



Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church
THE WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN

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Κυριακή 3η Νοεμβρίου 2019

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ε΄ ΛΟΥΚΑ

Αποσ: Προς Γαλατας 1:11-19

Ευαγγ: Λουκα 16: 19-31

5th Sunday of Luke

Today's Readings

Epistle: Galatians 1:11-19

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

IS THERE A LAZARUS IN OUR LIFE?

The story of the Rich Man and Lazarus that we read about in today's Gospel lesson, has the potential to create a revolution in all of our lives. Here we see the rich man, a man endowed with all the benefits of culture and wealth, and in the same scene we are presented with Lazarus, a poor man, lacking in every way, evident to us of his need of medical treatment for his disease and pain.

The reading begins with a picture of how the rich man and Lazarus lived on earth. The rich man lived a life of luxury and feasted every day. In a startling contrast, just outside the rich man's palace on the doorstep was a lowly beggar and no one paid any attention to him. He was hungry. He was sick. His body was covered with ugly scabs and sores.

Upon the death of the two men, we read that Lazarus "was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom" while for the rich man things were different. We conclude that he was allowed to live longer than Lazarus, which is another way of saying that God, in his mercy, allowed him to live longer that he might have more time to repent.

Concluding the passage, we read that in death, the rich man and Lazarus are not asleep or unaware of what is going on about them. They are conscious. In fact, we learn that death does not destroy identity. Lazarus was still Lazarus and the rich man was still the rich man. The rich man remembered Lazarus. He remembered his brothers. Finally, death cannot destroy destiny. On earth, it is evident that the rich man and Lazarus traveled different roads. They made different choices. They lived in different worlds. These same worlds continued on into eternity. They are the two worlds of heaven and hell.

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The parable tells us that the rich man woke up in hell, and Lazarus, the poor man, in the Kingdom of Heaven. Why did the rich man end up in hell? What did he do to deserve such a fate? The answer is that he did "nothing." He never did anything for Lazarus. He was never punished or harmed by the Rich Man. He never kicked him as he passed by. He never drove him away from his doorstep. He just ignored him. He accepted Lazarus as part of the inevitable landscape of life. Lazarus was right there at the rich man's doorstep every day, but the rich man never noticed him. He was aware of only one person: himself. This was his sin.

Today, our lesson is that we all have a "Lazarus" in our lives, we all have something or someone that we are neglecting and this is the one thing that is standing in our way of our desired eternal destination. We must look at our lives to see where our neglected Lazarus lies. God has placed this "Lazarus" there on our doorstep to help all of us reach the Kingdom of Heaven!

LAST CHANCE to Submit Information for Young Adults in College

In our ongoing mission to keep in touch and continue building a relationship with our Young Adults, we are asking for some information. If you have a child in college, please let us know the school they are attending, their school mailing address and email address. If your son or daughter may be commuting or staying local, please let us know this as well. Please email Fr. Chris at cpavro@aol.com or contact the main office at (708) 974-3400 with the information.



Sunday, November 17th

Parish General Assembly Meeting

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy

DOES YOUR COMPANY OFFER MATCHING GIFTS?

Many companies offer matching gifts to their employee's donations, if your business does, please contact Fr. Tom for more information or to prepare any paperwork that is required.

2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Let us all do our Best for Our Church...

The needs of our Parish are many!
Please make your commitment now
to our Stewardship 2019 Campaign.

**You may do so in person,
by mail or online at:
www.stconstantinehelen.org**

Please call the Church Office at
(708) 974-3400
With any address, phone number
Or e-mail changes
so that we can keep you informed of
Church Services and other events.



ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ Ε' ΛΟΥΚΑ

(Λουκά κεφ. 1στ' στίχοι 19-31)

Ο πλούσιος και ο φτωχός Λάζαρος

Η Εκκλησία μας χρησιμοποιεί τη σημερινή παραβολή για να μας διδάξει, πως ερχεται μια ώρα και τα πράγματα αλλάζουν σε τούτη τη ζωή. Ο φτωχός Λάζαρος για να έχει αγάπη στην καρδιά του

και υπομονή στη φτώχεια του πήγε στην αγκαλιά του Πατριάρχη Αβραάμ, δηλαδή στον Παράδεισο. Αντίθετα ο πλούσιος δεν είχε μέσα του διόλου αγάπη και συμπόνια για τους άλλους ανθρώπους. Γι' αυτό και βασανίζεται στον Άδη, δηλαδή στην Κόλαση.

Ο πλούσιος άνθρωπος της παραβολής ζούσε με πολυτέλεια και απολάμβανε όλες τις υλικές χαρές της ζωής. Τους άλλους ανθρώπους τους χρησιμοποιούσε μόνο για υπηρέτες του. Ποτέ δεν είχε ενδιαφερθεί για τους φτωχούς και τους πεινασμένους, για τις χήρες και τα ορφανά. Νόμιζε πως τα πλούτη του ήταν μόνο για τον εαυτό του. Έτσι ο εγωισμός τον έκανε να μην πιστεύει ούτε στο Θεό ούτε στην αγάπη.

Από την άλλη μεριά ο Λάζαρος δεν ήταν μόνο φτωχός, αλλά και άρρωστος. Η πείνα του έφερνε τρομερή εξάντληση. Το σώμα του ήταν γεμάτο πληγές και το έσερνε καταγής για να το χορτάσει με τα ψίχουλα, που έπεφταν από το τραπέζι του πλούσιου. Ο Λάζαρος όμως πίστευε στο Θεό και ζητούσε τη βοήθεια του. Ο θάνατος για το Λάζαρο ήταν πραγματική λύτρωση. Δεν απαλλάχτηκε μόνο από τα βάσανα, αλλά κέρδισε και τον Παράδεισο. Ο Θεός έστειλε τους αγγέλους και τον μετέφεραν στις αγκάλες του Πατριάρχη Αβραάμ. Ο θάνατος όμως για τον πλούσιο ήταν αληθινή συμφορά. Άφησε εδώ όλα τα πλούτη του /ία να πάει σ' έναν άλλο κόσμο. Ποτέ όμως δεν είχε πιστέψει την αιώνια ζωή, ώστε να ετοιμάσει τον εαυτό του με τα έργα της πίστεως και της αγάπης. Καταδικάστηκε στη δυστυχία και τα βάσανα της κολάσεως, γιατί ήταν άσπλαχνος και κακόκαρδος άνθρωπος.

Ο καθένας μας πρέπει να προσέξει πολύ τις αλήθειες, που μας παρουσιάζει η σημερινή παραβολή. Όταν ο άνθρωπος πιστεύει στα χρήματα και όχι στο Θεό, γίνεται εγωιστής, άσπλαχνος και σκληρός στους συνανθρώπους του. Το αποτέλεσμα είναι πως χωρίζεται από το Θεό και χάνει τη Βασιλεία των Ουρανών. Όταν όμως ο άνθρωπος πιστεύει στο Ευαγγέλιο, έχει μέσα του αγάπη στο Θεό και στους ανθρώπους. Φροντίζει για τους φτωχούς και τους πεινασμένους. Επισκέπτεται τους αρρώστους και τους πονεμένους. Έτσι οδηγεί τον εαυτό του κοντά στο Θεό, όπως ακριβώς έγινε με το φτωχό Λάζαρο της παραβολής μας.

Πηγή: <http://paroutsas.jmc.gr>

Πέμπτη 7η Νοεμβρίου

Ώρα 7:00 π.μ. Έσπερινός εις τόν εροτάζοντα ναό Των Ταξιαρχων / Αγίου Χαραλάμπους, Niles

Παρασκευή 8η Νοεμβρίου

Σύναξης των Παμμεγίστων Ταξιαρχών Μιχαήλ και Γαβριήλ

Ώρα 8:00 π.μ. Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία

Ώρα 7:00 μ.μ. - Μεγας Έσπερινός εις τόν εορταζοντα Ίερόν Ναόν του Αγίου Νεκταρίου, Palatine

Σάββατο 9η Νοεμβρίου

Τού Αγίου Νεκταρίου - Ώρα 8:00 π.μ. Ορθρος και Θεία Λειτουργία

Κυριακή 10η Νοεμβρίου - Κυριακή Η' Λουκα

Ώρα 8:30 - 11:15 π.μ. - Ώρα 8:00 π.μ. - Ώρα 8:00 π.μ. Ορθρος καί Θεία Λειτουργία

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Today: G.O.A.L. Basketball

Home vs St. Andrews / St. George

1:45 p.m. 3rd/4th Grades

2:30 p.m. 5th / 6th Grades

3:30 p.m. 7th / 8th Grades

4:30 p.m. Girls Division

5:30 p.m. High School Boys

Monday, November 4:

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. G.O.Y.A.

Tuesday, November 5:

10:30 a.m. Paraclesis Service followed by a
Philoxenia Luncheon - Assumption Church (Homer Glen)

6:30-8:00 p.m. G.O.A.L. 3rd/4th; 5th/6th; 7th/8th
Grade Basketball Practices

8:00-9:30 p.m. G.O.A.L. High School Boys
Basketball Practice

Wednesday, November 6:

6:30-8:00 p.m. G.O.A.L. Girls Basketball Practice

8:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Friday, November 8: *Feastday of the Archangels*

8:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

5:30-6:30 p.m. JOY Basketball Rookies Camp

6:45-9:45 p.m. JOY Basketball

Saturday, November 9: *Feastday of St. Nektarios*

8:00 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 10: *8th Sunday of Luke*

8:30-11:15 a.m. Orthros and Divine Liturgy

ARTOCLASIA & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Today's Artoclasia was offered for the health and well-being of the President, Officers and Members of our St. Helen Women's Philoptochos. Please join them for Coffee Fellowship, after the Divine Liturgy.

ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Invites you to

Philoxenia Luncheon

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Paraclesis service will begin at 10:30 am.

With luncheon following immediately after

For Reservations call (708) 645-0652

† MEMORIALS †

6 Months Vasiliki Gofis

18 Years Christ Gofis

10 Years Georgia Les

57 Years Dimitra Les

†May their memory be eternal†

† FUNERAL †

The funeral of **Vivian C. Paris** was held on *Monday, October 28th*. † May her memory be eternal †

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following into the Orthodox Faith and we pray that God grant them many, many years!

Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Chloe, daughter of

Jon and Christina Christensen

Sponsors: Sofia Gleason and Jamie Holler

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Alexander, son of

Peter and Katina Kaftantzis

Sponsor: Angie Bithos

WEDDINGS

We congratulate the following who have joined their lives together and we pray that God grant them many years of Christian happiness and love!

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

Telly Visvardis and Diana Burns

Sponsor: Demitrios Andrikopoulos

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Aggeliki Kontodiakos and John Shewmake

Sponsors: Nikola and Nomiki Pantelis



See you...

...Next Sunday