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SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7-13

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17

Tone: Seven

St. Nina of Georgia

THE EPISTLE.

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 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 Pantel, Kallenbrun and Watkins Families.

The Coffee Reception this morning in the Church Hall is offered by the Incorvaia and Juste Families. We ask our parishioners NOT TO WAIT to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception. Please look ahead; this is a vital part of our parish life. The chart is posted in the "Coffee Room," and the items needed are listed both in in that room and on our Web Site (see our web page address above). This does not have to be a fancy event; just "coffee'n" See Barbara Di Novi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please TAKE YOUR TURN, perhaps with another family.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. This morning we will celebrate a Memorial Service for the late Servant of God, +DONALD DINOVI (One Year), husband of Barbara, father of Nadja Montes, and

grandfather of Mia and Xavier Montes. Don was a most active parishioner of our parish for many years. MEMORY ETERNAL!

2. **Next Sunday, January 21st** is 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. 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!** It will include the meaning of the day, as well as the procedure for the day. Please follow the instructions.
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. 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 21st; 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. **HOLY OBLATIONS (OFFERING) BOOK. The new pages for the year 2018 are ready to receive the names of our family members.** NEW COMMEMORATIONS BEGIN TODAY, JANUARY 7th. We remember our loves ones on Names Days, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc., and also when we want to remember our beloved departed ones. Please record these names as soon as possible. PRINT CLEARLY: DO NOT WRITE! and remember MEMORIAL SERVICES are scheduled ONLY by speaking directly with Father or secretary Genny Mandalakis (Do not write memorial services in the Holy Oblations Book; this list is for the Great Entrance Commemorations only.)
6. The Epiphany Lecture Series this year will be held on January 28th, February 4th, 11th and 18th. The theme of the Lecture Series is "**The Essential Elements**" (of the Orthodox Church), and they will be given during the Homily time. They are as follows: **January 28th - "The Place of Holy Orders in the Orthodox Church." Father Joseph; February 4th - "The Place of Holy Scripture in the Orthodox Church" Nicholas Nagorny; February 11th - "The Place of the Sacramental Life in the Orthodox Church" Stratos Mandalakis; February 18th - "The Place of the Church Building in the Orthodox Church" Father Michael.**
7. The next meeting of the "Young Men's Educational Auxiliary" group will be held on Monday, January 29th at 8:00 PM. We will again meet in the Jabara Media Room. Father Joseph looks forward to this second meeting, the first being held last September, and will again lead the discussion into another area of social and moral "issues." We will use an article entitled "Men aren't endangered species; real men might be," and flows out of the sexual abuse issues now prominent, and into imagined and real masculinity.
8. The first PARISH COUNCIL MEETING for the year 2018 will be held on **this Wednesday, January 17th** at 7:30 PM SHARP! Please be on time!

Abraham did not know whither he went, but he knew with whom he was going.