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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29, 4:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 18:18-27
Tone: One

The Great Martyr Katherine

BRETHREN, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental spirits of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

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 of the Assile, Jockel and Bangos Families.

The Atel and Maha Maaya Family offer the coffee hour refreshments today. 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. **Saturday, December 1st**, the Annual St. Nicholas Dinner honoring our parish elders. Vespers begin at 6:00 PM. Teen SOYO, the Fellowship and our Church School sponsor

this yearly event. The "entry fee" is new un-wrapped hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for "THE WARM THE CHILDREN FOUNDATION." Parishioners are reminded to bring in unwrapped hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves on **Saturday, Dec 1**, when you attend the St. Nicholas dinner. Parishioners will be joining with church school students to participate in this Advent Humanitarian effort. These items will ONLY be collected on this night. Also, that evening, contributions for raffle prizes will be collected and donated to Syrian Orthodox families in need.

2. The Annual all-parish meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 2nd** promptly after Liturgy, in the Ivy Hall. Church School Christmas Crafts will be made during the meeting.
3. **Saturday, December 22nd**, the St. Ignatius Christmas gathering for all churches in our NY/NJ Deraney will be held here. All parishioners are welcome!
4. **Sunday, December 23rd**, brief gathering for Church School and guests in Ivy Hall, immediately after Liturgy.
5. **Christmas Eve Schedule: December 24th:**
 - A. As we gather at 7:30 PM, the Ninth Royal Hour will be read already beginning at 7:00 PM.
 - B. By 7:30 PM, the Choir, Teens and Church School will present the "Living Ikon" of the Nativity. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke will be read; Christmas music will be sung; and our children will present the annual Tableau.
 - C. The Great Doxology will then be chanted, with the great censuring of the entire church, which represents the Cosmic blessing of all creation at the Nativity of Christ.
 - D. The Eucharistic Divine Liturgy follows.
6. The Women's Guild will be sponsoring a coat drive in November and December. Please check the church hall **closet! Any Unclaimed coats will be donated.** Parishioner donations will be accepted after the festival.
7. The deadline for the January/February edition of Desert News is December 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 info to cbogris@aol.com by December 1.
8. DID YOU PICK UP YOUR NEW CALENDAR: The new calendars for 2019 are in the **NARTHEX**. One copy per family, please!
9. Join the Women's Guild as we visit the Skyland Manor decorated for Christmas on December 1 at 11 AM in Ringwood, NJ. Carpooling may be arranged.
10. The December Women's Guild meeting is being replaced with our holiday party fundraiser "Sparkle and Shine" to be held on Friday evening December 7th. All are welcome.
11. **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