

Have you made
your 2017
Stewardship
Pledge Yet?

Sunday, June 18, 2017
2nd Sunday of Matthew

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!!!

Today's coffee hour is sponsored by K. Miologos & Family!

*We welcome this morning Lauren Chaves and her family to the Cathedral!
Lauren has completed her studies as a catechumen and will receive the
sacrament of Chrismation this morning. Her sponsor will be Steven Bills.
Lauren will receive the name Penelope. Congratulation!*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are glad you came, and we hope your visit was memorable and meaningful in every way. Our doors and hearts are always open to you. Please join us for fellowship following the liturgy and visit with our Clergy and with members of our parish council. They will answer questions you may have and provide you with information regarding the programs we offer.

A NOTE TO VISITORS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

We welcome to this celebration those Christians who are not united with us. It is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to receive Holy Communion. We thank you, though, for joining us in prayer and invite you to partake of the blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. We also invite you to join us for fellowship in the church hall after the Divine Liturgy.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Saint Paul said, in his great Epistle on Stewardship, *"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully, will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful give."* (2Cor. 9:6-7). ***Please become a steward TODAY!***

125th CATHEDRAL GALA CELEBRATION: Please spread the word and mark the date of the 125th Anniversary Gala Celebration for our beloved Cathedral in your calendars from now! ***Saturday, December 2, 2017 – The Drake Hotel***

GOLD COAST GREEK FEST

It is time to begin planning for the Gold Coast Greek Fest! This year our Festival will take place over the weekend of ***June 23-25!*** Please mark the dates in your calendar and plan on volunteering to help make this year's festival an even bigger success than last! We need all of our stewards and friends help! ***Please visit us online to fill out your volunteer form! We need you!***

2017-2018 GREEK SCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Register today for our upcoming Greek School year and save \$100 by July 15th! Spread the word and register your children today! A pre-k (3 & 4 year old class) will be available this year! Register today!!!

BECOME A GOLD COAST GREEK FEST SPONSOR

Our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year is less than a month away and we need you! Please consider becoming a sponsor of our festival! Your sponsorship will help us offset our cost thus allowing our Cathedral to have an even greater profit! Each year we have increased our revenues at the festival because of you! Please consider your festival sponsorship today! Sponsorship forms have been emailed and also available in the Cathedral office. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Did you know that there are many Sundays throughout the year that we do not have anyone to host our fellowship hour in our hall after the Divine Services? If you would like to host a coffee hour in a loved one's memory, or for a special occasion (nameday, birthday, anniversary) please contact the Cathedral office and book your day today! The beauty of sharing in fellowship with our friends and fellow stewards allows us to grow closer to one another within our parish life. Please help us continue this ministry by booking a date for your family to host!

FROM THE FATHERS

When you begin to read or listen to the Holy Scriptures, pray to God thus: "Lord Jesus Christ, open the ears and eyes of my heart so that I may hear Thy words and understand them, and may fulfill Thy will." Always pray to God like this, that He might illumine your mind and open to you the power of His words. Many, having trusted in their own reason, have turned away into deception.

~St. Ephraim the Syrian

GOLD COAST GREEK FEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

All stewards and friends are asked to join us in fellowship as we prepare to welcome our neighbors and fellow faithful to our community next weekend!

Friday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m. – Opening Agiasmo & blessing of church grounds will be celebrated outside in front of the Cathedral

Saturday, June 24 – Sunday, June 25 – 12:00noon to 11:00 p.m. – Greek Fest Fun!

Remember to send in your Raffle Tickets and bring as many people as you know to the fest! If you haven't signed up to volunteer for the fest please do so today!

TODAYS READINGS:

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 2:10-16

Brethren, glory and honor and peace for every one who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. For God shows no partiality. All who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. When Gentiles who have not the law do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that what the law requires is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness and their conflicting thoughts accuse or perhaps excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

The Gospel of Matthew 4:18-23

At that time, as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left their boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

Ο ΑΓΙΟΣ ΛΕΟΝΤΙΟΣ και οι συν αυτώ ΥΠΑΤΙΟΣ και ΘΕΟΔΟΥΛΟΣ

Οι Άγιοι αυτοί μαρτύρησαν επί αυτοκράτορος Ουεσπασιανού (70 μ. Χ.). Ο Λεόντιος καταγόταν από την Ελλάδα και είχε χαρακτηριστική ρωμαλεότητα και μεγαλοπρεπές παράστημα. Κατατάχθηκε στο στρατό και στις μάχες έδειξε μεγάλη γενναιότητα και ανδρεία. Έτσι, προβιάσθηκε σε υψηλά στρατιωτικά αξιώματα. Ωστόσο, κατά τη διάρκεια της σταδιοδρομίας του, ο Λεόντιος διατηρούσε πολλή μετριοφροσύνη και τιμιότητα. Έτσι, ο λόγος του Θεού έπεσε στην καρδιά του όπως το μέρος του σπόρου "εις την γήν αγαθήν", το οποίο "φυέν έποίησε καρπόν εκατονταπλασίονα"¹. Έπεσε, δηλαδή, ο λόγος του Θεού στην καρδιά του Λεοντίου, όπως πέφτει ο σπόρος στη μαλακή και εύφορη γη και όταν φύτρωσε, έκανε καρπό εκατό φορές περισσότερο από ό,τι ο σπόρος. Πράγματι, αφού ο Λεόντιος πίστεψε στον Χριστό, άφθονες ήταν οι φιλανθρωπίες του και μάλιστα φανερά μέσα στο στράτευμα. Μ' αυτόν τον τρόπο έφερε στη χριστιανική πίστη και δύο συναδέλφους του, τον Υπάτιο και τον Θεόδουλο. Όταν το έμαθε αυτό ο αφρικανός ηγεμόνας Αδριανός, θέλησε να τους αναγκάσει να αλλαξοπιστήσουν. Είδε, όμως, ότι δεν μπορούσε. Τότε, τους μεν Υπάτιο και Θεόδουλο αποκεφάλισε, τον δε Λεόντιο μαστίγωσε μέχρι θανάτου. Έτσι, με το τίμιο αίμα τους σφράγισαν την αγάπη και την αφοσίωσή τους στον Χριστό.

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