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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42

St. Memnon the Wonder-worker

Gospel: John 5:1-15

Tone: Three

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from The Acts of the Apostles.

IN THOSE DAYS, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Pantel, Gakos and Maaya families.

The Camp Transportation Group offers the Coffee Hour today. This coffee hour is a fundraiser to transport our St Anthony campers to the Antiochian Village Camp this summer. Thank you for your generosity today and support of our fundraising efforts with the Gimme Shop and candle sales. With your help we are on our way to raise the enough to pay for all our campers to travel round trip. Special thanks to Robert Scarpa for organizing the buses for us and our local sister churches. . We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

1. Today we will celebrate a MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late Servants of God, +JOHN CARRAS (40 days) and +KATHERYN CARRAS (4 years). John is the brother and Katheryn is the mother of our parishioner Betty (Vasiliki) Gakos. We also welcome to Liturgy today, John's daughters Amy and Brooklyn, and his brother Ernie, who are all members of the Carras family. **MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**
2. From Holy Pascha until Ascension Thursday (May 17th), the Orthodox Tradition continues the Paschal music, prayers and greetings. This is the practice because the Church lives in the earthly, but "resurrected" Presence of the Risen Christ, who appeared to the disciples and apostles often during these forty days. Thus being a true "pan-Orthodox" community, we continue to greet each other in the various languages familiar to the Orthodox Christians around the world. Below are the exchanges.
Christ Is Risen.....Truly He Is Risen
Al-Maseeh Qahm.....Hak' An Qahm (Arabic)
Christos Anesti.....Alithos Anesti (Greek)
Christos Voskrese.....Va Istenu Voskrese (Slavonic)
Christos a Inviat.....A Devarat Ka Inviat (Romanian)
Cristye Agh-zda.....Chesh-Maritad (Georgian)
3. **NO FASTING.** The Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch has declared that there is to be **no fasting** from Easter to Ascension (**May 19th**), since "we do not fast while the Bridegroom is present." Also there is **NO KNEELING** in the church until **PENTECOST (May 27th)**.
4. The **new** date for the Parish Council meeting for May is moved from **May 8th** to **May 16th**! This is the Eve of the Ascension of our Lord; the Vespereal Liturgy will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting will follow the Liturgy. All Parish Council members should be present at both the Liturgy and the meeting, which follows. Again: that's **May 16th**, the Eve of the Ascension of the Lord.
5. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17,18,19: Costume Jewelry Needed.** Last year, the sale of costume jewelry was very profitable. **Jewelry donations will be collected on Sunday, April 29 and May 6.** Please bring them in small boxes or zip-lock bags. **All other items are to be brought to church on Sunday, May 13.** Please see Valerie Joseph with any questions. **Also, have you signed up to be part of this profit-making event?** See Robyn Ziemba during coffee hour to be included in the man/womanpower schedule.
6. **Parishioners** are invited to a **Pre-Yard Sale Evening:** Wednesday, May 16 @5:30 - 7 P.M. Just before attending Ascension Service, come and shop to get the best selection of merchandise before the sale opens to the public on Thursday!
7. On **Friday, May 25th at 7:00 PM**, the Icon and Prayer Service for the **Myrrh-streaming Mother of God KARDIOTISSA Icon** will be brought to St Anthony's Please see Father Michael Ibrahim for information, but for now he is asking us to get that date on our calendar, and bring your friends and family to witness this miracle! Again that's May 25th at 7:00 PM, when the service and anointing will begin.
8. **Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing** on June 12th. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.
9. We are pleased to announce the birth of a new parishioner, MACKENZIE ALEXANDRA, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth (Banu) Hernandez. May God grant them MANY YEARS!
10. **Young At Heart's trip to High Point Country Club on Tuesday, May 8th is cancelled.**
11. Robert Scarpa Sr. is arranging a **Holy Land tour for May 2019 (next year)**. If anyone is interested in taking this trip Robert Scarpa is having a tourist representative come to St Anthony's after service on **Sunday May 6, 2018** in the Jabara Media room at 12 PM to answer any questions that you may have regarding this trip and to explain the itinerary.
12. There will be a brief Women's Guild Meeting after Church May 6th to firm up Yard Sale arrangements. **The May 10th Meeting is cancelled.**