

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

9 November 2008

7TH SUNDAY OF LUKE

NEKTARIOS OF PENTAPOLIS, THE WONDER-WORKER

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION MODE FOUR

Having learned the joyful message of the Resurrection from the angel the women disciples of the Lord cast from them their parental condemnation. And proudly broke the news to the Disciples, saying, Death hath been spoiled; Christ God is risen, granting the world Great Mercy.

APOLYTIKION FOR THE SAINT MODE ONE

The offspring of Selyvria and the guardian of Aegina, the true friend of virtue who didst appear on the last years, O Nektarios, we faithful honor thee as a godly servant of Christ, for thou pourest forth healings of every kind for those who piously cry out: Glory to Christ Who hath glorified thee. Glory to Him Who hath made thee wondrous. Glory to Him Who worketh healings for all through thee.

KONTAKION OF THE ENTRANCE MODE FOUR, "*Thou who wast raised up*"

The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, the Saviour's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, into the House of the Lord on this day is brought forward and bringeth with herself the grace of the Most Divine Spirit, her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

THE EPISTLE

The saints shall boast in glory, and they shall rejoice upon their beds.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians. (5:8-19)

Brethren, ye were once darkness, but now ye are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He saith, "Awake, ye who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. (8:41-56)

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she shall be well." And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

***** Announcements for the Week of November 9th *****

- ❖ **Fasting days:** the usual Wednesday and Friday. The Nativity Fast begins this coming Friday, November 15. We allow for fish, wine, and oil, except for Wednesdays and Fridays (which are always lenten), up through December 19th; lenten thereafter.
- ❖ **DAILY MATINS every day, except Thursday, Nov 15 through Dec 28.**
- ❖ **TODAY, Nov 9th, Special Parish Meeting,** after agape meal.
- ❖ **Parish study CONCLUDES this coming Tuesday, November 11th.** Our theme is the story of the Orthodox Catholic and Apostolic Church.
- ❖ **THIS COMING SATURDAY: Men's breakfast and Women's group meet.**
- ❖ **LOOK AHEAD:** the feast of the **Entry of the Theotokos**, Nov 21. See calendar.