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TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-17

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Tone: Two

St. Menas the Martyr

THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: The Lord is my strength and my song.
The Lord has chastened me sorely

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

BRETHREN, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God.

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 in Christ of the Assile and Agouras families

The Coffee Reception is offered this morning by the Aboueid Family. We ask our parishioners NOT TO WAIT to sign up for offering this Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life and community. The chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our website 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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today we celebrate a Memorial Service for two Servants of God: +WAEINA ABOUEID (40 days), mother of our parishioner, Ghazi Aboueid, and +STAVROS ZAMPAS (10 years), husband of our parishioner Maro and father of Joanna Zampas. MEMORY ETERNAL!

2. **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**, The Young at Heart group will share a delicious luncheon, fun and great music. This "HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS" will be held at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack. Seating is limited. See the flier or speak to Glenda Calvert, Antoinette Takla, or Valyce Andrews for further information.
3. Next Sunday December 17 is designated as **St. Ignatius/St. Nicholas/Choir Recognition Sunday** - Please join us as we combine St. Nicholas Day with our annual luncheon provided by the Order of St. Ignatius, honor our Choir and Chanters and enjoy the Church School pageant and Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. We will also celebrate the day with a special visit from St. Nicholas.
4. On **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**, beginning at 7:30 PM, St. Anthony's will be hosting all the NY/NJ Deanery parishes –AND WE NEED A GOOD SHOWING! – for a Christmas Reception of the Order of St Ignatius of Antioch. Our guest of honor will be His Eminence, Metropolitan Joseph. **All parishioners are invited!** Please do support our parish on that evening – which we made early enough for all of us. That's **Thursday, December 21ST**.
5. **CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**
 - A. **Sunday, December 24th (morning)**, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy as usual at 10:00 AM. This is "Genealogy" Sunday. The Genealogy Gospel traces the lineage of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, throughout the Old Testament until His birth.
 - B. **Sunday/Monday, December 24/25**, we will celebrate the Ninth Royal Hour, followed by the Great Doxology and Censing of Orthros, The Nativity "Narrative" from St. Luke and St. Matthew will be read, accompanied by our Choir and Church School, as they present a "living Ikon," of the Nativity. This all begins at 7:00 OM SHARP!
 - C. There will be a brief "Egg Nog and cookie" reception following the service, which is traditionally offered by the Lestishock Family (representing the families of Eve Meyer and Helen Chimel). We again thank them for their hospitality on that evening. Many years.
6. **Holiday Scrip!** As the Holy Day of the Nativity of Our Lord approaches, we ask all our parishioners to remember our "food scrip" program. Everyone prepares beginning with food shopping; this costs us nothing extra. And yet our parish receives 5% of whatever we spend! ASK ABOUT THIS! See Betty Gakos for any questions, but like many other area Churches, please participate by ordering your food script TODAY!
7. **CHRISTMAS WISHES**. As is our custom at St. Anthony's, we can wish each other a "Blessed Christmas and New Year" through participation in our "Christmas Wishes Program." Instead of sending Christmas Cards to fellow parishioners within the parish, you can merely sign the Giant Christmas Card, which is placed in the Narthex of the Church. A contribution, not less than you would pay for purchasing and sending the cards, postage, etc. can be given to Eve Meyer or Helen Chimel. Those names will then be published in the Christmas Bulletin. Please see Eve as soon as possible; **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT: The deadline is Sunday, December 17th**, in order for your name to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
8. **The Women's Guild** is hosting a coat scarf and gloves drive for the month of December. Your warm weather items will be collected through Christmas. Please help those that are less fortunate.
9. Eve Meyer and Lisa Fares are accepting **Membership Dues for the Women's Guild**. Thank you for your support.
10. Parishioners are invited to join the **Church School** in collecting **new, unwrapped gifts** for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence and served by the Center for Hope and Safety. Gift suggestions: Gift Cards for MP3 music (I-Tunes), stores (Target, Shop Rite), Visa gift card, robes, slippers, pajamas, socks, underwear, twin sheets, blankets, pillows, hair dryer/curling iron, jewelry/watches, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, perfume/cologne, journals, winter coats, and winter clothing. Must be brought to church school before, or by, **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th**.
11. Looking ahead:
 - A. **St. Anthony's Feast Day** celebration will take place on JANUARY 21, 2018. Look for more information on that day.
 - B. **Blessing of the Waters for Epiphany** will be held **January 7, 2018**
 - C. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**: January 17, 2018