



## ST. ANTHONY ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-19

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

Tone: One

The Prophet Zephania

### THE EPISTLE

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

BRETHREN, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

### 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 Morar, Marcopul-Andrews, and Samman Families.

The Coffee Reception is offered this morning by the Frantz and Galla Families. 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. DECEMBER, 2017

- A. **TODAY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**, our Annual Parish Meeting for the year 2017. All parishioners should be present since the various reports of all organization and function will be given. We will begin Liturgy ON TIME, so that we can begin the meeting promptly.

- B. A brief PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will follow the Annual Meeting solely for purposes of electing the new council officers. The new schedule for the meetings for 2018 then will be distributed.
- C. **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, The "SPIRIT OF ORTHODOXY CHOIR" will present a Christmas Concert here at St. Anthony's, 8:00 PM. The Pan-Orthodox Choir will present music from the various traditions of the Orthodox Church, as well as Christmas Carols with which we are all familiar. Contact Daria Incorvaia for information. Alexsei Shipovalnikon and Stratos Mandalakis, Directors, will lead this program.
- D. **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**, 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.
- E. 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.
- F. **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>**, St. Anthony's will be hosting Metropolitan JOSEPH and all the NY/NJ Deanery, for the St. Ignatius members in our area, CHRISTMAS RECEPTION, 7:30-9:30 PM.
2. **CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**
- A. **Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (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.
3. **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!
4. **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 17<sup>th</sup>**, in order for your name to be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin.
5. 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.
6. Eve Meyer and Lisa Fares are accepting **Membership Dues for the Women's Guild**. Thank you for your support.
7. 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 17<sup>th</sup>**.