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PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD



FEBRUARY 2, 2014

WINTER HOURS

Orthros - Greek 8:00 a.m.

1st Divine Liturgy - English 9:00am

*2nd Divine Liturgy - Greek & English
10:30am*

Office Hours 9 am - 5 pm

ΧΕΙΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΩΡΕΣ

᾽Ορθρος - Ελληνικά 8:00 π.μ.

1^η Θεία Λειτουργία-Αγγλικά 9:00π.μ.

2^η Θεία Λειτουργία

Ελληνικά και Αγγλικά 10:30 π.μ.

᾽Ωρες γραφείου 9 π.μ. - 5 μ.μ.

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER

MONASTERY TRIP

FEBRUARY 3—FEBRUARY 6

ST VAL'S MEN'S CLUB

38TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 28, 2014

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Vigil St. Photios

Wednesday, February 5th

Vespers 9:00 pm

Orthros & Divine Liturgy

Will follow

St. Haralambos

Monday, February 10th

8:00 a.m. Orthros

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

ΚΑΘΗΜΕΡΙΝΕΣ ΙΕΡΕΣ ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΕΣ

Αγρυπνία Άγιος Φώτιος

Τετάρτη, 5^η Φεβρουαρίου

Εσπερινός 9:00 μ.μ.

᾽Ορθρος & Θεία Λειτουργία
θα ακολουθήση

Άγιος Χαράλαμπος

Δευτέρα, 10^η Φεβρουαρίου

8:00 π.μ. ᾽Ορθρος

9:00 π.μ. Θεία Λειτουργία

Apolytikion

By Your Cross, O Christ our God, You destroyed death. You opened paradise to the thief. You transformed the lament of the Myrrh-bearing women, and You commanded the Apostles to proclaim You are risen, granting the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion

Virgin Theotokos full of Grace, for Christ our God, the Sun of Righteousness, has dawned from you, granting light to those in darkness. And you, O Righteous Elder, rejoice, taking in your arms, the Deliverance of our souls, who grants us Resurrection.

Apolytikion for St. Vasilios

Your message was carried throughout the world. As it received your mighty word, By which you divinely made manifest And clarified the nature of existing things You set in order the customs of men, You who are royal priesthood! Holy Father, intercede with Christ our God To grant us His great mercy.

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.

Απολυτίκιον

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀροστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐρέταξας, ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Απολυτίκιον

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε, ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ Ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενος ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Απολυτίκιον του Αγίου Βασιλείου

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου Δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας Τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας Τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας Βασίλειον ιεράτευμα. Πάτερ ὅσιε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Κοντάκιον

Ὁ μήτραν παρθεϊκὴν ἀγίαςας τῷ τῷ κῶ σου, καὶ χεῖρας του Συμεῶν ευλόγησας ὡς ἐπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νυν ἐσωσας ἡμᾶς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἀλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον βασιλεῖς οὐς ἠγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόνητος.

PTA COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for coffee hour today immediately following the first Divine Liturgy in the Educational Center.

All Saint Stephen's volunteers are invited

All Saint Stephen's volunteers are invited to a luncheon meeting on Monday February 10th at 11:00 am. It has been awhile since we all got together and took an inventory of where we are with our ministry. Our visitations is a very important link between our Parish community and our brethren and since their situation changes very often we should do our best to keep informed. Please RSVP by Friday February 7th.

We also welcome new members to our group of volunteers. Please get in touch with Deacon Michael at 781 334 4043 to sign up. God Bless you all.

2014 YOCAMA Service Team Meeting

The YOCAMA Team will meet on Sunday following the first liturgy during coffee hour in the Board Room. Anyone interested in joining this year's trips or supporting this mission is welcome to attend. We will review trip dates and details, and plan fundraising activities. Registration forms and fees (\$100) are now due. The forms and information sheets will be available at the meeting.

2014 Saint Vasilios Endowment Fund Notice of Endowment Fund Grant Opportunity

In accordance with the Investment Policy governing the Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Endowment Fund, the Investment Committee has determined that a grant opportunity is available for disbursement to organizations and/or individuals of the Saint Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church Community by submitting in writing. Additional information is available at the church office. **Please contact with any questions.**

Jason A. Panos,
Co-Treasurer
Saint Vasilios Parish Council
617-319-0774

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Nina, Eva, Eleni, Pat, Charles, Serena, James, James, Diane, Harriet. If you wish to add or remove a name from the list, please call the Church Office.

CEMETERY VISITS: Due to the number of sacraments, 40 day blessings and memorials on Sundays it is difficult to make cemetery visits on Sundays after liturgy. **If you would like a Trisagion at the graveside during the week you are kindly asked to make an appointment by calling the church office.**

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Everyone is welcome in the Orthodox Church and may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Sadly, the divisions in the church prompt us all to work towards reunited Christianity. The culmination of this reunion will be the ability of all Christians to receive the Eucharist together. Until that blessed day arrives, only Orthodox Christians who are in good sacramental order are permitted to receive Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church. If you have any questions or concerns please speak with Father Chris.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Salem Hospital is making a change in order to be in compliance with new privacy laws. This change will mean that we will **no** longer receive the list of Orthodox patients in the hospital. So, if you or a loved one will be in the hospital please call the church office so that we can pay you a pastoral visit. This change will also affect Beverly Hospital as well. Also, families of people in nursing home please call the church office so that their names will be included on the list of residents.

LITURGY LIGHTS

James Maravelias in memory of wife Dora Maravelias.

Carrie Speros in memory of father & husband.

VIGIL LIGHTS

James Maravelias in memory of wife Dora Maravelias.

Carrie Speros in memory of father & husband.

ARTOKLASIA

An Artoklasia will be offered at the end of the First Divine Liturgy, today in honor of the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord by Rebecca Couris.

An Artoklasia will also be offered at the end of the First Divine Liturgy, today in honor of the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord by Mr. & Mrs. John Christofou.

Prokeimenon. Mode 3. Luke 1: 46-48

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Verse: For he has regarded the humility of his servant.

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17

BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Προκείμενον. Ήχος γ. Λουκάν 1:46-48

Μεγαλύνει ἡ ψυχὴ μου τὸν Κύριον, καὶ ἠγαλλίασε τὸ πνεῦμά μου ἐπὶ τῷ Θεῷ τῷ σωτήρι μου. Στίχ. Ὅτι ἐπέβλεψεν ἐπὶ τὴν ταπείνωσιν τῆς δούλης αὐτοῦ.

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 7:7-17

Ἀδελφοί, χωρὶς δὲ πάσης ἀντιλογίας, τὸ ἕλαττον ὑπὸ τοῦ κρείττονος εὐλογεῖται. Καὶ ὧδε μὲν δεκάτας ἀποθνήσκοντες ἄνθρωποι λαμβάνουσιν· ἐκεῖ δὲ, μαρτυρούμενος ὅτι ζῆ. Καί, ὡς ἔπος εἰπεῖν, διὰ Ἀβραάμ καὶ Λευὶ ὁ δεκάτας λαμβάνων δεδεκάτωται· ἔτι γὰρ ἐν τῇ ὁσφύϊ τοῦ πατρὸς ἦν, ὅτε συνήνησεν αὐτῷ ὁ Μελχισεδέκ. Εἰ μὲν οὖν τελείωσις διὰ τῆς Λευϊτικῆς ἱερωσύνης ἦν - ὁ λαὸς γὰρ ἐπὶ αὐτῇ νενομοθέτητο - τίς ἔτι χρεῖα, κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ ἕτερον ἀνίστασθαι ἱερέα, καὶ οὐ κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Ἀαρῶν λέγεσθαι; Μετατιθεμένης γὰρ τῆς ἱερωσύνης, ἐξ ἀνάγκης καὶ νόμου μετάθεσις γίνεται. Ἐφ' ὃν γὰρ λέγεται ταῦτα, φυλῆς ἑτέρας μετέσχηκεν, ἀφ' ἧς οὐδεὶς προσέσχηκεν τῷ θυσιαστηρίῳ. Πρόδηλον γὰρ ὅτι ἐξ Ἰούδα ἀναπέταλκεν ὁ κύριος ἡμῶν, εἰς ἣν φυλὴν οὐδὲν περὶ ἱερωσύνης Μωϋσῆς ἐλάλησεν. Καὶ περισσώτερον ἔτι κατάδηλόν ἐστιν, εἰ κατὰ τὴν ὁμοίότητα Μελχισεδέκ ἀνίσταται ἱερεὺς ἕτερος, ὅς οὐ κατὰ νόμον ἐντολῆς σαρκικῆς γέγονεν, ἀλλὰ κατὰ δύναμιν ζωῆς ἀκαταλύτου· μαρτυρεῖ γὰρ ὅτι Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple
The Gospel of Luke 2:22-40

At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.



And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Κατὰ Λουκᾶν 2.22-40

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἀνήγαγον αὐτὸν εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα παραστήσαι τῷ Κυρίῳ, καθὼς γέγραπται ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου ὅτι πᾶν ἄρσεν διανοῖγον μήτραν ἅγιον τῷ Κυρίῳ κληθήσεται, καὶ τοῦ δοῦναι θυσίαν κατὰ τὸ εἰρημένον ἐν νόμῳ Κυρίου, ζεύγος τρυγόνων ἢ δύο νεοσσούς περιστερῶν. Καὶ ἰδοὺ ἦν ἄνθρωπος ἐν Ἱεροσολύμοις ᾧ ὄνομα Συμεών, καὶ ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος δίκαιος καὶ εὐλαβής, προσδεχόμενος παράκλησιν τοῦ Ἰσραήλ, καὶ Πνεῦμα ἦν Ἅγιον ἐπ' αὐτόν· καὶ ἦν αὐτῷ κεχηματισμένον ὑπὸ τοῦ Πνεύματος τοῦ Ἁγίου μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον πρὶν ἢ ἴδῃ τὸν Χριστὸν Κυρίου. καὶ ἦλθεν ἐν τῷ Πνεύματι εἰς τὸ ἱερόν· καὶ ἐν τῷ εἰσαγαγεῖν τοὺς γονεῖς τὸ παιδίον Ἰησοῦν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοὺς κατὰ τὸ εἰθισμένον τοῦ νόμου περὶ αὐτοῦ, καὶ αὐτὸς ἐδέξατο αὐτὸν εἰς τὰς ἀγκάλας αὐτοῦ καὶ εὐλόγησε τὸν Θεὸν καὶ εἶπε·

νῦν ἀπολύεις τὸν δούλόν σου, δέσποτα, κατὰ τὸ ῥῆμά σου ἐν εἰρήνῃ, ὅτι εἶδον οἱ ὀφθαλμοί μου τὸ σωτήριόν σου, ὃ ἠτοίμασας κατὰ πρόσωπον πάντων τῶν λαῶν, φῶς εἰς ἀποκάλυψιν ἔθνων καὶ δόξαν λαοῦ σου Ἰσραήλ.

καὶ ἦν Ἰωσήφ καὶ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ θαυμάζοντες ἐπὶ τοῖς λαλουμένοις περὶ αὐτοῦ. καὶ εὐλόγησεν αὐτοὺς Συμεών καὶ εἶπε πρὸς Μαριὰμ τὴν μητέρα αὐτοῦ· ἰδοὺ οὗτος κεῖται εἰς πτώσιν καὶ ἀνάστασιν πολλῶν ἐν τῷ Ἰσραήλ καὶ εἰς σημεῖον ἀντιλεγόμενον. καὶ σοῦ δὲ αὐτῆς τὴν ψυχὴν διελεύσεται ῥομφαία, ὅπως ἂν ἀποκαλυφθῶσιν ἐκ πολλῶν καρδιῶν διαλογισμοί. Καὶ ἦν Ἄννα προφῆτις, θυγάτηρ Φανουήλ, ἐκ φυλῆς Ἀσήρ· αὕτη προβεβηκυῖα ἐν ἡμέραις πολλαῖς, ζήσασα ἔτη μετὰ ἀνδρὸς ἑπτὰ ἀπὸ τῆς παρθενίας αὐτῆς, καὶ αὕτη χήρα ὡς ἐτῶν ὀγδοήκοντα τεσσάρων, ἢ οὐκ ἀφίστατο ἀπὸ τοῦ ἱεροῦ νηστείας καὶ δεήσεσι λατρεύουσα νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν· καὶ αὕτη αὐτῇ τῇ ὥρᾳ ἐπιστᾶσα ἀνωμολογεῖτο τῷ Κυρίῳ καὶ ἐλάλει περὶ αὐτοῦ πᾶσι τοῖς προσδεχομένοις λύτρωσιν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ. Καὶ ὡς ἐτέλεσαν ἅπαντα τὰ κατὰ τὸν νόμον Κυρίου, ὑπέστρεψαν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν εἰς τὴν πόλιν ἑαυτῶν Ναζαρέτ. Τὸ δὲ παιδίον ἠῤῥξανε καὶ ἐκραταιοῦτο πνεύματι πληρούμενον σοφίας, καὶ χάρις Θεοῦ ἦν ἐπ' αὐτό.