Prokeimenon. Mode 3
Psalm 46.6,1

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

Verse: Clap your hands, all you nations.

The reading is from
St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians 6:1-10

Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.
Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:1-10

Προείμενον. Ἡχος γ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 46.6,1

Ψάλατε τῷ Θεῷ ἡμῶν, ψάλατε.

Στίχ. Πάντα τὰ ἔθνη κροτήσατε χεῖρας.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους β' 6:1-10 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, συνεργοῦντες δὲ καὶ παρακαλοῦμεν μὴ εἰς κενὸν τὴν χαρίν τοῦ Θεοῦ δέξασθαι ὑμᾶς - λέγει γάρ, Καίρῳ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδοὺ, νῦν καίρος εὐπρόσδεκτος, ἰδοὺ, νῦν ἡμέρα σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπὴν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ᾿ ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοῦ διάκονοι, ἐν χαίρειν, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπὴν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία· ἀλλ᾿ ἐν παντὶ συνιστῶντες ἑαυτοὺς ὡς θεοὺς διάκονοι, ἐν χαίρειν, ἐν ἡμέρᾳ σωτηρίας - μηδεμίαν ἐν μηδενὶ διδόντες προσκοπὴν, ἵνα μὴ μωμηθῇ ἡ διακονία.
The Gospel
According to Matthew 25:14-30

The Lord said this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'"

As he said these things he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαίου 25:14-30
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τὴν παραβολὴν ταύτην· Ἀνθρωπός ἀποδημῶν ἐκάλεσε τοὺς ἰδίους δούλους καὶ παρέδωκεν αὐτοῖς τὰ ὑπάρχοντα αὐτοῦ, καὶ ὡς μὲν ἔδωκε πέντε τάλαντα, ὡς δὲ δύο, ὡς δὲ ἕν, ἐκάστῳ κατὰ τὴν ἴδιαν δύναμιν, καὶ ἀπεδήμησεν εὐθέως. Πορευθεὶς δὲ ὁ τὰ πέντε τάλαντα λαβὼν εἰργάσατο ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐποίησεν ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα. ὡςαύτως καὶ ὁ τὰ δύο εκέρδησε καὶ αὐτῶς ἄλλα δύο. ὁ δὲ τὸ ἐν λαβὼν ἀπελθὼν ὄρυξεν ἐν τῇ γῇ καὶ ἀπέκρυψε τὸ ἀργύριον τοῦ κυρίου αὐτοῦ. Μετὰ δὲ χρόνον πολὺν ἔρχεται ἡ ἐκείνη ἡ ἡμέρης. Πορευθεὶς δὲ ὁ τὰ πέντε τάλαντα λαβὼν εἰργάσατο ἐν αὐτοῖς καὶ ἐποίησεν ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα λέγων· κύριε, πέντε τάλαντα μοι παρέδωκας· ἴδε ἄλλα πέντε τάλαντα εκέρδησα ἐπ᾽ αὐτοῖς, ἐφ᾽ αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ· εὖ, δοῦλε ἀγαθὲ καὶ πιστὲ! ἐπὶ ὅλιγα ἡς πιστῶς, ἐπὶ πολλῶν σε καταστήσω· ἐσέλθε τε τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ κυρίου σου. Πορευθεὶς δὲ καὶ ὁ τὰ δύο τάλαντα λαβὼν εἰπεν· κύριε, δύο τάλαντα μοι παρέδωκας· ἴδε ἄλλα δύο τάλαντα εκέρδησα ἐπ᾽ αὐτοῖς, ἐφ᾽ αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ· εὖ, δοῦλε ἀγαθὲ καὶ πιστὲ! ἐπὶ ὅλιγα ἡς πιστῶς, ἐπὶ πολλῶν σε καταστήσω· ἐσέλθε τε τὴν χαρὰν τοῦ κυρίου σου. Πορευθεὶς δὲ καὶ ὁ τὸ ἓν τάλαντον εἰληφὼς εἶπεν· κύριε, ἔγνωσε μου ἃ ἄνθρωπος, ἀμαρυζόντων ὅπου οὐκ ἔσπειρας καὶ συνάγων ὅθεν οὐ διεσκόρπισας, καὶ φοβηθεὶς ἀπελθὼν ἔκρυψε τὸ τάλαντόν σου ἐπὶ τῇ γῇ, ἵνα ἴδῃς τὸ σόν. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ ὁ κύριος αὐτοῦ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἔναν τῷ ἐκεῖνῳ δῷ οὖν, ὅτι θερίζω ὅπου οὐκ ἔσπειρα καὶ συνάγω ὅθεν οὐ διεσκόρπισα! Ἐνεκάστῳ δὲ γὰρ τῶν ἕξις τοῦ κυρίου μου τοῖς τραπεζίταις, καὶ ἐλθὼν ἔγω ἐκομισάμην τὸ ἄργυρόν μου εἰς τὸ σκότος τοῦ ἀξίωσεν ἐπὶ ἄρατε ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀχρείου δοῦλου εἰς τὸ σκότος τοῦ ἀχρείου δοῦλου.
HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Apolytikion in the Third Tone

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the womb of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy!

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον· πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο· ἐκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐῤῥύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Apolytikion for the Church in the Plagal First Mode

Like a most fruitful olive tree you did blossom forth in the folds of the Lord, Sophia, martyr most pious! And to Christ you did bring sweetest fruit: the tender sprouts of your womb, through divine martyrdom, Agape, along with Hope and Faith. The God-minded with whom do you pray to God for all of us.

Kontakion for the Theotokos in the Second Mode

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant! O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee! Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee!

Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδῃς, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἡμᾶς, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.
Sunday—February 11, 2024

Trisagion
Christ Steve Alexander (9 Years)

MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL
JOIN US TODAY
FOR COFFEE HOUR

A special thank you to the following members of our community who have volunteered to donate their time today to serve coffee:

Artemis Gilbert & Heppi Vastakis
The GOYANS are collecting canned food for the Jamesville Dewitt Food Pantry.
Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ 16th Sunday of Matthew
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
GODPARENTS SUNDAY & BREAKFAST

Tuesday ~ February 13, 2024
10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ February 14, 2024

Happy Valentine’s Day

6:00 pm Paraklesis
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ February 15, 2024
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday ~ February 17, 2024
5:00 pm Great Vespers
We ask your child(ren) to invite their Godparent(s) to attend Godparent Sunday and sit together at the Cathedral as we participate in the Divine Liturgy and receive Holy Communion as a family. Following Holy Communion, Godparents are asked to attend and participate in their Godchild’s Sunday School class. Yiayiades, papoudes, aunts, uncles and cousins are invited if a Godparent cannot attend.
Sponsored by the Parish Council

GODPARENT SUNDAY BREAKFAST TODAY

Menu:
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Pancakes, Fruit, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice

Please attend Liturgy and then remain for a complimentary breakfast honoring the Godparents and Godchildren. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration. This event will take place in the lower Social Hall.
St. Sophia Youth Groups

Calling all SU Fans!

The St. Sophia's youth groups will be attending a Women’s SU Game on Sunday, February 25th. Parking is free at the Raynor Lot. Game starts at 2:00 pm. We have a limited amount of tickets so please reply if you and your family can attend. Please note the Dome is a cashless system, so plan accordingly. We ask that everyone meet at Gate B at 1:30 pm to enter as a group. Please let your youth advisors know.
Dear Parents and Sunday School Students,

St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will once again be held in our Church on Saturday, March 23rd for grades 7th through 12th Sunday School students. Students will be receiving a list of topics to choose from during Sunday School. Students who are interested can reach out to me or to their Sunday School teacher. Information will also be given through the Remind app with topic and registration information.

We feel that the Oratorical Festival is an important component of the religious education of each Orthodox Christian student. In the words of St. Theophan the Recluse, “Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy.” There is “no finer way to embark on such a worthwhile ministry,” than to have our youth participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

Sincerely,

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