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SUNDAY BULLETIN

Proistamenos
March 11, 2018

3rd SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT – VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
Sophronios, Patriarch of Jerusalem; Theodora the Righteous;
Pionios the Presbyter; George, Wonderworker of Constantinople



HYMN OF THE DAY: TONE GRAVE (7)

By Your cross You destroyed death, and to the thief You opened paradise. You transformed the sorrow of the Myrrhbearers, and commanded the Apostles to proclaim that You have risen from the dead, Christ our God, granting to the world great mercy.

Κατελυσας τω Σταυρω σου τον θανατον. ηνεωξας τω Ληστη τον Παραδεισον. των Μυροφορων τον θρηνον μετεβαλες. και τοις σοις Αποστολοις κηρυττειν επεταξας οτι ανεστης Χριστε ο Θεος, παρεχων τω κοσμω το μεγα ελεος.

EPISTLE READING: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE

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MEMORIAL TODAY

3 years

George Laskaris

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IMPORTANT LITURGICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

No Memorial Services or Trisagia Services will be celebrated on Sunday, March 25th, because of the Annunciation Feastday and then from Saturday, March 31st, Saturday of Lazarus through Sunday, April 15th, Sunday of St. Thomas.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday	March 13	Golden Seniors	11:30 a.m.
		Girl Scouts	4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
		Festival Steering Committee	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 14	Presanctified Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
		ELEOS	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	March 15	Parish Council	8:00 p.m.
Friday	March 16	Girl Scouts	4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
		JOY	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
		4th Salutations	7:00 p.m.
		Jr. GOYA	8:00 p.m.

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GREAT LENT ICON DECORATION NEEDS

Friday	February 23	1st Salutations Icon	\$60
		DONATED	
Friday	March 2	2nd Salutations Icon	\$60
		DONATED	
Friday	March 9	3rd Salutations Icon	\$60
		NOT DONATED	
Sunday	March 11	Icon of the Holy Cross	\$60
		NOT DONATED	
		Flowers for Distribution	\$200
		NOT DONATED	
Friday	March 16	4th Salutations Icon	\$60
		NOT DONATED	
Friday	March 23	Akathist Hymn	\$75
		DONATED	
Sunday	March 25	Icon of the Annunciation	\$60
		DONATED	

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Today we will hold the rescheduled 1st General Assembly of the calendar year. Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon in the double classroom. All members in good standing are invited to attend. There is no designated quorum for this meeting.

THARROS

Our Ministry to separated and divorced Orthodox Christians will meet today in the Library during Coffee Fellowship. The Ministry is expanding to offer opportunities for those who are facing some issues in marriage to come to seek help and prayer. We encourage anyone with these needs to attend.

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ELEOS

This week’s ELEOS meeting will be held at the home of Father Nick and Presvytera Pat, 110 Boulder Street, (718-966-9476). All are welcome to attend.

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PTO ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM

Join the PTO to celebrate March 25 after Liturgy with a brunch, basket raffle and chocolate sale and our Greek School Program!

PTO MEETING

If you have a child in Sunday School or Greek School, join us for a PTO meeting after coffee hour on 3/18 in the meeting room.

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

On March 31, after Divine Liturgy (beginning at 9:00 am), join us for breakfast and making of the palm crosses. Children and their parents are encouraged to attend!

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EASTER TSOUREKIA FROM AGIA SKEPI

It is time to order your Easter Tsourekia (Tsourekia). Please speak with Carol Spithogiannis or Joy Cummings to place your order. Thank you for supporting Agia Skepi.

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STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

Have you completed your 2017 Stewardship pledge? If not, please do so as soon as possible. Have you made your Stewardship pledge for 2018? If not, please do so as soon as possible. Your Stewardship support is greatly appreciated by all Ministries and Parish members.

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GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

SUNDAY, APRIL 22nd