



**Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church**

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*September 17, 2017*

**Sunday after Holy Cross**

**Meditation on the Holy Cross**



“And moreover, in His very passion and cross, before they had reached the cruelty of death and the effusion of blood, what infamies of reproach were patiently heard, what mockings of contumely were suffered, so that He received the spittings of insulters, who with His spittle had a little before made eyes for a blind man; and He in whose name the devil and his angels is now scourged by His servants, Himself suffered scourgings! He was crowned with thorns, who crowns martyrs with eternal flowers. He was smitten on the face with palms, who gives the true palms to those who overcome. He was despoiled of His earthly garment, who clothes others in the vesture of immortality. He was fed with gall, who gave heavenly food. He was given to drink of vinegar, who appointed the cup of salvation. That guiltless, that just One,—nay, He who is innocence itself and justice itself,—is counted among transgressors, and truth is oppressed with false witnesses. He who shall judge is judged; and the Word of God is led silently to the slaughter. And when at the cross, of the Lord the stars are confounded, the elements are disturbed, the earth quakes, night shuts out the day, the sun, that he may not be compelled to look on the crime of the Jews, withdraws both his rays and his eyes, He speaks not, nor is moved, nor declares His majesty even in His very passion itself. Even to the end, all things are borne perseveringly and constantly, in order that in Christ a full and perfect patience may be consummated.”

(Cyprian of Carthage, “On the Advantage of Patience”)



### **EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 2:16-20**

Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

### **GOSPEL READING : The Gospel According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1**

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."



### **Weekday Liturgical Schedule for October, 2017**

October 18 St. Luke the Apostle 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy  
October 26 St. Demetrios 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 17, 2017

The Annual Parish Picnic was a great success! Many thanks to the Stewardship Committee and all the volunteers and participants. I ask all stewards to please review your pledge contribution progress as we enter the last quarter of the year. We thank all parishioners for their stewardship payments and donations throughout the year, and remind everyone else that it's not too late to pledge and donate for 2017! Pledge form is located at the back of the bulletin. Please contact Ron Baldinger, Stewardship Chair, with your Stewardship and pledge questions: [ron.baldinger@gmail.com](mailto:ron.baldinger@gmail.com).

### **Important Meetings and Events TODAY after Liturgy**

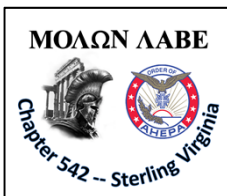
- ◆ GOYA Meeting
- ◆ Ministry and Group Leaders Meeting
- ◆ Sunday School Registration



#### **Register for SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!**

Please refer to the bulletin insert for more details.

We encourage you to complete a Stewardship pledge card when registering if you have not already. Without your Stewardship, we would not have a Sunday School to educate our children. Pledge cards will be available when registering in the church hall, or you can complete the pledge card on the back of this bulletin.



To kick off the new year for our AHEPA Chapter, the 2017-18 Officer Installation will take place on **SEP 24 at 1PM at the home of Vasili Fotopoulos at 42853 Early Light Place in Ashburn**. We are honored to have our District Governor, Bill Bond, attend and it's an event that's open to members and their families. We'll introduce a brand new meeting schedule that will be packed with several special

events, new community outreach program, and more. The Chapter will provide the main course so sign up to attend and bring an appetizer, side, or dessert plus the beverage of your choice. You can sign up by visiting our website, [www.ahepa.org](http://www.ahepa.org) and click on OFFICER INSTALLATION EVENT. For more information, email us: [info@ahepa542.org](mailto:info@ahepa542.org) or call our Hotline at 703.493.0897.



**Hope and Joy** – The first Hope & Joy meeting of the 2017-18 school year will be held at church from 6pm to 7:15pm on **September 29<sup>th</sup>**.



**Philoptochos** – Join us on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** for our meeting immediately following Liturgy, and on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm at Burton's Bar and Grill in Sterling for Happy Hour.



**PAREA (Our Company of Friends)** – A huge thank you to all who joined PAREA's September gathering! With God's grace our **Tuesday, October 3rd** PAREA will gather at **Delia's Pizzeria and Grille**, 128 Edds Ln., Sterling, VA 20165 (Tel:571-444-1661) at **11:30am**. Please let Marina know if you will be attending! Thank you! Marina (703-349-1842)



*Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Parish Council.  
Thank you!*

*If you would like to sponsor coffee hour or donate paper supplies for coffee hour, please email Lia Economou at [liaecon@comcast.net](mailto:liaecon@comcast.net).*



***SUBMIT YOUR 2017 PLEDGE WHEN REGISTERING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!***

**2017 Stewardship Pledge (ALL PLEDGES JANUARY- DECEMBER 2017)  
HOLY APOSTLES GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

In faith, prayer and sacrifice, my family and I wish to share in the support and work of the Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church. We would like to pledge:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the year 2017 (through December 2017)

**You may pay via cash, check or online using PayPal**

☐ Annually    ☐ Semi-annually    ☐ Quarterly    ☐ Monthly    ☐ Weekly

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Your pledge is **strictly confidential**.

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8:45 AM Orthros, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy