

St Peter the Apostle Antiochian Orthodox Church

18 January 2009

PLAGAL 2ND MODE (6); 9TH EOTHINON

ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL, PATRIARCHS OF ALEXANDRIA & TWELFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

WOMAN-MARTYR THEODOULIS; MAXIMOS, SERBIAN RULER

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN PLAGAL 2ND MODE (6)

When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF SS. ATHANASIOS AND CYRIL IN 3RD MODE

With work of Orthodoxy, ye shone forth and extinguished wicked opinion, becoming triumphant and clothed with victory. And having enriched all with true worship, and adorned the Church with great adornment, Athanasios and wise Cyril, ye worthily found Christ God, granting to all, through your prayers, the Great Mercy.

- *Now sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF THE FEAST OF THE MEETING IN 1ST MODE

Thou, O Christ God, Who by Thy Birth, didst sanctify the Virgin's womb, and, as is meet, didst bless Simeon's arms, and didst also come to save us; preserve Thy fold in wars, and confirm them whom Thou didst love, for Thou alone art the Lover of mankind.

THE EPISTLE

(For Athanasios and Cyril)

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, the God of our Fathers.

For Thou are justified in all that Thou hast done for us.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (13:7-16)

Brethren, remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the Word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings; for it is well that the heart be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose

blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp and bear the abuse He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city, which is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His Name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Twelfth Sunday of Luke)

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (17:12-19)

At that time, as Jesus entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus said, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

***** Announcements for the Week of January 18th *****

- ❖ This is **HOUSE BLESSING SEASON**. See the January calendar handout for available times and contact Fr Patrick directly for arrangements.
- ❖ The SCHEDULE of weekday services for house blessing season, **January 7th through February 21st: NO weekday Matins, except on Saturday morning.** Weekday Vespers will continue to be served on Tuesday and Friday. However, these services will be held at 5:00 PM, instead of 6. These changes are to allow maximum scheduling for Fr Patrick to complete all house blessings before the lenten season.
- ❖ The **fasting days** this week are Wednesday and Friday, as usual.
- ❖ See announcement of visit to our area of the **Myrrh-streaming ikon of Iveron!**
- ❖ **Fr Patrick is organizing a new inquirers/catechism class.** This will probably be held after Saturday evening Vespers, starting in the near future, date to be determined. Please refer any interested persons to this upcoming opportunity.
- ❖ **Our next Parish Study** will take place on **Tuesday evenings, beginning February 17th and will run through Great Lent, up through March 31st—seven sessions on the theme, THE HOUSE OF GOD: Church Architecture as expression of Divine Revelation of a Holy Community of Persons.** Fr Patrick will lead us to dwell on this theme, as we prepare to move to a new location and will build out our church presence in a new place. So, put this in your calendar!