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### SUNDAY, JAN 21, 2018

### 15th Sunday of St. Luke

Orthros 8:30 am; Divine Liturgy 10:00 am

Epistle Reading: I Timothy 4:9-15 **Red Divine Liturgy Book Pg. 116**

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10 **Red Divine Liturgy Book Pg. 116**

### ALTAR SERVER TEAM:

**St. Demetrios:** Captain: William Gilpin, Theo Couris, George Dougenis, Jack Dougenis, Kosta Kalamaras, Will Kalas, Nikos Kapetanios, Petros Kapetanios, Dean Lahanas.

### NARTHEX DUTY TEAM:

**St. Athanasios:** Art Balourdas, Anthony Kyriakidis, Nektarios Tradas, Anne Marie Almaraz, Christine Tradas.

**The Hymn of St. Spyridon:** can be found on the **back cover** of the red Divine Liturgy book.

**Pre-Communion Prayers:** offered **before** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 29** of the **red Divine Liturgy book**.

**Thanksgiving Prayers:** offered **after** receiving Holy Communion can be found on **page 40** of the **red Divine Liturgy book**.

**The Memorial Service:** can be found on **page 164** of the **red Divine Liturgy book**.

**WELCOME - AND A FEW WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION...** We warmly welcome all visitors and seekers in our midst today, trusting that your experience here will be an uplifting and enriching one. The Greek Orthodox Churches are the ancient and native communities of the biblical world, with centers in the Holy Lands, Syria, Egypt and Asia Minor, and by extension in Greece, Cyprus and throughout the world. Like the ancient Christians, we engage the whole person, heart, mind and all senses in Divine Worship. This experience has been so powerful to seekers in the past that it was often said "We knew not whether we were in heaven or on earth. We knew only that there God dwelt among human beings." That communion experience of heaven on earth and God in our midst forms the heart of all Orthodox worship. It culminates in the sharing of Holy Communion, which not only unites us with the Divine, but also expresses the deep unity in faith and life between all Orthodox believers. Since Holy Communion expresses that deep unity in belief and practice alike, it is reserved for observant Orthodox Christians. This does not mean, however, that non-Orthodox are 'excluded' - rather, the Orthodox choose not to make an external display of unity when actual unity does not exist. While working to restore the full communion that did exist in antiquity, today we offer the sign of the blessed bread at the service's conclusion as a symbolic gift of hospitality and growing unity that is offered to all present. If you would like to learn more about the Orthodox way of life, or have any questions about worship or Holy Communion, please approach Fr. Andrew following services. We welcome you all.

**THE ORDER OF PROCESSION WHEN RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION** - Please allow our Sunday School children and their teachers to be the first to receive so they can depart for their lessons. Specifically, 5th grade and up should come on the right side (without parents) before the choir and proceed to class immediately. Then, allow the choir to approach also from the right side. Then, quietly, row by row, at the direction of the Parish Council members, those remaining in the pews are asked to move into the center aisle, receive Holy Communion and return to their pew for the remaining Thanksgiving Prayers using the side aisles.

**SUNDAY'S MEMORIALS:** Nancy Burgess - 40 days

Vasiliki Smirniotis - 24 years

**FELLOWSHIP HALL & COFFEE HOUR:** Today's fellowship and coffee hour is graciously offered by St. Spyridon Adult and Youth Choirs in memory of all our church musicians that have passed.

## ST. SPYRIDON CHURCH NEWS, EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** - This week's icons are being donated by the **Chaconas family** in honor of their son Anthony, and the **Balourdas family**.

**Sunday School** - Resumes today.

**St. Basil's Vasilopita Cutting** - God's blessing in the New Year to those who received the blessed coin from last week's Vasilopita: **Adrienne Bell, Janet Burgess, Angelo Cappos, Tina Kallas, and Susan Miserlis**.

**Attention All Acolytes/Altar Servers** - Today immediately following the Divine Liturgy all incoming and returning Altar Boys are invited to attend a brief Acolyte Refresher Retreat. Fr. Andrew will review the movement of the Divine Liturgy and the proper etiquette of serving in the holy altar. Lunch will be provided.

**Ancient Wisdom & Modern Coffee** - Sunday School class for adults (taught by Michael Kallas, MA, MDiv). Please join us as we follow the bible readings from Pascha to Pentecost to study the gospel according to St. John (**Today**). We meet in the lounge immediately following the Divine Liturgy. Coffee and tea is provided..

**Attention All Youth!** - Please join us **today** as St. Spyridon's Dance Program resumes in preparation for the parish's biggest fundraiser of the year, our church festival in June! Everyone is welcome! **Delphinians (2nd-5th Grade)** from 12:30 -1:30 p.m. upstairs in the youth room. **Ta Pedakia (Pre-K-1st Grade)** from 12:30-1:00 p.m. in the preschool room. **Ionians (6th-8th Grade)** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. will practice outside the church hall. **Aegeans (9th-12th Grade)** from 1-2:30 p.m. will practice in the church hall.

**Bookstore** - Come get your 2018 Daily Lives, Miracles and Wisdom of the Saints and Fasting Calendar; it is now available at the bookstore.

**Greek Language Classes** - for the spring semester begin on **Feb. 1st** for both children and adults. **For more information please contact Athena Georges at [athenakotinou@gmail.com](mailto:athenakotinou@gmail.com) or 619 992-4452.**

**Philoptochos Membership Brunch** - **Saturday, February 3rd**. Come see all of your old and new friends. We have shopping, entertainment and activity for all ages. Look for your invitation in the mail. **Please make your reservations with the church office 619.297.4165 or [reservations@anthousa.org](mailto:reservations@anthousa.org).**

**Stewardship 2018 Reminder** - Once again, as we enter 2018 as a community, the Stewardship Committee reminds you that your honorable pledge makes a lasting impact on the lives of our "church neighbors" and, also, the lives of those struggling to rebuild their lives - our "next door neighbors" - those outside the church. The work of the many and varied ministries of our parish not only assist those in need within our community of believers but also touches our neighbors outside of the church that brings deep fellowship, meaning and purpose to our lives, the "givers". Your 2018 pledge card has been sent to your home. If you have not made your stewardship pledge for 2018, please reflect and pray about it and then complete your pledge card and send it to the church office at your earliest convenience. If you have misplaced your 2018 pledge card and need a new one please call the church office and they will assist you. The Stewardship Committee recommends a 10% increase from your 2017 pledge in order that the parish can balance its Operating Budget. The Stewardship Committee thanks you in advance for all your honorable efforts.

**THOMAS FIRE RELIEF FUND** -**Today** marks the final day of the St. Spyridon drive to raise donations for the THOMAS FIRE RELIEF FUND established by St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Camarillo to benefit our brothers & sisters of that parish who suffered devastating losses in the recent Thomas Fires. 100% of funds go directly to fire victims. **You may also donate by sending your check made payable to St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church with a note: "Donation to Fire Relief Fund" OR give directly online by going to <http://www.saintdem.org/> and clicking on "Thomas Fire Donations."** Thank you for your support!

**St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Church/George & Rose Papanicolaou Scholarship Fund** - Attention: 2018 High School graduating Seniors. Applications are available at: <http://www.stspyridon.org/scholarships.html>. **The deadline for submittal is March 31st**. Any questions please contact Mrs. Helen Mellos at 619-298-2070 (HMM@mellos.org) OR Mrs. Christine Cremidan at 619-588-7844 (cremidanac@cox.net). **2018-1232**