

Sunday, June 10, 2018
2nd Sunday of Matthew

HYMNS FOR THE DAY: 1, 134, 218 (Found in red hymnal book)

READINGS: **Orthros Gospel:** Mark 16:1-8
Epistle: Romans 2:10-16
Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23

THE NICENE CREED & LORD'S PRAYER are found on pages 52-54 and 71 of your blue service book. Everyone is encouraged to recite them out loud in both Greek & English.

PRE & POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS: The Pre-Communion prayers are found on pages 76-80 in your blue service book. The first four will be read in Greek and the next four in English. **Please recite them out loud as a congregation.** The Post-Communion prayers are found on pages 98-100 in Greek and pages 101-102 in English. These should be read by those who have received Holy Communion when they return to their seats.

COUNCIL DUTY: **Orthros: 8:00 a.m.** Maria Georgiadis
Liturgy: 9:00 a.m. All Parish Council Members

MEMORIALS

2 yrs. Alexandra Papadopoulou 8 yrs. Demetri (Jim) Vallas
5 yrs. Gloria Kallimani 16 yrs. James Kallimani
5 yrs. Vasilios (Bill) Kravas 17 yrs. Mihael Karakozis

"MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL!"

FELLOWSHIP HOUR in memory of James & Gloria Kallimani in the Gold Room. All are welcome to attend.

WELCOME VISITORS: We welcome you to worship with us today. Whether you are an Orthodox Christian or this is your first visit to the Orthodox Church, we are pleased to have you with us. Although Holy Communion is offered only to the baptized and Chrismated (confirmed) Orthodox Christians, in good standing with the Church (good standing means if you are married your marriage must have been blessed by the Church; if divorced you must have an ecclesiastical divorce as well from the Church) all are invited to receive the antidoron (blessed bread) from the priest at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The antidoron is not sacramental but is reminiscent of the agape feast that followed worship in the ancient Christian Church. After worship this morning, please join us in the church hall for fellowship, refreshments and visit with our Clergy, Parish Council and members.

FATHER'S DAY REMINDER: Our Orthodox Church joins the world in honoring our fathers on the third Sunday of June. We encourage all our fathers, along with their families to attend church this day, so that they may worship together and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion as a family more so on this day, we should all honor our Heavenly Father, Who loves us and cares for us each and every day. Let us pause and say a prayer to God and offer praise and thanksgiving to Him for the many blessings we have been given.

FOR PONDERING: "Why do I spend my life serving the poor?" Because I love Jesus. We are not social workers. We are contented within the world because we are with Jesus, doing it for Jesus, and doing it with Jesus. We are nothing and we can do nothing; but with Jesus, in possessing Jesus, we possess all things. And in Him, we can do all things.
-Mother Teresa

COOPERATION IS NEEDED! We remind our faithful that the Orthros Service begins at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday in the Cathedral and is followed immediately by the Divine Liturgy. **Please be prompt and on time!** Please turn off cell phones before entering church. No conversation should take place during worship. During the reading of the Gospel people in the narthex should not be purchasing or lighting candles, but stand reverently and listen to the reading. If possible avoid using the center aisle during high points of Divine Liturgy. Lipstick and lip-gloss should be removed before kissing icons, receiving Holy Communion and kissing the hand of the priest. Only Orthodox Christians in good standing with the Church may receive Holy Communion. Parents with children who cannot sit quietly during services should use the cry room. Please avoid using cell phones, I-Pads or other electronic devices to entertain or amuse children during worship. This delivers the wrong message of why we are in church and allows the child to pick up bad habits. When receiving antidoron, please, use both hands and do not allow the crumbs to fall.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE: When we say, "Go into the world," to our priests and Church, we must support them with our dollars.

Remember, your priest, parish programs and ministries can only be as effective as you make them with your time, effort, and support. If you don't care, who really will?

If you haven't submitted your 2018 Pledge to our Cathedral, please do so today! Also, remember Ss. Constantine and Helen this summer while on vacation. Keep current with your pledge by submitting your payment before you leave on vacation. With the end of June quickly approaching, your pledge should be at least half way paid. Your unending support is necessary to continue the ministries and programs of our parish. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter!

THE BEST DEFINITION OF CHRISTIANITY

Giving is therapy for the soul. It keeps the heart open to others and sensitive to their needs. Giving is also the secret of a mentally and emotionally healthy life. Dr. Adler, a famous psychiatrist, said, "I suppose all the ills of the human personality can be traced back to one thing, namely, not understanding the meaning of the statement (of Jesus): **"It is more blessed to give than receive"** (Acts 20:35). A famous theologian said once, "People are sick not only because they have not received love, but also because they are not able to give love." Dr. Karl Menninger said to a person who had suffered a breakdown, "Go find the neediest person and help him." For our mental and physical health we need to give. "It is more blessed to give than receive."

A child becomes an adult when he/she stops taking and starts giving. In fact, one of the best signs of maturity is the ability to give.

During a stewardship campaign a parishioner complained that Christianity is one continual give, give, give. The pastor replied, "Thank you for the finest definition of Christianity I have heard. Christianity is one continual give, give, give. That's the way it all began. God gave. He gave His only Son. His Son gave. He gave His life on the cross that we may have life. His disciples gave. They left their homes and businesses to devote themselves full time to Christ as spreaders of His Good News. Most of the twelve apostles died a martyr's death. They gave their lives for Christ. Through the ages the work of Christ has prospered to an extent that Christians have been willing to give, give, give."

ONE OF THE SADDEST EXPERIENCES which can ever come to a human being is to awaken, grey-haired and wrinkled near the close of an unproductive life, to the fact that all through the years he/she has been using only a small part of himself/herself.

HELLENIC DANCERS NEWS: Practice will be Wednesday, June 13th with the Junior group from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and the Senior group from 7:30-8:30 p.m. For details or to check on schedule changes, contact Taki Zarakas or check the Hellenic Dancers Facebook page.

LEARN GREEK: Registration for the 2018-2019 Greek School year is underway. Parents register your children early so that we can properly prepare our program. For details contact the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: Registration has started and continues today in the Lobby. This year's theme is "**Living the Lord's Prayer.**" The dates are Monday, June 18th – Thursday, June 21 from 9a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Pre-schoolers through 12th grade (pre - schoolers must have completed a year of pre-school.) We will once again offer the C.I.A. "Christians in Action" group for the upper grades, so there is something for all ages! Please register in the lobby or call Fr. George at 769-2481. There is no registration fee, a \$5 per child snack donation is requested at registration.

CATHEDRAL EARLY LEARNING CENTER: Early registration: Our preschool is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. To enroll for the two day class (Tuesday & Thursday) the child must be 3 years old before August 1st. To enroll for the three day a week class the child must be 4 years old before August 1st. Applications are available in the church office. Registration fee is \$50 per child, and activity fee of \$75 per child. Tuition for two-day class is \$120 a month, and for the three-day class is \$150 a month. Children must be potty trained to be enrolled. Call Christine Chimitris at 219-769-2481 between 9:00-11:30 a.m. for details.

THE 5th ANNUAL 5K FAMILY WALK-RUN will take place on Saturday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m., starting and ending here at Ss. Constantine & Helen. New event of a 50 yard dash will be offered for our young runners. All proceeds will benefit the Cathedral Scholarship Program, The Pangere Center for Inherited Retinal Diseases and the Merrillville Police Department K9 Unit Program. Registration forms are available in the church office or visit the website at www.ssconstantineandhelen.org. Any questions contact Joe Massow at 776-2682.

COME AND VISIT THE BOOKSTORE: *With graduations and Father's Day approaching, consider our Cathedral's Bookstore for your gift ideas. The bookstore has a selection of icons and books with June's book of the month "The Holistic Christian Woman", cost is \$15.00.*

CHUCKLE: One Sunday a pastor told his congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate. He said whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 wad in the offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, saintly lady, Katherine, way in the back of the church shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanksgiving asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, and then pointed to the three most handsome men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him!"

OPPORTUNITY may knock once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN A SUCCESSFUL ONE? The years of life seem to follow a similar pattern for all of us. Our youth is spent planning, dreaming and charting a course for the journey that will find us striving to achieve our goals and ambitions. Our "golden years" are often spent reflecting upon all that we originally set out to do. The successes and failures that come our way are found in that period in between.

We all want our lives to be successful; we want to be remembered as being a person who made the world a better place. Unfortunately, many of us use the wrong criteria to gauge our personal accomplishments. Our true motivation must be living a life that is pleasing to God. He does not measure "success" in terms of financial and material gain. No, "fame and fortune" means little to our Heavenly Father. Many of the Church's saints had very little, and many whose good works and deeds were known only to God heard the blessed words of the Lord – "**WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT**" – when they passed on to their eternal reward.

God does not expect great things from us, but He looks to us to do small things in a great way. In the Parable of the Last Judgement, those who had done all of the charitable acts of mercy were genuinely surprised that the Lord put so much emphasis on such simple gestures of compassion. Still, these are the things that are deemed important in God's eyes.

Has your life been a successful one? Have you dedicated your life to doing God's will? If you have, rest assured that a place in God's Kingdom awaits you. There could be no greater testimony to the ultimate success of your life!

CHRIST CONTINUES TO SATISFY OUR "HUNGER": Wherever Christ went during His public ministry, a large crowd was always there to greet Him. Some came out as mere curiosity, while others sought out the Lord with the hope that He would touch their lives in some miraculous way. Still others simply wanted to be in His presence because they truly believed that Jesus was the long-awaited Messiah.

All four evangelists record the story of what may have been the largest gathering Christ attracted. Seeking a place to rest one day, our Savior retreated to a remote region along the Sea of Galilee. When His destination became known, however, He was quickly joined by some 5000 people from the surrounding villages. Concerned for their hunger, our Lord performed a miracle which defies description: He was able to feed the multitude there with only 5 loaves of bread and two small fish! The Gospels tell us that there were even 12 baskets of fragments left over!

The feeding of the 5000 is reminiscent of God providing manna in the wilderness for the Israelites as they journeyed to the Promised Land. More importantly, the Church Fathers see in this miraculous event an image of the Holy Eucharist, where at the Divine Liturgy, everyone who comes forward "in the fear of God and with faith and love" to receive the Body and Blood of Christ has their spiritual hunger satisfied. Indeed, as the priests prays at every Holy Liturgy: "The Lamb of God is broken and distributed, broken but not divided, **EVER-EATEN YET NEVER CONSUMED**, but sanctifying those who partake of IT."

AXIOS FR. TED on the 34th Anniversary of your Ordination to the Holy Priesthood on June 10, 1984. May the good Lord continue to bless you and Presvytera Tulla in the ministry of His vineyard.

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM SPEAKS ON CHRISTIAN LIFE: "God created us in His image and likeness; and every Christian is obliged to keep himself, and to preserve and honor in himself God's image, and to be sanctified by good works."

REMEMBER – Be you fishers of men. You catch them – He'll clean them.



LAMB DONATIONS: To date, 215½ lambs have been donated for this year's Grecian Festival. Please keep in mind we need a minimum 400 lambs to complete our supply for the festival. Our festival is six weeks away, please won't you help? Donation for a full lamb is \$100, half a lamb is \$60. We would like to thank the

following people and organizations for their support.

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| Andros, Nick & Mary - 1 | Koulianos, Theo & Sharon - 1 |
| Bikos & Assoc. CPA, PC - 3 | Kyres, Andrew - 1 |
| Campbell, Andrew & Rose - 1 | Liapes, Loucas & Feme - 1 |
| Chion Society - 1 | Logothetis, Bill, May, & Greg - 3 |
| Coady, Terry & Alexis - 1 | Makarounas, Irene - 1 |
| Cominos, Nicholas - 2 | Massow, JoAnn - 2 |
| Cooper, Dawn - 2 | Murdakes, Peter & Victoria - 1 |
| Cortina, Helen - 1 | Order of AHEPA #78 - 5 |
| Coveris, Dean & Shawn - 1 | Panagiotides, Bill - 1 |
| Crystal, Katherine - 1 | Pappas, Tom & Marilyn - 1 |
| Daughters of Penelope - 1 | Philoptochos Society - 3 |
| Delowel, James & Kaliope - 1 | PJ's Grill - 2 |
| Demakas, John & Dr. Meg - 2 | Ploutis, Elias & Bessie - 5 |
| Detroit Painting - 15 | Polimus, Mark & Kristine - 1 |
| Dranger, Mark & Paula - 5 | Poteris, Fr. Ted & Pres. Tulla - 2 |
| Droza, Nicki - 2 | Proimos Family - 100 |
| Gianikos, Nick & Maureen - 1 | Sacopulos, Eugenia - 1 |
| GOYA - 1 | Senior Citizens - 1 |
| Greek Macedonian Society - 1 | Smith, Danise Vossos - 1 |
| Karateglidis, D. & Papamihalakis, S. - 1 | Spiridis, Dino & Rebecca - 1 |
| Kavadas, Anastasia - ½ | The Pangere Corporation - 15 |
| Kavadas, Pete - 2 | Theodoros, William - 5 |
| Kolozenski, Mark - 6 | Turpa, Paul & Catherine - 1 |
| Kravas-Vallas, Helen - 2 | VanCleef, Suzanne - 1 |
| Kouimanis, George & Calli - 4 | Vegenas, Mr. & Mrs. James - 1 |



FESTIVAL BAKERY NEWS: We need a variety of baked goods, Greek and non-Greek. If you can bake something, please do so. If you can't bake, a monetary donation may be made, which will assist us in purchasing ingredients and items for our Bake Shop. The baking schedule June and July is as follows:

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| June 12 th , Tuesday | 8 a.m. | Karidopita |
| June 14 th , Thursday | 8 a.m. | Kolachky |
| June 19 th , Tuesday | 8 a.m. | Finikia |
| June 21 st , Thursday | 8 a.m. | Almond Cookies |
| June 26 th , Tuesday | 8 a.m. | Koulouria |
| June 28 th , Thursday | 8 a.m. | Diples |
| July 2 nd , Monday | 8 a.m. | Kourambietes |
| July 5 th , Thursday | 8 a.m. | ? |
| July 9 th , Monday | 8 a.m. | Baklava |
| July 12 th , Thursday | 8 a.m. | Cutting Pastries |

OUR CATHEDRAL GREEK FEST will be held on the weekend of July 13th-15th. Preparations are underway for a great weekend.

Once again, we will be seeking donations for bakery, dairy, meat, seafood, produce and other various items. We especially need donors for the 400 lambs that we need for this year's Festival. If you can donate a lamb or two (\$100-whole, \$60-half) or be of assistance in donating towards the other items, please see Fr. Ted, John Petalas Parish Council President or by contacting the church office. Your assistance will help ensure a successful festival. Our goal for this year's festival is to raise at least \$100,000 profit. We can do it if everyone pitches in.

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to all members of our Cathedral. If you have not received your raffle tickets or need more, contact the church office. It may seem a little early, but the Festival Committee wants to have a successful year in raffle sales. This year we will be giving out \$20,000 in prizes. Tickets are still only \$25 each. This year there are six "Early Bird" drawings. The next drawing will be on Sunday, June 17th – Father's Day and the third on Sunday, July 1st. We urge everyone to make every effort to sell your tickets. It is through the raffle that the Festival makes most of its money. Remember, you could win \$500 in June and July and \$10,000 as well!

Anyone interested in working the two outside bars at this year's Grecian Festival please stop by the church office and pick up an application no later than June 20th.

GREEK FEST RAFFLE UPDATE: Congratulations to our first Early Bird Drawing winners, they are: Deena Lawley Dixon, ticket #522 and Peter Kouros, ticket #1122. If you haven't turned in your tickets and money, do so soon. The next drawing will be Father's Day, Sunday, June 17th. You could be the next lucky winner!!!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VENDORS for the Greek Feast. Spaces available inside and outside, for information contact Vicki Dovellos at 219-670-9700 or vicki@royalbrush.com

VOLUNTEERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED to help set up for the Festival, work it, and clean up after it. Please volunteer your time and talent. Our regular core labor force has shrunk over the years due to illness and death, as well as work and vacation schedules. We need more people to step forward, especially our young adults between the ages of 18-35. Areas that need assistance during the Festival are: the Taverna, Kitchen, Bakery, supply and demand, and clean up. Please contact the church office to offer your assistance. For more details, see Festival Chairmen Bill Batalis, Nick Kavadas or Peter Kavadas.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Every man gives his life for what he believes. Every woman gives her life for what she believes. Sometimes people believe in little or nothing, nevertheless they give up their lives to that little of nothing. One life is all we have, and we live it as we believe in living it, and then it's gone. But to surrender what you are, and live without belief – that's more terrible than dying – more terrible than dying young.

A SALUTE TO GRADUATES: Graduate Sunday stands alone. It is a special day for the parents and parishioners as an opportunity to express our congratulations to all Graduates. Graduation for us is not a time of completion, but an opportunity to prepare for the next level of life. We wish each and every one of you Graduates to continue on the road to success. Love God, increase your faith through frequent participation in the worship and Sacraments, and learn from all mistakes. Embrace each day as a blessing from God and remember to thank Him.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, Graduates are invited to approach the holy altar to receive an acknowledgement from the Parish. May the blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with them always. CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS OF 2018 – HIGH SCHOOL

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| Michael Bikos | Lake Central High School |
| Emily Bogordos | Crown Point High School |
| Emily Campbell | Crown Point High School |
| Maria Kostides | Crown Point High School |
| Christina Koulianos | Crown Point High School |
| Samuel Kymakis | Crown Point High School |
| Kaliopi Mojica | Crown Point High School |
| Andrew Spores | Valparaiso High School |
| Demetra Spores | Valparaiso High School |

CLASS OF 2018 – COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY OR POST-GRADUATE

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| DeAnna Kostides | Valparaiso University |
| Alexandra Pratl | Bay Path University |
| Skevo Zembillas | Indiana University |

THE SNEEZE: They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two filing into the already crowded auditorium with rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would not pray during commencement-not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it. The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice, but they were routine...until the final speech received a standing ovation.

A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then it happened. All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!!!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, “GOD BLESS YOU, each and every one of you!” And he walked off stage.

The audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God’s blessing on their future with or without court’s approval.

**GOD BLESS YOU – THE CLASS OF 2018
AND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US!!!**



GRADUATE BRUNCH: Following worship today, everyone is invited to attend the brunch offered in memory of Panagiotis Proimos honoring the academic accomplishments of our graduates.