Sunday, January 23, 2022 / Fourteenth Sunday of Saint Luke

Resurrection Apolytikion of the tone of the week (Plagal 2)

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Saint (Saint Clement)

O Clement, according to your all-sacred name, you grew as a branch of holiness, a stem of martyrdom, a most sacred flower, and a luscious fruit given by God to the faithful. We pray you, who ran with Martyrs and shared the throne with hierarchs: intercede with Christ our God, entreat Him to save our souls.

Apolytikion for Memorial Services

Remember, O Lord, as You are good, Your Servant(s), and forgive every sin he (she, they) has (have) committed in this life. For no one is sinless except for You, Who has power to grant rest to those who have fallen asleep.
Apolytikion of our Church

As liberator of captives, defender of the poor, physician of the ailing, and champion of Kings, beseech Christ our God, O great martyr George, Standard Bearer, for the salvation of our souls.

Kontakion

Your birth sanctified a Virgin’s womb and properly blessed the hands of Symeon. Having now come and saved us O Christ our God, give peace to Your commonwealth in troubled times and strengthen those in authority, whom You love, as only the loving One.

Consider a Mask
Stay Well
Stay Safe
The Epistle Reading – Sunday, January 23, 2022

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.
To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.
The reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to Timothy 1:15-17

Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Σώσον, Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.
Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.
Πρὸς Τιμόθεον α’ 1:15-17

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος, ὅτι Χριστὸς Ἰησοῦς ἠθένεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ἁμαρτωλοῦς σώσαι, ὅν πρῶτος εἰμὶ ἐγὼ- ἀλλὰ διὰ τοῦτο ἠλεήθην, ἵνα ἐν ἐμοὶ πρῶτον ἐνδείξῃ Ἰησοῦς Χριστὸς τὴν πᾶσαν μακροθυμίαν, πρὸς ὑποτύπωσιν τῶν μελλόντων πιστεύειν ἐπ’ αὐτῷ εἰς ζωὴν αἰώνιον. Τῷ δὲ βασιλείᾳ τῶν αἰώνων, ἀρθάρτῳ, ἀοράτῳ, μόνῳ σοφῷ θεῷ, τιμῇ καὶ δόξᾳ εἰς τοὺς αἰώνας τῶν αἰώνων. ἀμήν.

Apokreatiko tickets available at coffee hour on Sundays
The Gospel Lesson - Sunday, January 23, 2022


At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Katâ Λουκάν 18:35-43

Τῷ καὶ ἐκείνῳ, Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν τῷ ἑγγίζειν αὐτόν εἰς Ἰεριχώ τυφλὸς τις ἐκάθητο παρὰ τὴν ὑδάτων προσαίτων· ἀκούσας δὲ ὄχλου διαπορευομένου ἐπυνθάνετο τί εἰη ταύτα. ἀπῆργηταν δὲ αὐτῷ ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ὁ Ναζαρηνός παρέφρεται. καὶ ἔβορεν λέγων· Ἰησοῦς ὦ Δαυίδ, ἐλέησόν με· καὶ οἱ προάγοντες ἐπέτιμων αὐτῷ ἐνα σωτήρι· αὐτὸς δὲ πολλῷ μᾶλλον ἔκραξεν· ὦ Δαυίδ, ἐλέησόν με· σταθείς δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκέλευσεν αὐτὸν ἀχθῆναι πρὸς αὐτόν. ἐγέισαντος δὲ αὐτοῦ ἐπηρώθησαν αὐτὸν λέγων· τί σοι θέλεις ποιήσω; ὃ δὲ εἶπε· Κύριε, ἐνα ἀνάβλεψι. καὶ ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἀνάβλεψον· ἡ πίστις σου σέσωκέ σε. καὶ παραχώρησεν ἀνέβλεψε, καὶ ἦκολοθήθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν Θεόν· καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἦδον ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ Θεῷ.

or during the week in the
church office between 8:30am
and 4pm.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday January 24  Greek Pre-School 5 p.m.
                Library Project Update by Zoom 1 p.m.
Tuesday January 25  Basketball 6 p.m.
Wednesday January 26  Bible Study 11 a.m.
Thursday January 27  Basketball 6 p.m.
Saturday January 28  Rotary Comedy Bowl
Sunday January 30  Orthros 8:45 a.m.
                Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

This morning we will be offering a 1 year Memorial Service for Mark Adam and a 40 day Memorial Service for John Giotas. May their memories be eternal.

This morning the coffee hour is sponsored by Nick Giotas in memory of John Giotas.

Please update your records to show Beth’s new email address beth@stgeorgenh.org. Thank you.

RUMMAGE
SALE

April 9, 2022
9am to 3pm

Donations may be dropped off
on or before
Thursday April 7 at the church
Monday through Friday from
8:30 am to 4 pm.
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
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Manchester, New Hampshire

Invites you to

An Apokreatiko Celebration

Saturday, February 26, 2022
7pm – 11:00pm
In the church hall

DJ The Salonica Boys
Greek and American Dancing

Variety of Hors D’oeuvres
Cash Bar

$20.00 per person
Children under 12 are free

Toula Barber at 668-6839
or the Cathedral office at (603)622-9113
When the age of persecution ended for the early Church, the faithful believers had to deal with enemies from within their own ranks that were even more dangerous than the Romans! While defining their doctrines and dogmas, the Holy Fathers of the Church were forced to endure bitter challenges to the Faith by heretics: proponents of false teachings. For centuries, a multitude of debates raged over what a Christian should believe concerning Christ, the Theotokos and the Holy Trinity. One such heresy took hold in the 7th century: Monothelitism. Briefly put, Monothelites said Christ had only one nature and therefore, only one will, refusing to accept the Church's position that our Lord was both HUMAN AND DIVINE.

Among those who were loyal to the teachings of the "holy, catholic and apostolic Church" was our HOLY FATHER MAXIMOS, who spoke out with great conviction. This blessed Abbot boldly "confessed" his belief in the two natures and wills of Christ, even when many Church leaders were being swayed by the Monothelites. Even the Emperor and Patriarch were wavering in their beliefs!

Maximos suffered greatly for his strong desire to preserve what the early councils of the Church had proclaimed to be true. He was imprisoned, tortured, and finally exiled from his homeland. He died in 662 A.D., some twenty years before the Sixth Ecumenical Council formally condemned the Monothelites, putting to rest this unfortunate heresy. For his noble efforts, Maximos will forever be remembered by the Church.
God calls us to be close to Him!

Have you ever missed a chance to do something? Maybe you wanted to go on a little trip to the store, but you took too long to get ready. Or maybe had to get up early to do something really fun, but you just didn’t want to get out of bed. You might have looked back and said, “I should have done it!”

In today’s Gospel reading, we hear about a wonderful healing story. This time, a blind man was begging by the side of the road, and he heard a lot of commotion. When he asked what was happening, the others told him that Jesus was passing by! This blind man took the chance to call out to Jesus and be close to Him. He cried even louder to Jesus, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” He didn’t just sit there thinking about it. He took that special chance and called out to Jesus.

God gives us lots of lots of chances to be close to Him! And sadly, we don’t always take those chances. We might choose to waste time when we could be using that time to grow closer to God. Can you think of a chance God gives you? When we are tired before we go to sleep, could you take that chance to pray before bed? When you have a chance to help somebody, could you do it?

When we take these special chances to be close to God, our Lord will pull us close to Him too, just as He did for the blind man in the Gospel today!
WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

Blind
Call out
Christ
Fool
Healing
Opportunity
Petersburg
Prayer
Xenia

WHAT'S IN AN ICON?

This icon of Saint Xenia tells a famous story about her.

At nighttime, she would help move bricks to build a church. Nobody knew it was Saint Xenia until some people waited for her once!
SAINT XENIA OF ST. PETERSBURG
A FOOL FOR CHRIST

When you read about any of our holy saints, you might notice one thing about all of them. They took a chance God gave them and used that chance to grow close to God!

This week we celebrate the very special Saint Xenia of Saint Petersburg, Russia. Xenia was a young lady with a wealthy life. She was married to a colonel in the army. The two had only been married a little while, when her husband suddenly died. Xenia knew life would be very different for her now.

Saint Xenia took this sad thing and used it to call to God. She went to a monastery for a few years, but then she came back to the great city of St. Petersburg. She wore her husband’s old military coat, and would wander through the city as a homeless person.

People started to know that Xenia was a holy person too. She was a very prayerful person, and God gave her special gifts. Lots of times, she could know that something was going to happen before it actually happened. The Church calls her a “fool for Christ” because she did strange things and acted as a crazy person, but she did it to be close to God.

Faithful people still love Saint Xenia! Her grave is a place many people visit. Many people pray to Saint Xenia for help finding a job, or even finding a husband or wife!

We celebrate St. Xenia on Monday, January 24th (OC: Feb. 6th).

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