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Holy Communion Order

- 1. Please remain standing while following the directions of our ushers. 2. Ladies, kindly remove lipstick before receiving. 3. When receiving Holy Communion, make the Sign of the Cross, state your name (baptismal name), and naturally receive as if being fed. 4. Non-Orthodox Christians may not receive Holy Communion, but they may receive the Holy Bread at the end of the service. 5. All Orthodox Christians must be spiritually prepared to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Please see the priest if you have any questions.

THE LADDER

HOLY FATHERS OF THE 4th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



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—Titus 3:8-15

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL—St. Matthew 5:14-19

The Lord said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

THE FOURTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

On the Sunday that falls from the 13th to the 19th of the present month, we commemorate the 630 Holy and God-bearing Fathers who came together for the 4th Ecumenical Council who assembled in Chalcedon in 451 to proclaim the dogma that Christ is of two natures, fully divine and fully human – fully God and fully Man – thereby condemning any false teaching that Christ is only of one nature, or is only half-divine and half-human.

Liturgical Notes

At the Entrance with the Gospel: **1)** *“When You descended to death, O Immortal Life, then the light of Your Divinity destroyed Hades. When You raised the dead from the depths of darkness, all the heavenly powers cried out, ‘Glory to You, O Christ our God, the Giver of Life.’”/’Οτε κατήλθες προς τον θάνατον...*

2) *“You are greatly glorified, O Christ our God, Who established our Fathers as luminaries upon the earth, and through them led us all to the true Faith: O Most Compassionate, glory to You.”/Υπερδεδοξαμένος ει Χριστέ ο Θεός...*

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.”/Ως των αιχμαλώτων ελευθεροτής...[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 των Χριστιανών...*

WEEKDAY CALENDAR

Fr. Ted will be away from tomorrow until this Friday, July 19th. However, please call (760) 880-5869 in the event of an emergency. No Bible Study or Orthodox Christian Catechism studies will take place this week.

Saturday, July 20th...ST. PROPHET ELIAS

Orthros-8:30 a.m./Divine Liturgy-9:30 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHEPA – Today our AHEPA 528 hosts its “Hot Dog Luncheon” following the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. 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. Contributions toward this cause will also be accepted at our AHEPA 528 website: www.ahepa528.org.

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT – In today’s Gospel passage, we hear the words of our Lord telling His Apostles that they are the “light of the world.” As inheritors of the Holy Apostolic Tradition, as Orthodox Christians, we too are called by our Savior to be the “light of the world.” This inheritance has been passed down to us from the Apostles and from generation to generation. Among the many ways in which this is evident, we have inherited the Tradition of lighting candles when we enter our church for worship and when we perform the Holy Sacraments. In addition, as we prepare to participate in the Divine Liturgy in celebration of Christ’s Resurrection from the dead (at Easter), we are given the light from the Holy Altar to light our Paschal candles, as the following words are intoned: *“Come receive the Light, which is never overtaken by night.”* With this, we are reminded that Christ our God is the True and Uncreated Light of the world. As we receive Christ into our lives today, we participate in His Light and, by extension, we are “the light of the world” today. It is then, by our example, that others can be inspired to love God and to love others as God loves them.

+FR. THEODORE



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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.

ANY DONATION HELPS!