

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

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5 October 2008

16th Sunday after Pentecost & 2nd Sunday of Luke

Grave Mode / 5th Eothinon

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN GRAVE MODE

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross, Thou didst open paradise to the thief; Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy. And didst bid Thine Apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the Great Mercy.

KONTAKION FOR ORDINARY SUNDAYS IN MODE TWO

O Protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: hasten to intercession and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honour thee.

THE EPISTLE

The Lord will give strength to His people.

Ascribe to the Lord, O sons of God, ascribe to the Lord honor and glory.

In the chanting of Holy God, we will observe the following order of languages: English, Arabic, Greek. Therefore, we sing: Holy God..., then Quduson Illah..., and then Aghios o Theos...

The Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (6:1-10)

Brethren, working together with Him, then, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For He says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (6:31-36)

The Lord said: "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

***** Announcements for the Week of October 5th *****

NEXT WEEKEND: Diocesan Fall Gathering w. Bishop JOSEPH at St Andrew Church, Riverside. Let's make a caravan!

- ❖ **Fasting days:** the usual Wednesday and Friday.
- ❖ **Orthodox School now is in session.** Students are dismissed with a blessing...
- ❖ **Youth group is now meeting! TOMORROW evening, Sept 29th, at 5:30 PM.**
- ❖ **Parish study, "Where have we been for 2,000 years? The story of the Church from the beginning up til now." On Tuesdays, 7 PM, here at church.**
- ❖ **Our synod of west coast Canonical Orthodox Bishops** have issued a very robust statement regarding our Orthodox Christian faith and the moral crisis over marriage. It is posted on the episcopal bulletin board, right near the front door.
- ❖ **A LOOK AHEAD: Dr Reynolds speaks on Orthodoxy at St Barnabas Church in Costa Mesa on Saturday, October 18th.**
- ❖ **October Women's Group** will meet Saturday, October 11 at Grace Baker's house from 2:00 to 4:00.

We need to plan for our service project with Fr Duane in December and firm up the date of our women's retreat to St Barabara's monastery which has been tentatively moved to November 7 - 9.

Please make very effort to attend.