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THE SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Epistle: Ephesians 4:7-13
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17
Tone: Eight

St. James of Nisibis

Prokeimenon: Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

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

BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is He who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

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 offered by Sarah Almeshini and Emily Taylor. 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 begin 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. **January 27th – WORSHIP/PRAYER AND THE EUCHARIST – Father Michael;**
- C. **February 3rd – VARIED TEXTS AND THE EUCHARIST – Stratos Mandalakis; and**
- D. **February 10th – THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS: An Alternative for the Eucharist – Nicholas Nagorny.**

There will be a short period for questions and answers after each lesson. (There is no lesson on January 20th due to our celebration of our Patronal Feast Day of St. Anthony the Great).

2. **NEXT Sunday, January 20th** is indeed the celebration of our Patronal Feast Day of ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT! St. Anthony is recognized as the Father of Monasticism in both the Eastern and Western Churches.
3. After the Liturgy, we will bless the loaves, the Artoclasia, and in the spirit of this Family Day, we will then share a Patron Day Brunch. There is **NO CHARGE** for this day; we expect to see all our children present! This "identity day" is **OUR** day as a community united in love and faith; it is a day of celebrating "who we are and what we do!"
4. By now you will soon receive a letter from Father, sent to the entire parish regarding this day. It is our "Identity Day!" **PLEASE READ THIS LETTER CAREFULLY!** This letter includes the meaning OF THE DAY, AS WELL AS THE PROCEDURE. Please follow the instructions. When you receive my letter, please consider what I write to you seriously, and respond accordingly. Since this is "our" day, I pray that you will please ponder my words: then fill out the **PLEDGE CARD** you receive, place it in the accompanying envelope, and **BRING IT TO CHURCH** on the 20th; these will be collected and **PLACED ON THE ALTAR** as a sign of our pledge (our vow) to God. We look for a pledge from every person and family in our parish!
5. The first Parish Council Meeting for the year 2019 will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 7:30 PM SHARP in the Jabara Media Room. Please be on Time!
6. **SAVE THE DATE, MARCH 8, 2019 6:30 PM. St. Anthony's Tricky Tray.** Please bring any baskets, decorative containers or recyclable shredding or bubble wrap in to church and place in bin. Also when holiday shopping for gift cards ask merchant to match the amount to donate to St Anthony's fundraiser. Donation letters will be available to solicit for our next important fundraiser. See Betty Gakos or Leslie Carter for further details.
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.