



## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

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### *September 24, 2017: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Luke* **Meditation on the Holy Cross**



“Many indeed are the wondrous happenings of that time: God hanging from a cross, the sun made dark and again flaming out; for it was fitting that creation should mourn with its creator. The temple veil rent, blood and water flowing from his side: the one as from a man, the other as from what was above man; the earth shaken, the rocks shattered because of the rock; the dead risen to bear witness to the final and universal resurrection of the dead. The happenings at the sepulcher and after the sepulcher, who can fittingly recount them? Yet no one of them can be compared to the miracle of my salvation. A few drops of blood renew the whole world, and do for all men what the rennet does for the milk: joining us and binding us together.” (Gregory Nazianzen – On the Holy Passion, Oration 45.1)



#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL RAISED \$870 FOR OCMC (ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION CENTER)**

– A big THANK YOU to our Parishioners who helped our fundraiser by purchasing VIRO OLIVE OIL that was on sale last June. We raised \$870 for OCMC and we are very grateful. For further information on how to help OCMC, please contact Nick Zangos, Carol Zangos and/or Ergini Martnishn.



### **EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's Letter to the Timothy** **3:10-15**

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and imposters

will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

### **GOSPEL READING : The Gospel According to** **Luke 5:1-11**

At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon



answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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

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

**NEW! SUNDAY SCHOOL GREEK PROGRAM** - If you or your children are interested or want further information about our new programs, come to the **informative sessions on October 15, 22, and 29 following the Divine Liturgy.** Our *Biblical Greek Program* will teach basic Greek and even a little New Testament Greek. Our new *Orthodox Kids Greek Program* will teach conversational Greek. Our ultimate goal in addition to teaching Greek, is to help our youth comprehend as well as retain biblical messages while learning Greek in a meaningful and fun way. Please contact Ergini Martnishn at [ergini@aol.com](mailto:ergini@aol.com), 703-652-4426.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### September 24, 2017

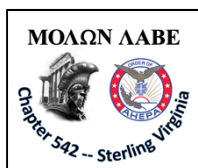
I ask all stewards to please review your pledge contribution progress as we enter the last quarter of the year. We thank all parishioners for their stewardship payments and donations throughout the year, and remind everyone else that it's not too late to pledge and donate for 2017! Pledge form is located 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).



**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!** Please remember to fill out a registration form and pledge card if you have not already.

This year, once again, we are also accepting donations which will help us enhance the program and purchase updated student textbooks and

materials that are urgently needed. We would appreciate a **donation of at least \$15 per child** to cover these expenses. We are sincerely grateful for your assistance and financial support.



**Today's the day!** To kick off the new year for our AHEPA Chapter, the 2017-18 Officer Installation will take place **TODAY 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@ahempa542.org](mailto:info@ahempa542.org) or call our Chapter 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>**.

**Altar Servers** - Young Men! We need your help! There will be a meeting for all of our young men between the ages of 10-18, who are interested in serving in the altar. The meeting will be after Liturgy on **1 October 2017**. The meeting will answer questions of what is expected, and how we all learn by serving and giving of our time. Parents encourage your young men to attend and be there to support them in this journey.



*Today's 40 day Memorial is in memory of **Vasiliki Nicolas**. She is survived by her son, daughter, grandchildren and great grandchildren. May her memory be eternal.*



**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)



**Greek School** – Registration has started! Classes will be offered one of two dates, depending on level and age on **Wednesday and Thursday starting October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. Go to our website for more information and the form, under Greek School Ministry. Adult classes are offered as well.

*Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Theodorou family in memory of Vasiliki Nicolas. 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).*

***NEED TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL? Don't forget to submit your 2017 Stewardship pledge card if you haven't already.***

**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:

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

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21580 Atlantic Blvd., Unit 160, Bldg. D; Dulles, Virginia 20166  
8:45 AM Orthros, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy