St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 2
Psalm 27.9,1

O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I have cried, O my God.

The reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy 4:5-8

TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry.

For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.
Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8

Προκείμενον. Ἡχος πλ. β' ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27.9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου.

Στίχ. Πρὸς σὲ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' 4:5-8 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, νήψε ἐν πᾶσιν, κακοπάθησον, ἔργον ποίησον εὐαγγελιστοῦ, τὴν διακονίαν σου πληροφόρησον. Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι, καὶ ὁ καιρὸς τῆς ἐμῆς ἀναλύσεως ἐφέστηκεν. Τὸν ἀγώνα τὸν καλὸν ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα· λοιπὸν, ἀπόκειται μοι ὁ τῆς δικαιοσύνης στέφανος, ὃν ἀποδώσει μοι ὁ κύριος ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ, ὁ δίκαιος κριτής· οὐ μόνον δὲ ἐμοὶ, ἀλλὰ καὶ πάσιν τοῖς ἡγαπηκόσιν τὴν ἐπιφάνειαν αὐτοῦ.
The Gospel According to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Μᾶρκον 1:1-8
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἄρχῃ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ᾿Ιησοῦ Χριστοῦ, υἱοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ. Ὡς γέγραπται ἐν τοῖς προφήταις, ιδοὺ ἐγὼ ἀποστέλλω τὸν ἀγgelόν μου πρὸ προσώπου σου, ὡς κατασκευάσει τὴν ὁδὸν σου ἐμπροσθέν σου· φωνὴ βοῶντος ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ, ἐτοιμάσατε τὴν ὁδὸν Κυρίου, εὐθείας ποιεῖτε τὰς τρίβους αὐτοῦ, ἐγένετο ῾Ιωάννης βαπτίζων ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ κηρύσσων βάπτισμα μετανοίας εἰς ἀφεσιν ἁμαρτίων. Καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτὸν πᾶσα ἡ ᾿Ιουδαία χώρα καὶ οἱ ῾Ιεροσολυμῖται, καὶ ἐβαπτίζοντο πάντες ἐν τῷ ᾿Ιορδάνῃ ποταμῷ ὑπ᾿ αὐτοῦ ἐξομολογούμενοι τὰς ἁμαρτίας αὐτῶν. ᾿Ην δὲ ὁ ῾Ιωάννης ἐνδεδυμένος τρίχας καμήλου καὶ ζώνην δερματίνην περὶ τὴν ὀσφύν αὐτοῦ, καὶ ἐσθίων ἀκρίδας καὶ μέλι ἄγριον. Καὶ ἐκήρυσσε λέγων· ἔρχεται ὁ ἵσχυρότερός μου ὀπίσω μου, οὗ οὐκ εἰμὶ ἱκανὸς κύψας λύσαι τὸν ἱμάντα τῶν ὑποδημάτων αὐτοῦ· ἐγὼ μὲν ἐβάπτισα ὑμᾶς ἐν ὑδατί, αὐτὸς δὲ βαπτίσει άμιας ἐν Πνεύματι Ἁγίῳ.
HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrectional Apolytikion
in the Plagal First Mode

Eternal with Father and Spirit is the Word, Who of a virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful we praise and worship Him, for in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the cross, and death did He endure, and He raised unto life the dead through His all glorious resurrection!

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἡμᾶς ἐκ τῆς σαρκὸς ἀνέλθειν ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγεῖραι τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

Apolytikion of the Feast

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

Ἡ Γέννησίς σου Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἄστερος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἡλίῳ τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὑψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

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HYMNS OF THE DAY

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For the Ancestors of God. Mode 2.
Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυῒδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν, μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας, μετὰ Ποιμένων ἐδοξολόγησας, δι' Ἀγγέλου χρηματισθείς. Ἱκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

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.
Mode 3.
On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, * earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι’ ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.
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:

Alexandra Tavlarides & Thalia Tonas
Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ Sunday before Epiphany
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Parish Council Swearing In
NEW YEARS EVE

Monday ~ January 1, 2024
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
St. Basil (In Greek)
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday ~ January 2, 2024
10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday ~ January 3, 2024
6:00 pm Paraklesis
7:00 pm Bible Study

Thursday ~ January 4, 2024
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday ~ January 5, 2024
HOLY EPIPHANY EVE
9:00 am Royal Hours
6:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy (In English)
Blessing of Waters

Saturday ~ January 6, 2024
HOLY EPIPHANY
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy (In Greek)
Blessing of Waters
5:00 pm Great Vespers
At St. Sophia's on Friday, January 12th
6 pm to 9 pm
All youth groups and their families are invited for a night filled with different activities for each youth group

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**HOPE & JOY**
making slime downstairs and then watching a movie in the lobby

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**Jr. GOYA & GOYA**
will have board games and crafts downstairs

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**GOYA**
will pull an all nighter and set up upstairs

**Families please bring......**
a snack or dessert to share!
*Pizza and soda will be provided*

Please bring your favorite board games, friendship bracelet kits, or any indoor sporting equipment to use in the gym.
One basketball hoop will be down to utilize.
*Pizza will be served right at 6:30 pm so that gives us plenty of time to hang out and enjoy each other's company.*
*Please look for more specific details on Remind under your child's youth group.*
EPIPHANY
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday, January 5th
Holy Epiphany Eve
9:00 am Royal Hours
6:00 pm Vesperal Liturgy (in English)
Blessing of Waters

Saturday, January 6th
Holy Epiphany
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy (in Greek)
Blessing of Waters