

17TH SUNDAY OF ST. LUKE – THE PRODIGAL SON

THE FINDING OF THE PRECIOUS HEAD OF THE HOLY PROPHET & FORERUNNER, JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Sermon: On Covetousness, Envy, and Jealousy

Orthros

Tone: Six

Sixth Eothinon: Luke 24:36-53

Divine Liturgy

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:6-15 (of the Forerunner)

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (pg.130)

Epistle Reader: Gus Alex

Prophora: Konstandinos & Dionisios Krokides

Coffee Hour Set-Up: Maria Smith & Mary LaRiccia

In March: Carolyn Crossley and Elaine Wade

Coffee Hour Hostesses: Stella Demis, Judy Frangos, Maria Scolinos

Parish Council: Andy Mitrosilis, John Giakouminakis, Andrea Ballas

Memorial: Boris Zhgulev, 1 year

Altar Boys Team: Four

Next Week's Team: One

Parish Schedule for the Week February 24, 2019		
Sunday, February 24	Orthros Divine Liturgy - w/Youth Choir Adult Catechism Class (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Sunday School Boys Basketball Practice	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM
Monday, February 25	Greek Dance Practice	6:00 PM
Tuesday, February 26	YAL Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Wednesday, February 27	Parish Council Meeting (Petrofanis Conference Room) Boys Basketball Practice	6:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thursday, February 28	Girls Basketball Practice	7:00 PM
Friday, March 1	Hellenic Culture Program (Fotion Fellowship Hall) Greek Language School SKY Night	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM
Saturday, March 2 1 st Saturday of Souls	Greek Language School Orthros Divine Liturgy & Memorial Service GOBL Home Game (vs St. George) St. Katherine Mardi Gras (Palos Verdes Golf Club)	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:00 PM

Congratulations – A Milestone Birthday!

Best wishes to Mary Fondas who is celebrating her 95th Birthday today! Coffee hour is sponsored in honor of Mrs. Fondas by the Eliopulos Family. Join us for a delicious slice of birthday cake!

Resurrection Hymn – Tone Six (Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις) – *When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb and those who guarded You became as though dead, and standing by Your sepulcher was Mary seeking Your pure and sacred body. For You did vanquish Hades, and uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the virgin woman, bestowing the gift of life. And from the dead You arose Lord, we give glory to You.*

MARDI GRAS: This Saturday, March 2 at Palos Verdes Golf Club

Join us for our annual Mardi Gras as we honor *Deacon Cary's 20 years of service* to our church and community. If you still need reservations contact Andrea Ballas ASAP at avballas@gmail.com or 310-325-5002.

Saturday of the Souls liturgies – Pray for the departed & help those in need

Name sheets are available on the countertop in the back of the church. Once you submit names for the Memorial services, the names will be kept and read at the next service (don't forget to list Nouna & Nouno!) Donations given in memory of your loved ones will be placed in the *Discretionary Fund* to help those in need. Remember to bring koliva and place them on the memorials table with an unlit taper candle. Afterwards we will all share the koliva.

Great Lent is coming soon – Book your Lenten confession without delay

Lent and confession go hand in hand. Fr. Michael will hear confessions (by appointment only) after services on Monday evenings and Friday mornings. To book your appointment please call the church office.

Thanks for pledging! And thank you to our 2018 Stewards, the Honor Roll of 2018 Stewards is out!

Thanks to all our parishioners who have returned their 2019 pledge cards. Our goal is to have 100% of the parish pledged as early as possible. We're off to a great start! If you haven't pledged yet, please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible, or go to www.stkatherinegoc.org (select "Donate" and "Stewardship") to pledge online. Enclosed is the *2018 Honor Roll of Stewards*. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who supported the parish in 2018.

Online Giving is back! It's EASY, secure and convenient! TRY IT!

We are excited to announce that online giving is now available! Go to www.stkatherinegoc.org and select "Donate" and "Stewardship" from the drop down menu. There you will find a link for our new online giving system. After you create your new account, you will be able to make a one-time gift or set up weekly or monthly giving. You can also easily get to the site on your smart device by texting **STKGOC** to **73256**.

March 1 and SKY Night the same Friday

The evening begins at 6 PM. After a pasta dinner, the children will meet with Fr. Michael. Carolyn Crossley will be our guest for the LL&H and JOY groups and will teach them how to make Prosfora as well as the meaning of the Seal that is on all prosfora loaves. Jr. GOYA will meet with Fr. Michael and then play basketball. Sr. GOYA will have dinner and conversation time with Fr. Michael and then head off to the "Escape Room" in Torrance.

St. John Oratorical Festival

For those willing to give that little bit extra and achieve a higher goal, you need to register on-line to participate and offer a speech that will have future rewards. Register https://religioused.formstack.com/forms/sjcof_participant and start to prepare your speech. Dr. Chris Thanos is the Chairman and Mr. Donald Frazier will assist with speech writing and presentation. The parish anxiously awaits yours speeches at our local competition on March 17.

Hellenic Culture Program this Friday, March 1 at 10AM – Join us for an informative morning Connie Constant will present: *Our First Impressions: Coming to America/Arriving in Greece*, followed by George Vassilakis presenting: *George Lucas Adamopoulos, Founder of Adamson University (Manilla, Philippines)*.

Green Hills opening a brand new section with discounted initial offering prices for St. Katherine members

This new section will feature beautiful harbor views with meandering streams, waterfalls and cobble stone bridges. In an effort to educate our community on the financial and emotional benefits of advanced planning, Nina Papadakis is now working with Green Hills to assist our congregation. Contact Nina Papadakis by April 30 at 310-521-4476 or by email at npapadakis@ghmp.com to qualify for the most substantial savings.

Yedikule: Fortress Turned Prison – a music presentation by the Greek Rebetiko Trio – March 9 at 5PM

The UCLA Niarchos Foundation is hosting this musical event including dramatic readings from testimonies of prisoners who were imprisoned at the Yedi Kule (Thessaloniki's Eptapyrgio). Tickets (\$25) can be purchased at <https://grt-yedikule.eventbrite.com>. Limited seating at the door (\$30). Jan Popper Theater (UCLA-Schoenberg Hall).

Today's coffee hour is sponsored in memory of Boris Zhgulev by his family – May his memory be eternal