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Holy Communion Or-der

- 1. Please remain standing while following the direc-tions of our ushers.
2. Ladies, kindly re-move lipstick be-fore receiving.
3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally re-ceive as if being fed.
4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Com-munion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service.
5. All Orthodox Chris-tians must be spirit-ually prepared to receive the Sacra-ment of Holy Com-munion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

THE LADDER



PRAYER FOR READING HOLY SCRIPTURES

"Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us, also, reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all these things that are pleasing to You. For You are the Light of our souls and bodies and to You we give glory together with Your Father Who is without beginning and Your all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen."

EPISTLE—Hebrews 11:33 – 40; 12:1 – 2

GOSPEL— St. Matthew 9:36 – 38; 10:1 – 8

Brethren, before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith should be revealed. So that the law was our custodian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs ac-cording to promise. I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no better than a slave, though he is the owner of all the estate; but he is under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; when we were children, we were slaves to the elemental prin-ciples of the universe. But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might re-ceive adoption as sons.

At that time, when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them author-ity over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus called Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gen-tiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Is-rael. And preach as you go, saying, 'The king-dom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay."

ST. KYRIAKE: Today we commemorate St. Kyriake. Saint Kyriake was the daughter of Christian parents, Dorotheus and Eusebia. She was given her name because she was born on Sunday, the day of the Lord (in Greek, Kyriake). She contested in Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 300. After many bitter torments she was condemned to suffer beheading, but being grant-ed time to pray first, she made her prayer and gave up her holy soul in peace.
-Taken from www.goarch.org.

Liturgical Notes

- 1) Entrance with the Holy Gospel: *"Savior, Your tomb was sealed with a stone. Soldiers kept watch over Your sacred body. Yet, You rose on the third day giving life to the world. Wherefore the powers of heaven cried out, "O Giver of Life, glory to Your Resurrection O Christ; glory to Your Kingdom, glory to Your dispensation who alone are the Loving One."/*Του λίθου σφραγισθέντος...
- 2) *"O Lord Jesus, unto Thee Thy lamb doth cry with a great voice: O my Bridegroom, Thee I love; and seeking Thee, I now contest, and with Thy baptism am crucified and buried. I suffer for Thy sake, that I may reign with Thee; for Thy sake I die, that I may live in Thee: accept me offered out of longing to Thee as a spotless sacrifice. Lord, save our souls through her intercessions, since Thou art great in mercy."/*Ἡ ἀρνιάς Σου Ἰησοῦ κράζει μεγάλη τῆ φωνή...[Hymn for St. Kyriake]
- 3) *"Since You are a deliverer of captives and a protector of the poor; a physician for the sick; a noble attendant to kings, O Great among the martyrs and glorious George, intercede with Christ God that He may save our souls."/*Ὡς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτῆς...[Hymn for St. George]
- 4) Kontakion: *"Champion of Christians not put to shame, advocate before the Maker always steadfast, do not spurn sinners' voices raised in prayer. In Your goodness respond to bring help to us who devoutly petition you. Hasten Your intercession and urgently make entreaty; for You unfailingly defend, Theotokos, those who honor You."/*Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν...

MEMORIAL – Today's Memorial Service is for the Eternal Life and Salvation for the servant of God, **Michael Vawter (40 days)**, the beloved husband of **Deborah Vawter**. May our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ grant Eternal Life and Salvation to **Michael Vawter** and may He grant peace and comfort to **Deborah Vawter**, his entire family and to all of his friends. **MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!**

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Today, following the Divine Liturgy....Special coffee hour celebrating the birthday of Eve Meek!
Tuesday, July 9th.....Bible Study-10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, July 10th..Orthodox Christian Catechism (online)-6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGIONAL ORTHODOX YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS - St. Nicholas Summer Camp near Fresno has only 18 openings for the July 14-July 20 session. However, both **St. Sophia Summer Camp** near San Bernardino and **St. Nicholas Summer Camp** are accepting camper applications for their "wait lists." For more information about these Greek Orthodox Youth Summer Camps, visit ... the website for St. Sophia Summer Camp: <https://www.saintsophiacamp.org>, or the website for St. Nicholas Summer Camp: <https://gosfyouth.org/summer-camp-2024>.

AHEPA – Enclosed is a flyer announcing our **AHEPA 528 "Hot Dog Luncheon"** on **Sunday, July 14, 2024**. All are welcome! All that is asked is an "**at will**" donation to be contributed in the effort to raise funds in support of finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. R.S.V.P. by July 10th. Contributions toward this cause will also be accepted at our AHEPA 528 website: www.ahepa528.org.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT – Thoughts from today's Gospel passage: *"Jesus does not condemn sinners, but sees them as lost sheep to be found and brought home. Compassion means 'suffering with.' ...The harvest suggests the abundance of those who are ready to accept the Kingdom. Jesus is both the Sower and the Lord of the harvest. His disciples [and, I would add, including us as members of His Church] are sent not to sow, but the reap what He had sown by the prophets...The disciples' mission is like Christ's: to preach (v.7) and to heal (v.15:24)."* [In the grace of the Holy Spirit, our Savior gives us the power to be like Him and perform His ministry, just as in His earthly ministry.] See: *Orthodox Study Bible*, pgs. 1284-1285.
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KEEP FIGHTING FOR A CURE



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For over 103 years, we have promoted the ancient Hellenic ideals of education, philanthropy, civic responsibility, family, and individual excellence through community service and volunteerism.

As AHEPA Brothers we band together to raise funds for many causes,
today we are supporting Cystic Fibrosis, "FIND THE CURE!"



Brother "Bill" Rellos lost his daughter Anastasia at the young age of 34 to this disease and we appreciate anything to help with the efforts to find a cure!

Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that affects the lungs, pancreas, and other organs.

There are close to 40,000 children and adults living with cystic fibrosis in the United States (and an estimated 105,000 people have been diagnosed with CF across 94 countries), and CF can affect people of every racial and ethnic group.

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