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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

Epistle: II Timothy 2:1-10
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28
Tone: Four

Saint Haralambos

Prokeimenon: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord.
O God, hear my prayer.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered by the Mandalakis Family for the health and welfare of those living members and for those departed this life in Christ.

The Coffee Reception this morning is the Church School Valentine's Day Sale. 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 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.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today we continue our Adult Education program, which we have labeled "The Epiphany Series." These are a series of four lessons given in the Church during the homily period. The title of this series for 2019 is: "**THE PRECIOUS GEM OF ORTHODOX WORKSHOP; FACETS OF THE EUCHARIST.**" They will be delivered as follows:
 - A. **January 13th – REPENTANCE AND THE EUCHARIST – Father Joseph;**
 - B. **February 3rd – WORSHIP/PRAYER AND THE EUCHARIST – Father Michael;**
 - C. **February 10th – VARIED TEXTS AND THE EUCHARIST – Stratos Mandalakis; and**
 - D. **February 17th – THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS: An Alternative for the Eucharist – Nicholas Nagorny.**There will be a short period for questions and answers after each lesson.
2. Due to the weather we have had to change the date of the February **Parish Council Meeting**. It is now set for February will be on **Wednesday, February 20th at 7:30 PM sharp. PLEASE BE ON TIME!** Again the new date is February 20th.
3. Save the Date - **Saturday March 2nd Mardi Gras 2019 - Beefsteak by Nightingales** - DJ Dancing - Alternate choices available for non beef eaters - Tickets go on Sale February 10 at Coffee Hour.
5. **SAVE THE DATE, MARCH 8, 2019 6:30 PM. St. Anthony's Tricky Tray.** Please bring your family donations in now for our upcoming fundraiser on Friday, March 8, 2019. Even a small donated item(s) become something BIG when packaged up into our over 200 Theme Baskets needed for this event to be a huge success. Thank you for supporting the St. Anthony Tricky Tray. See Leslie Carter or Betty Gakos for information. In addition, "See Pam Scarpa or Carol Giffen for tickets today.
6. **THINKING OF SPRING? THEN THINK ANNUAL YARD SALE:** Items are needed for the annual Yard Sale - **May 16, 17, & 18.** Are there items sitting in your attic, basement or garage that you haven't used in a few years? Do the kids no longer play with that toy or game? Are you tired of wearing that tie or necklace? If so, kindly put them aside to donate in May to this major fundraiser, which is entirely, **profit** for our church. Please contact Valerie Joseph for additional information.
7. **HOW TO APPROACH THE CHALICE:** When you are approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, please **CROSS** your arms over your chest, **SAY** your full baptized name, **TILT** your head slightly back, and **OPEN** your mouth wide. Please keep your arms folded until you are far from the Chalice, and of course, this is **NOT** a time for conversation anywhere in the Church. The rule is absolute silence during the distribution of the Eucharist. Only the Choir should be heard.
8. A Lenten Retreat at the Holy Protection Monastery in PA. on **Saturday April 6th.** For more info please see FR. Michael or Alison Deeb".