



Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

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

October 8, 2017

3rd Sunday of Luke

“Because the Lord, while not even present, had healed the centurion’s servant, He now performs another even more remarkable miracle. He does this so that no one could say, “What is remarkable about the healing of the centurion’s servant? Perhaps the servant would not have died in any case.” This is why the Lord now raises up the dead man as he was being carried out for burial. He does not perform the miracle by His word alone, but also touches the bier, teaching us that His very Body is life. Because God the Word Who gives life to all things Himself became flesh, therefore His flesh itself is likewise life-creating, and takes away death and corruption. The dead man sat up and began to speak, so that some would not think that his rising was only an apparition. Sitting up and speaking are definite proofs of resurrection from the dead, ”how can a lifeless body sit up and speak? You may also understand the widow to mean the soul which has suffered the loss of its husband, the Word of God Which sows the good seed. The son of such a widow is the mind which is dead and is being carried outside the city, that is, outside the heavenly Jerusalem which is the land of the living. The Lord then takes pity and touches the bier. The bier which carries the dead mind is the body. And indeed the body is like a tomb, as the ancient Greeks said, calling the body a burial mound, which means a tomb. Having touched the body, the Lord then raises the mind, restoring its youth and vigor. And after the young man, meaning the mind, has sat up, raised from the tomb of sin, he will begin to speak, that is, to teach others. While he is in the grip of sin, he cannot speak or teach,” who would believe him?”

(From the Explanation of the Gospel of St. Luke by Blessed Theophylact, Archbishop of Achrida and Bulgaria)



Sun. October 29th is Stewardship Sunday!

After the Liturgy, hear updates about our Stewardship program, our search for our future location, and a moving parishioner testimonial.

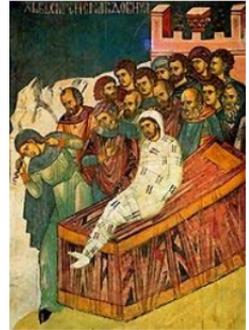


EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 9:6-11

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

GOSPEL READING : The Gospel According to Luke 7:11-16

At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"



Weekday Liturgical Schedule for October, 2017

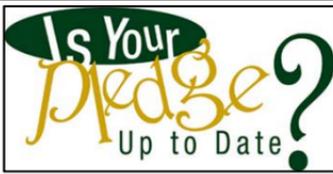
October 18 St. Luke the Apostle 8:15 AM, Orthros. 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy



GOYA Baby Bottle Fundraiser – Last year with the help of our wonderful parishioners, GOYA collected \$800.00 through the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for our church Building Fund. GOYA hopes you will continue supporting this event by filling up a baby bottle provided by the GOYAnS with loose change and return back to church **by October 29th**. Thank you ALL for your support of GOYA and the church Building Fund.

Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Sunday School. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS October 8, 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: ron.baldinger@gmail.com.



GREEK SCHOOL— Registration has started! Classes will be offered one of two dates, depending on level and age, on **Wed. and Thurs. starting October 11th at 5:00pm.** Go to our website for more information and the form, under Greek School Ministry. Adult classes are offered as well.



CHOIR — Our next rehearsals are **Thursday, October 12th and 26th at 7pm** at church. Contact Elpida at archelles@yahoo.com with questions or to join.



AHEPA — Our meeting on **Oct. 12th, 7:30-9pm** is at the home of Alex Kangelaris. We will conduct AHEPA business and discuss key initiatives to support the mission and goals of AHEPA. Subscribe to the AHEPA Chapter 542 Online Calendar for real time event updates. Go to our website at www.ahepa542.org.

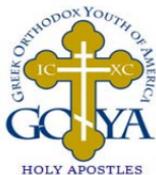
SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our classes started last week but registration continues; just fill the registration form and give it to one of our teachers. For further information regarding learning Biblical Greek and to include your name in the **informative session that will take place on October 15, 22, and 29** following the Divine Liturgy Please talk to Ergini Martnishn at church or contact her: ergini@aol.com, 703-652-4426.



HOPE AND JOY — The next Hope & Joy meeting will be held at church from 6pm to 7:15pm on **October 20th.**



PHILOPTOCHOS — **RSVP by Sunday, October 22nd** to Lisa.Branner@marriott.com for our **Happy Hour on October 25th** at Burton's Bar and Grill in Sterling.



GOYA – After Liturgy on **October 22nd**, guest speaker, Mr. Nicholas Mantalvanos, will share with our GOYAnS his spiritual journey and life lessons he acquired as a Navy Pilot.



Thinking about what can accompany your Thanksgiving meal? Philoptochos has you covered. We will be offering spanakopitas and tiropitas for the upcoming holiday. Please join us as we start putting them together, **Saturday, October 21 and 28 and November 4, 11:00 AM at the church**. We will provide the hairnets! See you there!



PAREA (Our Company of Friends) - Thank you to all who joined PAREA's wonderful October gathering! Due to the November elections, our **PAREA** will gather on

Thursday, November 9th, around 11:30am, or after we celebrate the Liturgy for Agios Nektarios. We will meet at **Cafesano** (21305 Windmill Parc Dr, #100, Dulles, VA 20166 - tel: 571-732-2330). Please call Marina (703-349-1842) and let her know if you will be attending. Thank you!

JOB OPPORTUNITY - Opa! Mezze Grill in the Ashburn Shopping Center has an immediate opening for a full-time or part-time server. Our servers average between \$15-\$16 per hour (including tips). No experience required, we can train! Call 703-729-2211. www.opamezzegrill.com

2017 Stewardship Pledge (ALL PLEDGES JANUARY- DECEMBER 2017)
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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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Your pledge is **strictly confidential**.

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