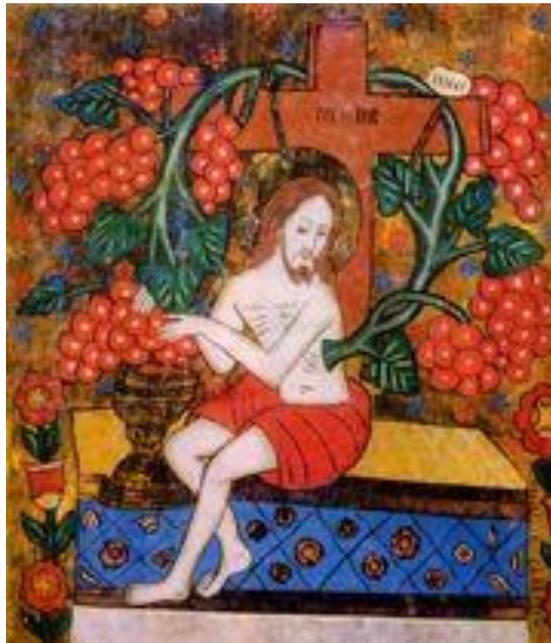


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**September 6, 2020
Christ is in our Midst!
He was, is and always shall be!**



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Today's Schedule: Orthros 8:15 a.m. **September 6, 2020**
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Memorials: Dorothea Ktena (3 month), Athanasios (Tom) Gerodimos (1 year), Angela Markos (1 year), Efimia Piniat (2 year), Stavroula Karkalis (8 year).

Shrine Flowers: Donated to the greater glory of God in loving memory of Athanasios (Tom) Gerodimos by his loving sister Giota Englis.

Altar Flowers: Donated to the greater glory of God in loving memory of Sophia Gallis by her loving daughter Helen Gallis-Stevens.

Altar Candles: Donated to the greater glory of God in loving memory of Vasilia Savramis by the Hopkins Family.

Communion Wine: Donated to the greater glory of God in loving memory of Efimia Piniat by her loving family.

Services: **Tuesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Theotokos**
Orthros 8:30 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.
Friday, September 11 - Trisagion for 9/11 Victims
Trisagion Prayer 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, September 13
Orthros 8:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Facilities Closed On Labor Day

A reminder that the facilities will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7th in celebration of Labor Day. Enjoy the holiday.

Saints for the Week

Sunday, September 6 - The Commemoration of the Miracle Wrought by Archangel Michael in Colossae (Chonae), Holy Martyr Calodote

Monday, September 7 - The Forefeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos, Sozon the Martyr

Tuesday, September 8 - The Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary, Sophronios, Bishop of Iberia

Wednesday, September 9 - The Holy & Righteous Ancestors of God, Joachim & Anna, Severian the Martyr of Sebastia, Theophanes the Confessor

Thursday, September 10 - Menodora, Metrodora & Nymphodora the Martyrs, Poulcheria the Empress, Afterfeast of the Nativity of the Theotokos

Friday, September 11 - Theodora of Alexandria, Euphrosynos the Cook, Demetrios & Evanthea the Martyrs & their son Demetrianos

Saturday, September 12 - Saturday before Holy Cross, Apodosis of the Nativity of Our Most Holy Lady the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Martry, Autonomos the Martyr

Απολυτίκιον Αναστάσιμον. Ήχος δ'.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριάι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκόλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Αρχαγγέλου. Ήχος δ'· Ο ὑψωθείς ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ
Τῶν οὐρανίων στρατιῶν Ἀρχιστράτηγε, δυσωποῦμέν σε αἰεὶ ἡμεῖς οἱ ἀνάξιοι, ἵνα ταῖς σαῖς δεήσεσι τειχίσῃς ἡμᾶς, σκέπῃ τῶν πτερύγων, τῆς αὔλου σου δόξης, φρουρῶν ἡμᾶς προσπίπτοντας, ἐκτενῶς καὶ βοῶντας· Ἐκ τῶν κινδύνων λύτρωσαι ἡμᾶς, ὡς ταξιάρχης τῶν ἄνω Δυνάμεων.

Κοντάκιον Μνημόσυνον

Μνήσθητι Κύριε, ὡς ἀγαθὸς τῶν δούλων σου, καὶ ὅσα ἐν βίῳ ἤμαρτον συγχώρησον· οὐδεὶς γὰρ ἀναμάρτητος, εἰ μὴ Σὺ ὁ δυνάμενος, καὶ τοῖς μεταστᾶσι δοῦναι τὴν ἀνάπαυσιν.

Απολυτίκιον τοῦ Ἀποστόλου Παύλου

Ἐθνῶν σε κήρυκα καὶ φωστήρα τρισμέγιστον, Ἀθηναίων διδάσκαλον, Οἰκουμένης ἀγλαΐσμα, εὐφροσύνως γεραίρομεν· τοὺς ἀγῶνας τιμῶμεν καὶ τὰς βασάνους διὰ Χριστὸν τὸ σεπτὸν σου μαρτύριον. Ἄγιε Παῦλε Ἀπόστολε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Κοντάκιον. Ήχος δ'.

Ἰωακείμ καὶ Ἄννα ὀνειδισμοῦ ἀτεκνίας, καὶ Ἀδὰμ καὶ Εὐά, ἐκ τῆς φθορᾶς τοῦ θανάτου, ἠλευθερώθησαν, Ἄχραντε, ἐν τῇ ἀγία γεννήσει σου· αὐτὴν ἐορτάζει καὶ ὁ λαὸς σου, ἐνοχῆς τῶν πταισμάτων, λυτρωθεὶς ἐν τῷ κράζειν σοι· Ἡ στείρα τίκτει τὴν Θεοτόκον, καὶ τροφὸν τῆς ζωῆς ἡμῶν.

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode 4.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world

For the Archangel. Mode 4. You who were lifted.

O Chief Commander of the heavenly armies, * we the unworthy now entreat you in earnest, * to fortify us by your supplications to the Lord, * and shelter us beneath the wings of your spiritual glory, * guarding us who run to you and fervently entreat you: * As the Commander of the hosts on high, * rescue us faithful from dangers of every kind.

Kontakion For the Departed

Remember, O Lord as You are good, Your Servants and forgive whatever sin they have committed in life, for no one is without sin but You the mighty One; and grant rest to those who have been removed from among us.

Apolytikion of the Apostle Paul

We joyfully praise you, the Herald of the Nations, thrice great illuminary, teacher of the Athenians and ornament of the world. We honor the struggles, tortures for Christ and your august martyrdom. O Holy Apostle Paul, intercede to Christ God to save our souls.

Kontakion. Mode 4.

Both Joachim and Anna from their sterility's stigma, and Adam and Eve from their mortality's ruin have been set free, O immaculate Maid, by your holy nativity. For this do your people hold celebration, redeemed from the guilt of transgression as they cry to you, "The barren one bears the Theotokos, the nourisher of our Life."

GALA SWEEPSTAKES UPDATE

New date for the Gala Sweepstakes main drawing is Sunday November 8th. Early Bird drawings for a chance to win \$1,000 will be held on Sunday October 18th, Sunday October 25th and Sunday November 1st. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Parish Council member, via church website (stpaulhempstead.org) or from the Cathedral office.

Προκείμενον. Ύμνος δ' ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 103,24,1

Ὡς ἐμεγαλύνθη τὰ ἔργα σου Κύριε, πάντα ἐν σοφίᾳ ἐποίησας.
Στίχ. Εὐλόγει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 16:13-24 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, γρηγορεῖτε, στήκετε ἐν τῇ πίστει, ἀνδρίζεσθε, κραταιοῦσθε. Πάντα ὑμῶν ἐν ἀγάπῃ γινέσθω. Παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑμᾶς, ἀδελφοί - οἴδατε τὴν οἰκίαν Στεφανᾶ, ὅτι ἐστὶν ἀπαρχὴ τῆς Ἀχαΐας, καὶ εἰς διακονίαν τοῖς ἁγίοις ἔταξαν ἑαυτοὺς - ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς ὑποτάσσησθε τοῖς τοιούτοις, καὶ παντὶ τῷ συνεργοῦντι καὶ κοπιῶντι. Χαίρω δὲ ἐπὶ τῇ παρουσίᾳ Στεφανᾶ καὶ Φουρτουνάτου καὶ Ἀχαϊκοῦ, ὅτι τὸ ὑμῶν ὑστέρημα οὗτοι ἀνεπλήρωσαν. Ἀνέπασαν γὰρ τὸ ἔμον πνεῦμα καὶ τὸ ὑμῶν· ἐπιγινώσκετε οὖν τοὺς τοιούτους. Ἀσπάζονται ὑμᾶς αἱ ἐκκλησίαι τῆς Ἀσίας· ἀσπάζονται ὑμᾶς ἐν κυρίῳ πολλὰ Ἀκύλας καὶ Πρίσκιλλα, σὺν τῇ κατ' οἶκον αὐτῶν ἐκκλησίᾳ. Ἀσπάζονται ὑμᾶς οἱ ἀδελφοὶ πάντες. Ἀσπάσασθε ἀλλήλους ἐν φιλήματι ἁγίῳ. Ὁ ἀσπασμὸς τῆ ἐμῆ χειρὶ Παύλου. Εἴ τις οὐ φιλεῖ τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, ἦτω ἀνάθεμα. Μαρὰν ἀθά. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ ὑμῶν. Ἡ ἀγάπη μου μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Ἀμήν.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 21:33-42 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἄλλην παραβολὴν ἀκούσατε. ἄνθρωπός τις ἦν οἰκοδεσπότης, ὅστις ἐφύτευσεν ἀμπελῶνα καὶ φραγμὸν αὐτῷ περιέθηκε καὶ ὠρυξεν ἐν αὐτῷ ληνὸν καὶ ἠκοδόμησε πύργον, καὶ ἐξέδοτο αὐτὸν γεωργοῖς καὶ ἀπεδήμησεν. ὅτε δὲ ἤγγισεν ὁ καιρὸς τῶν καρπῶν, ἀπέστειλε τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ πρὸς τοὺς γεωργοὺς λαβεῖν τοὺς καρποὺς αὐτοῦ. καὶ λαβόντες οἱ γεωργοὶ τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ ὃν μὲν ἔδειραν, ὃν δὲ ἀπέκτειναν, ὃν δὲ ἐλιθοβόλησαν. πάλιν ἀπέστειλεν ἄλλους δούλους πλείονας τῶν πρώτων, καὶ ἐποίησαν αὐτοῖς ὡσαύτως. ὕστερον δὲ ἀπέστειλε πρὸς αὐτοὺς τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ λέγων· ἐντραπήσονταί τὸν υἱὸν μου. οἱ δὲ γεωργοὶ ἰδόντες τὸν υἱὸν εἶπον ἐν ἑαυτοῖς· οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ κληρονόμος· δεῦτε ἀποκτείνωμεν αὐτὸν καὶ κατάσχωμεν τὴν κληρονομίαν αὐτοῦ. καὶ λαβόντες αὐτὸν ἐξέβαλον ἔξω τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος, καὶ ἀπέκτειναν. ὅταν οὖν ἔλθῃ ὁ κύριος τοῦ ἀμπελῶνος, τί ποιήσει τοῖς γεωργοῖς ἐκείνοις; λέγουσιν αὐτῷ· κακοὺς κακῶς ἀπολέσει αὐτούς, καὶ τὸν ἀμπελῶνα ἐκδώσεται ἄλλοις γεωργοῖς, οἵτινες ἀποδώσουσιν αὐτῷ τοὺς καρποὺς ἐν τοῖς καιροῖς αὐτῶν. λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς· οὐδέποτε ἀνέγνωτε ἐν ταῖς γραφαῖς, λίθον ὃν ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομοῦντες, οὗτος ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλὴν γωνίας· παρὰ Κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη, καὶ ἔστι θαυμαστὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν;

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. Psalm 103.24,1

O Lord, how manifold are your works. You have made all things in wisdom.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The Gospel According to Matthew 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

2020 National Philoptochos Biennial Virtual Convention

The National Philoptochos Biennial Convention was held on August 21-22 via Zoom. Kathy Boulukos and Carol Kerler represented St. Anna's Philoptochos among 535 delegates. A diverse agenda included reports on disbursements to charities and philanthropic initiatives. A motion to donate \$25,000 for fire victims in the San Francisco area was passed unanimously. The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society will celebrate their 90th anniversary next year. Philoptochos means "friend of the poor." We are always looking for new members. **Please join us!** Contact St. Anna's Philoptochos President Kelly Haass at 516 410-8402.

The Children's Word *Our Christian Friends*

How did you meet your friends? Do you have friends from school and sports and from camp? Do you have friends from church and from your neighborhood? Our friends are special to us because we have something in common with them. We take care of each other.

In today's epistle reading, Saint Paul writes about his friends too. He writes to the Christians in Corinth, "I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours...Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings"

Saint Paul had a hard job to do. He traveled all over, telling people the good news of Jesus Christ. It was hard, because sometimes people didn't want to hear him, and they hurt him and made fun of him. It was tiring work too! But Saint Paul knew it was the job God wanted him to do. Saint Paul writes about how his friends made things easier for him. "They refreshed my spirit." His friends lifted him up when things were hard.

It's good for all of us to have Christian friends. Why? Because things might be hard for us sometimes as Christians. It is good to have good Christian friends who love God *and* who love us! We can say, like Saint Paul did, "They refreshed my spirit." Even Saint Paul needed these kinds of strong and faithful friends, and he was one strong person, too!

Coronavirus Prayer for God's Intervention and Protection

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, the Source of life and Fountain of all good things, We come before you asking your mercy on us to halt the spread of the coronavirus.

We pray for those already infected with coronavirus that they may receive prompt, effective and compassionate medical care that will restore them to health.

We pray your protection and grace for all medical professionals who are courageously treating those infected with coronavirus. May they be shielded, strengthened and guided as they administer healing treatments and care.

We pray your protection over those most vulnerable to disease, for our babies, our children, our elders, our poor, disabled and those weakened by other health conditions.

We pray for those under quarantine that they might be comforted by your presence and protected from disease, anxiety and fear. We pray for our public healthcare leaders and government agencies that they might be informed and well prepared as they deal with the coronavirus. Grant them the resources and manpower they need to use their wisdom in the best interest of public health.

We pray for the researchers who are tracking the course of the coronavirus. May they uncover patterns that will help us understand how to stay healthy.

We pray for those searching for treatments, cures and vaccines. May you guide them, reveal new ideas and accelerate their discoveries to fight this disease.

We pray for the communities, areas and countries hardest hit by coronavirus. Restore their sense of wellbeing and community. Sustain them, comfort them and give them hope.

We pray for all whose lives are disrupted by the coronavirus. We pray for families who have been separated and for those whose livelihoods have been jeopardized. We look to you, Oh God, praying that the spread of the coronavirus will be halted and that many lives might be spared.

We pray that through this crisis you may draw us closer to you, grow our compassion and increase our knowledge.

Thank you that you are the Great Physician who not only heals us but who is a very present help in our time of need as the Bible tells us that you "Took up all our infirmities and carried our diseases." (Matthew 8 :17 NIV)

O Lord, and we give thanks to You, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and unto ages of ages. Amen

Stewardship 2020

Our Stewardship commitment is a pledge to be faithful to both Holy Scripture and Holy Tradition. Stewardship is how we pass the gift of faith in Jesus Christ to the next generation. As a Steward we give our love, loyalty and trust and act on those beliefs. During these very difficult and trying times we want to thank you for your continued support of the Cathedral of St. Paul. As of August 31st, 564 families have pledged \$433,330 towards our goal of 100 percent stewardship. **We are the Church, Be a Steward today!**

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