



Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

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Jesus said, "Well done good and faithful servant."

He did not say, "Well *said*."

He did not say, "Well *planned*."

And He did not say, "Well *intended*."

But He said, "Well *DONE*, good and faithful servant."

The emphasis for us as Christians is in *doing*. We are called to give the best we have and do the best we can to promote God's Kingdom on earth.

Life on earth is a gift. The work we do is also a gift if we see it as an opportunity to serve God and others. Saint Paul instructs us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...." (Colossians 3:23). When we see our work in this way, we are able to become Christian stewards of our work. Stewardship of work teaches us that we don't *own* our work, our position, our title. We are only stewards of a position for a period of time. We are responsible to fulfill our duties and also to prepare it for the person that will follow us in that position. We may also have the opportunity to mentor the person that will assume our position when we move on, empowering them to apply their particular gifts and talents to take the position to the next level. Christian stewardship of work also teaches us that we are responsible to those with whom we work and those that may be served by our work. We are called to reflect the light of Christ in their lives, encourage them, support them and even *love* them. We are also stewards of our co-workers inasmuch as we cooperate and support them in their efforts for the good of all. In times of trouble or worry, especially over our career, we call upon God to strengthen us, to provide opportunity and to bring us success. When we achieve some measure of worldly success, it is easy to say to ourselves as we read in the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy (8:17), "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But the next verse quickly reminds us, "Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth." As Christian Stewards we are called to give back to God from the "first fruits" of our labor. We support our parish and her ministries in an intentional way and not with only what it left after everything else has been taken care of. In whatever work we do, we are called to give glory to God for the abilities and opportunities he provides. We do this by caring for the work we do, applying our God-given abilities to our work, and by respecting the responsibilities with which we have been entrusted. We do our best and give the glory to God. Fr. Anthony M. Coniaris (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Department of Stewardship, Outreach & Evangelism)



Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Stewardship Committee to celebrate Stewardship Sunday. Thank you!



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 **Luke 8:41-56**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As he went, the people pressed round him. And a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and had spent all her living upon physicians and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind him, and touched the fringe of his garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched me?" When all denied it, Peter and those who were with him said, "Master, the multitudes surround you and press upon you!" But Jesus said, "Some one touched me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While he was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when he came to the house, he permitted no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he charged them to tell no one what had happened.



Weekday Liturgical Schedule for November

Wed. Nov. 1 Sts. Kosmas & Damianos 8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wed. Nov. 8 Archangels Gabriel & Michael 8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Thurs. Nov. 9 St. Nektarios of Aegina 8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Mon. Nov. 13 St. John Chrysostom 8:15 AM Orthros, 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Wed. Nov. 15 Christmas Lent Begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 29, 2017



We hope that you can join us today for a short presentation following Liturgy that will bring an inspirational testimonial about Stewardship and information on how valuable it is to the health and future of our church.

Sunday School Biblical Greek Information Session – Come to the session following the Stewardship presentation if you are interested in learning Biblical Greek. Talk to Ergini today with questions or contact her: ergini@aol.com, 703-652-4426.

GOYA Baby Bottle Fundraiser – Please return your baby bottles with your loose change and bills TODAY for the GOYA Building Fund fundraiser. Thank you ALL for your support of GOYA and the church Building Fund as we help our young parish grow!



Even though **Greek School** has started, it's not too late to be part of our Greek School Program. Classes offered one of two days, **Wednesday or Thursday at 5:00pm**; depending on age and level. For additional information please contact vasilia@live.com. Information is also on our website.

Say what you want... but say it in Greek!

NEW!! Teen and Adult classes are also offered Wednesday evenings & Saturday mornings. Please inquire with Greg Joiner (gregjoiner@gmail.com) or Vasilia Ravaris (vasilia@live.com).

The class of Ellinomatheia is ready to start on October 29, 2017. The class prepares students for the yearly tests of the 6 different levels in mastering the learning of the Greek language. Class meets every Sunday for 1hr & 15 minutes after Liturgy and Sunday School, around 1pm. For any questions about class requirements, age, or grade of students, tuition, or participation in cultural extracurricular activities, please call Athanasia at: 571-261-2297, or 571-359-0249, or e-mail at: sdacey@comcast.net.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Classes have begun but registration continues; complete a registration form and give it to one of our teachers.



The Philoptochos Thanksgiving spanakopita and tiropita sale is posted on Facebook with links to our flyer. Please pass on to friends so we can let others know about our sale. Thank you! Orders must be received by Sunday, Nov. 5th.



Philoptochos will be collecting Thanksgiving bags for Loudoun Hunger Relief. Please go to our website for the complete list of needed items. All items need to be in a reusable grocery bag. We will be collecting all bags on **Sunday, November 5th and 12th**.



PAREA (Our Company of Friends) - 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) to RSVP.

ΜΟΛΩΝ ΛΑΒΕ



AHEPA Chapter 542 – Our next monthly meeting is **Nov. 9**, 7:30-9pm, at the home of Alex Kangelaris (12650 Thunderchase Drive, Reston 20191). If you missed the meeting last month, it was outstanding! So don't miss this one. To become a member, apply on our website today, www.ahepa542.org, and subscribe to the online calendar for real time event updates.

Hope and Joy – Our monthly meeting is at church on **Fri., Nov. 17th** from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. We will create Christmas cards for our parish's Yia Yias and Papous and continue to accept food donations on behalf of Philoptochos for the Loudoun Relief Thanksgiving Bag Drive (specific items needed are listed on our website).



Philoptochos – Our next monthly meeting is **Saturday, Nov. 18th** at 10:00 AM at church. We hope you can join us!

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

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