



## Holy Apostles Greek Orthodox Church

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

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*November 12, 2017*

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Luke*

### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan** (Luke 10, 25-37)

I love my neighbour like I love myself



It is God's **commandment** for us to love him with our whole selves. Therefore, I love God if I have within myself a tension, in the good sense, i.e., an alertness at every moment. And nothing so to speak, can remain outside of this. Everything that we are must be given with love to God. And this love contains it all. The second commandment is that we love our **neighbour** "as ourselves". Therefore, I love my neighbour as

though he is myself. We are all quite aware that it is one thing for me to love my neighbour and quite another for me to feel that my neighbour is myself. This reality is due to the fact that before the eyes of God we all exist as one man. The Holy Trinity –the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – are three persons but one God. Likewise, although humanity consists of many persons, before the eyes of God humanity stands as one person. In this sense, we can understand what is meant by God's commandment for us to **love my neighbour as I love myself**. In the apostolic reading, St. Paul says: "Imitate me," (1 Corinthians 4.16). It is not simply that I can be called a Christian theoretically. But by applying pressure to oneself to conform to Christ, and by imitating the saints, one begins to see ever more clearly his filth and the sin hiding within. You have made, o man, a **wound** in your soul – and this, from your foolishness, and your carelessness. This wound, however, needs curing. It is very significant for us today to each see his sin –in both a general, a specific, and a detailed way– and for each of us to truly repent without difficulty, since then, we will feel the forgiveness of our sins and, in this way, see the face of God.

(Holy Hesychasterion "The Nativity of Theotokos" Publications.  
Archimandrite Symeon)



## **EPISTLE READING : St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 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 of everything enough to 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 10:25-37**

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



### **Weekday Liturgical Schedule for November**

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

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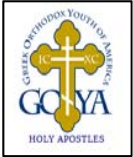
**SUNDAY SCHOOL TRIP TO AGIA SKEPI MONASTERY** - Please talk to Ergini Martnishn, if you are interested in joining our Sunday School Trip to the Monastery on **Saturday, 25 November**.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### November 12, 2017



Today is the last day to collect Thanksgiving bags for Loudoun Hunger Relief. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



**TODAY, Guest Speaker** – Ms. Alissa Iatridis, a Member of our church and a Sunday School teacher, will share her spiritual journey with our GOYAns. (To Be Confirmed)

**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, GOYA Monthly Meeting** – We will discuss upcoming events and start an Icon Making Project.



**Choir** – The next rehearsal is **Thursday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm at church. Contact Elpida at [archelles@yahoo.com](mailto:archelles@yahoo.com) with questions or to join.



**Hope and Joy** – Our monthly meeting is at church on **Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 7:15pm. We will create Christmas cards for our parish's Yia Yias and Papous.



**Stewardship Event** – Join the Stewardship Committee and fellow parishioners for a fun night at Copperwood Tavern in One Loudoun, 7pm on Saturday, **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. RSVP by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> to Kristina Ayoub at [ktsiakos@yahoo.com](mailto:ktsiakos@yahoo.com).



Pita order pickup is **Saturday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>** 10-2, and **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** 12-2 at church.



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



**Parish General Assembly** – Join us after Liturgy next **Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>** and get updates about our parish and our future.



**PAREA (Our Company of Friends!)** - Our beloved **PAREA** will be celebrating its **6th anniversary** this coming December! We are very thankful to **Artemis (Diana)**

**Skordalakes** who very graciously offered to host our celebration and fasting luncheon at her home on **Tuesday, December 5th, at 11:30am**. Address: 9907 Hessick Court, Great Falls, VA 22066. Please call or email Marina (703-349-1842) [blairmarina@gmail.com](mailto:blairmarina@gmail.com) to RSVP. We are looking forward to seeing you and celebrate 6 years of wonderful fellowship!

**It's not too late to learn and speak Greek! Join a class today!**  
More information is on our website.

### **Greek School**

Vasilia Ravaris ([vasilia@live.com](mailto:vasilia@live.com))

Youth Ages 4 – 12, Wednesday or Thursday depending on level at 5:00pm

### **Ellinomatheia Program**

Athanasia Dacey ([sdacey@comcast.net](mailto:sdacey@comcast.net))

Sundays after Liturgy and Sunday School (around 1pm). Prepares students for the yearly tests of 6 different levels in mastering Greek

### **Teen and Adult Classes**

Vasilia Ravaris ([vasilia@live.com](mailto:vasilia@live.com)) or Greg Joiner ([gregjoiner@gmail.com](mailto:gregjoiner@gmail.com))

Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings



*Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Altar Boys in observance of the Archangel's Name Day, Nov. 8. Thank you!*

### **2018 Stewardship Pledge (ALL PLEDGES JANUARY- DECEMBER 2018)** **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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