Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered abuse suffered for the Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he looked to the reward.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.
Πρὸς Εβραίους 11:24-26, 32-40
Προκείμενον. Ἦχος δ' Ναυιῆλ. 3.26-27

Εὔλογητός εἶ, Κύριε, ὁ Θεός τῶν Πατέρων ἡμῶν.

Στίχ. Ὄτι δίκαιος εἶ ἐπὶ πᾶσιν, οἶς ἐποίησας ἡμῖν.

Πρὸς Εβραίους 11:24-26, 32-40 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἄδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἡρνήσατο λέγεσθαι

υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ

λαῷ τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἐχεῖν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα

πλούτον ἡγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὀνειδισμὸν

tοῦ Χριστοῦ ἀπέβλεπεν γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἐπὶ

λέγω; Ἐπιλείψει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών,

Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυίδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ

tῶν προφητῶν· οἵ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας,

eιργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελίαν, ἐφραξαν

στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἐφισν στόματα

μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἵσχυροι

ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλινὼν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἐλαβον γυναῖκες

ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τους νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἔλαβον δὲ ἐναρκανίσθησαν,

οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος

ἀναστάσεως σύρεσιν· ἔτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πεῖραν

ἐλαβον, ἐτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῶν - ὑστερούμενοι, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ

τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔμπαγμαι, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον εἰς

κακουχούμενοι - ὅπως ἐκφεύγαν δύναμιν ἐν ἐρημίᾳς

πλανώμενοι καὶ ὀρείσι καὶ σπηλαιοῖς καὶ ταῖς ὀπαῖς τῆς γῆς.

Καὶ οὕτω πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ

ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περί ἡμῶν κρείττον τι

προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρίς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.
The Gospel
According to John 1:43-51

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."
Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ ᾿Ιησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὑρίσκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως ᾿Ανδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὑρίσκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὑρήκαμεν, ᾿Ιησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ᾿Ιωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχω καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ ᾿Ιησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναήλ ἑρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς ᾿Ισραηλίτης, ἐν δόλῳ οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναήλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη ᾿Ιησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἶδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναήλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ ὑιὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεύς τοῦ ᾿Ισραήλ. ἀπεκρίθη ᾿Ιησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἶδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ’ ἀρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεῳγότα, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.
HYMNS OF THE DAY

Resurrection Apolytikion in the First Mode

The stone that had been sealed before Your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch o’er Your pure and sacred body, O Savior, the third day You arose and unto all the world did You give life! Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto Your kingdom, glory to Your dispensation, O You Who alone loves all!

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο οἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι Ζωοδότα: Δόξα τῇ ἀναστάσει σου Χριστέ, δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου, δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

For the Sunday of Orthodoxy

We venerate Your immaculate icon, O good Lord, and entreat You to forgive our offenses, O Christ our God. By Your own choice you were pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, to deliver us, whom You created, from our slavery to the foe. Therefore we cry to You with gratitude: You have filled all things with joy, O our Savior, by coming to save the world.

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου, προσκυνοῦμεν ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ημῶν ἡμᾶς ἁγιάσαι καὶ ἐλευθερώσῃ ὑμᾶς ἀπὸ τοὺς ποιμένας τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμεν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα ὁ Σωτήρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν κόσμον.

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 during Lent

O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude, being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos. Inasmuch as you have power unassailable, from all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Τῇ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια, Ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια, Ἀναγράφω σοι ἡ Πόλις σου Θεσσαλονίκη. Ἀλλ’ ὡς ἐχοῦσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον, Ἐκ παντοτικῶν με κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, Ἡν κράζω σοι· Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.
Sunday—March 24, 2024

**Trisagions**
Eleni Kane (6 Years)
Andreas Armatas (7 Years)
Helen Armatas (8 Years)

*MAY THEIR MEMORY BE ETERNAL*

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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:

Chrisoula Anastasiou & Thalia Tonas
Church Services & Events for Today & the Upcoming Week

Today ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy
8:45 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Greek Independence Day Performance
6:00 pm Vespers for the Annunciation
Coffee Hour Follows

Monday—March 25, 2024
9:00 am Orthros
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Annunciation of the Theotokos
Greek Independence Day

11:30 am Flag Raising at City Hall

Tuesday—March 26, 2024
10:00 am Bible Study

Wednesday—March 27, 2024
6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Thursday—March 28, 2024
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday—March 29, 2024
9:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 pm Second Akathist Hymn
7:00 pm Bible Study

Saturday ~ March 30, 2024
5:00 pm Great Vespers
MONDAY, MARCH 25
FLAG RAISING
AT CITY HALL

Our community will be observing the celebration of Greek Independence Day (March 25, 1821) by hosting a Flag Raising Ceremony at Syracuse City Hall at 11:30 am on Monday, March 25, 2024 and all are encouraged to attend this wonderful event. Join us!

PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE as it differs from previous years. A bus will once again be available for transportation to and from the ceremony, provided by the AHEPA. It will arrive at the church at 10:30 am and depart just after 11:00 am. Please contact Mike Labatos at (315) 427-7628 to reserve your seat as seating is limited.

The faith and orthopraxy of the Greek heroes of 1821 played such a vital role in subsequent freedom from the Ottoman Empire when they took the oath of “Give me freedom or give me death.”

GREEK NATIONAL ANTHEM

Τον Ελλήνων τα ιερά,
και σαν πρώτα ανδρειομένη,
χαίρε, ω χαίρε, Ελευθερία

Se gnorizo apo tin kopsin
too spathiu tin tromeri
Se gnorizo apo tin opsin
poo me via metra tin yin
Ap ta kokala vgalmeni
ton Ellinon ta iera
Ke san prota andriomeni
Hier o Hier eleftheria!

I shall always recognize you by the dreadful sword you hold as the Earth with searching vision you survey with spirit bold.

From the Greeks of old whose dying brought to life and spirit free now with ancient valor rising let us hail you, oh Liberty!
Please Join Us!

2024 PAN-ORTHODOX LENTEN VESPERS

Schedule of Services ~ 6:00 pm on Sundays followed by a Fasting Meal

March 24, 2024
Sunday of Orthodoxy
St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church
325 Waring Road ~ Syracuse, NY 13224

March 31, 2024
Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
St. Elias Antiochian Orthodox Church
4988 Onondaga Road ~ Syracuse, NY 13215

April 7, 2024
Sunday of the Holy Cross
Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
401 Hamilton Street ~ Syracuse, NY 13204

April 14, 2024
Sunday of St. John Climacus
St. Luke’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church
3290 Warners Road ~ Warners, NY 13164

April 21, 2024
Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt
St. George Macedonian Orthodox Church
5083 Onondaga Road ~ Syracuse, NY 13215
Advance sale tickets are only $5 per person (kids under 10 years of age free).

https://www.internationaltastefestival.com

Advance sale tickets are available online: 2/1/2024 – 4/5/2024 only.
Same day tickets are $10 per person (kids under 10 years of age free).
Same day tickets are available 4/6/2024: online & at door

One ticket per person is required.

The 3rd Annual International Taste Festival will be held April 6, 2024 from 11am-9pm at the New York State Fairgrounds ~ Center of Progress Building!

With a focus on the tastes and traditions of many different countries and cultures, we invite you to attend with family and friends.

Enjoy foods from our diverse Regions:

* Foods of the Americas                        * Asian Creations
* Middle Eastern Cuisine                      * Pan African Treats
* Tastes of Europe

Don’t forget: family fun, local diverse entertainment, and food vendors will offer $2 sample items along with full priced items!

* Enter Gate 6 and follow signs to the International Taste Festival Event.
  Parking is FREE!