from the dead, Christ our God, bestowing on all the world Your great mercy.

Hymns after the Gospel Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion Tone 7, p 123 (see above)

Parish Apolytikion (music inside hymnal cover): You were transfigured on the mountain, O Christ our God, showing Your glory to the disciples as much as they could bear. Shine on us also, the sinners, shine Your everlasting light, through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Giver of Life; glory to You!

Presentation of the Lord Kontakion, p 251: For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Simeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.

The Epistle Reading: 1Timothy 4:9-15. Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

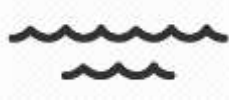
The Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10. At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

p 45, instead of this version of the ***Cherubic Hymn***, we sing p 295 with the following **modified text**: Let us who mystically represent the cherubim, and sing the thrice-holy hymn, sing the thrice holy-hymn to the life-giving Trinity, sing the thrice-holy hymn to the life-giving Trinity, to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside every worldly care, every worldly care, every worldly care... that we may receive the King of all, receive the King of all... (invisibly escorted....). (Only 2 lines at the top of p 297 are changed.)

The Lord's Prayer – English first, Greek last – other languages between

Communion: Only Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves should come forward to receive the Eucharist. Others may join us in partaking reverently of the blessed bread distributed at the close of the service, called “Antidoron.”

Announcements



Welcome, visitors! If you would like to receive our news and updates, please fill out a Welcome Card.

Memorial Service today for Gheorghe Vasilcan, father of Adriana Ignat, and her uncle, Ioan Rus.

Woven Teen Girls Group meeting today during Coffee Hour.

Study Group – Wednesday, 7 p.m. New book beginning: *Elder Ephraim of Katounakia*

Theophany House Blessings are wrapping up. Please see Fr. David to be added to the schedule.

Diakonia Retreat Center Fundraising Gala – Saturday, Feb 1, 6:30 p.m., at the Hellenic Center (cathedral annex) in Atlanta. Ticket information available on hall bulletin board. Generous donations needed.

The Triodion begins on February 9. *Great Lent* begins on March 2.

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Pray simply. Do not expect to find in your heart any remarkable gift of prayer. Consider yourself unworthy of it. Then you will find peace. Use the empty cold dryness of your prayer as food for your humility. Repeat constantly: I am not worthy; Lord, I am not worthy! But say it calmly, without agitation.

St. Macarius of Optina