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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Epistle: II Corinthians 4:6-15

St. Euthymios The Great

Gospel: Luke 17:12-19

Tone: One

THE EPISTLE.

Prokeimenon: O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

To you, O Lord, have I cried, O my God.

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

BRETHREN, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believed, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. TODAY WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT. St. Anthony is considered by both the Eastern and Western Churches as "The Father of Christian Monasticism." He followed Our Lord's command to "sell what you have and give it to the poor and come and follow me." Thus he entered the Egyptian Desert and there struggled against the Evil One through unceasing prayer and contemplation. As his reputation spread throughout Christendom, the many devout Christians followed him in this way of life. "Intercede for us, oh Holy Father Anthony!"
 - A. Here at St. Anthony's Parish, this is our "identity day," one upon which we recommit ourselves to our unity with each other as brothers and sisters in the "One, Holy, Catholic

Apostolic Faith," that is, to that which binds us: our dedication to the "Pan-Orthodox" principle that transcends our various ethnic roots. This was already formulated at the First Ecumenical Council where the Church ratified the Nicene-Constantinople Creed. (This, and nothing else, guides all we do!)

- B. Therefore, whether your roots are in Asia Minor, Greece, the Middle East, Romania, Serbia, a Slavic Country – or from Italy, Ireland, Germany, etc. – all together we re-dedicate ourselves to CARE for our parish of St. Anthony's which binds us as a family-community in Christ. May the Almighty God continue to bless St. Anthony's and may we all, in response, continue to express our commitment and support to our parish.
2. We thank all those who worked to make this Patronal Feast Day the beautiful day it has become. It is a shared responsibility of the Fellowship, Outreach Committee and our dedicated "Kitchen Crew," who have prepared this special Brunch. There will be no charge; all those present in the church are welcome next door-please bring the children.
 3. **Our PROCEDURE in the Church today:**
 - A. After the final blessing, the special **envelopes** with your **pledge cards**, (sent to our homes) will be collected. NOTE: Please do NOT place these envelopes in the Regular, every Sunday Collection Tray, during the Liturgy.
 - B. These sealed envelopes and pledge cards will be taken by the stewards up to the Sanctuary as our solemn pledge to God's Altar. This clearly reminds us that we are not members of a "club," a dues-paying institution as such, but of God's House to which we belong and for which we pledge our care.
 - C. After Father offers our pledge at the Altar with a special prayer, we will then reverence the Cross and proceed to the Church Hall.
 4. Next week 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. **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.
 5. **The Parish Council Meeting** which was postponed last Wednesday, January 16th, **will be held THIS COMING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd** at 7:30 PM' **sharp! Please be on time.**
 6. **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 for tickets.
 7. The deadline for the March/April edition of *The Desert News* is February 1. Do you have Parish organization news (or photos) to share? Do you have a new baby (or grand baby) in the family? Was there a wedding? Please send your information to cbogris@aol.com by February 1.
 8. **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.