

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Hiero-martyr Eutychius

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BLESSED FEAST!

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE IV:

O Lord, how manifold are Your works; in wisdom have You made them all.

Verse: Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord, my God, You are very great!

ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS 16:13-24

Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

MATTHEW 21:33-42

The Lord said this parable, "There was a householder who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it, and dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to tenants, and went into another country. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; and the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE IV:

When the women disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the joyous message of Thy Resurrection; they cast away the ancestral curse and elatedly told the apostles: Death is overthrown! Christ God is risen, granting the world great mercy.

TROPARION -THE TRANSFER OF THE RELICS OF SAINT NICHOLAS - TONE IV:

The day of splendid solemnity hath arrived; * and the city of Bari doth rejoice, * and with it the whole world exulteth * with hymns and spiritual odes. * For today we celebrate the sacred feast * of the translation of the precious and much-healing relics * of the hierarch Nicholas the wonder-worker. * For like the never-setting Sun, * he shineth with brilliant beams of light, * driving away the darkness of temptations and misfortunes * from those who with faith cry aloud: * Save us, O Nicholas, ** for thou art our intercessor.

TROPARION TO THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR EUTYCHIUS – TONE IV:

By sharing in the ways of the Apostles, you became a successor to their throne. Through the practice of virtue, you found the way to divine contemplation, O inspired one of God; by teaching the word of truth without error, you defended the Faith, even to the shedding of your blood. Hieromartyr Eutýchius, entreat Christ God to save our souls!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE IV:

My Savior and my Redeemer as God rose from the tomb and delivered the earthborn from their chains. And He has shattered the gates of hell, and as Master, He has risen on the third day!

KONTAKION TO SAINT NICHOLAS – TONE III

Thy relics have moved like a star, from the East unto the West, * O holy hierarch Nicholas; * and the sea hath been sanctified by thy passage. * The city of Bari receiveth grace through thee, * for thou hast been shown forth for us * as a wonderworker: ** illustrious, most wondrous and merciful!

GLORY... KONTAKION TO THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR EUTICHIUS – TONE III:

A successor of the Apostles and an excellent example to bishops, Eutýchius, you were glorified as a martyr. You shone forth like the sun enlightening all, dispelling the dark night of godlessness. Therefore, we honor you as truly a godly celebrant of the Mysteries of Christ.

NOW AND EVER... HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD - TONE VI:

Steadfast Protectress of Christians and constant advocate before the Creator, do not despise the cry of us sinners; but in your goodness come speedily to help us who call on you in faith. Hasten to hear our petition and to intercede for us, O Theotokos, for you always protect those who honor you!

Alleluia Verses

*Go forth, prosper and reign, for the sake of meekness, righteousness and truth.
For You love righteousness, and hate iniquity!*

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

The Church provides believers with the Holy Gospel readings at each Divine Liturgy. Believers are blessed to have access to the Gospel and to freely hear it. The soul is enriched and nourished with each proclamation of the Gospel.

Not all hearers of the Gospel take the meaning to heart and put the Gospel into practice in daily life. At times, the Gospel can be difficult for believers to understand.

Greater thought and attention to the Lord are necessary for the deep meaning of the Gospel to be revealed and understood. Sincere believers truly want to understand the Gospel and will search diligently for the meaning.

The present Gospel stimulates deep thought. The Lord God has given believers the earth to care for, to bear fruits for the glory of God. Too often the fruits of the earth are wasted or used for selfish purposes.

Caretakers of the earth often harvest fruits of the earth and do not return them to the Lord. Fruits of the earth instead of being given to God and used for the glory of God are regularly used in meaningless and selfish living.

God's earth provides bountiful fruits to feed the multitudes. God's earth has plenty to nourish the hungry. Greedy harvesters tend to keep these fruits for themselves instead of fairly and reasonably sharing them.

The Gospel regularly proclaimed in the Church speaks of the importance of charity for the needy. Feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and housing the homeless are integral to the Gospel.

The message of the Gospel falls on deaf ears to many with abundant harvests. Workers often are underpaid while harvesting bountiful crops. Work conditions may be unsafe for companies to increase profits.

The Gospel message of charity is to be embraced by all believers. Caretakers of the earth are to heed the Gospel and share the fruits freely with love. The Lord God's message is always present.

The Lord's presence in the form of the Gospel regularly reminds caretakers of the earth to administer holdings with care, fairly, evenly and with love. The Lord regularly appeals to the consciences of the earth's caretakers.

History shows the Lord's appeal for love for all is not readily welcomed. Bright spots of charity being practiced exist as examples. The Church stands as a beacon of light and hope for greater love to be practiced.

Attentive believers heed the call for greater love and readily practice charity. Greed is firmly rejected by fervent believers in positions to share abundance with others. Love is fostered and abounds in God's Holy Church.

The Gospel has been proclaimed for more than twenty centuries. The Holy Prophets spoke of the need for the existence of greater love and sharing of fruits of the earth.

Residents of the earth are guests of the Lord. The earth belongs to the Lord. Individuals abiding on the earth are temporary caretakers. The Lord is due continued gratitude for enabling the earth to bear abundant blessings.

Attentive believers heed the Gospel and seek ways to share the earth's blessings in accord with the Gospel. Food banks exist as a way to spread the Lord's harvest.

Charitable organizations provide the means for the needy to be served. Sincere believers regularly support charitable efforts. Conscientious believers seek to ensure laborers share safely and reasonably in the harvest.

God's love is abundantly evident in the Gospel teachings. God's love is clear from the lessons of history. The Lord Jesus Christ's death and resurrection stand through the centuries as the epitome of love.

Today is the day to ensure love is fully practiced in daily life. Now is the time to act in order for more of the earth's inhabitants to safely and fairly benefit from the earth's harvest.

Ardent believers embrace the message of the Gospel and bring the Gospel to life in their actions. The Psalmist said: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." (Ps.23/24:1)

May today's Gospel read spur believers to share the earth's blessings with greater fairness with the world's laborers and needy. Bring joy to the Lord and to the earth's residents in acts of love to God's glory.

DONATIONS RECEIVED ON AUGUST 30TH

Thank you for your continuing financial support! Please, remember that without our fund raisers and fish fries that we cannot hold at this time, your contributions are more important than ever.

Offering \$1293.00; Candles \$74.00

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UPCOMING EVENTS

***MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY at 7:45 PM – Evening Prayer trough the Conference call
(339) 207-6529***

THURSDAY (September 10th) – The Beheading of Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John EVE

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

NO Conference Call Vespers service for readers

FRIDAY (September 11th) - The Beheading of Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

SATURDAY (September 12th)

6:00 PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY (September 13th) – 14th Sunday after Pentecost – Synaxis of the Serbian Saints

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (2. Cor. 1, 21-2, 4 & Heb. 13, 7-16); Gospel (Matthew 22, 2-14 & 5, 14-19)

SUNDAY (October 11th) - Pork Chop Dinner

11:30-1:30 - Take out only

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Sandra Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic), Nektarios