

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (October 11th, 2020)

Venerable Father Chariton the Confessor



By deacon Srdjan Radojkovic

***BLESSED FEAST!
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR BELOVED!!!***

Liturgical Readings:

THE PROKEIMENON IN TONE I:

Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us as we have set our hope on You!

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! Praise befits the just!

2 CORINTHIANS 9, 6-11

Brethren, what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Therefore: "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

LUKE 5: 1-11

At that time, as the multitude pressed about Jesus to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

Alleluia Verses

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms!

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION - TONE ONE:

When the stone had been sealed by the Jews; while the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure Body; Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. The powers of heaven therefore cried to Thee, O Giver of Life: Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ! Glory to Thy Kingdom! Glory to Thy dispensation, O Thou who loves mankind.

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 VENERABLE FATHER CHARITON – TONE EIGHT:

By a flood of tears you made the desert fertile, and your longing for God brought forth fruits in abundance. By the radiance of miracles you illumined the whole universe! Our Father Chariton, pray to Christ God to save our souls!

RESURRECTIONAL KONTAKION - TONE ONE:

As God, Thou didst arise from the tomb in glory, raising the world with Thyself. Human nature praises Thee as God, for death has vanished. Adam exults, O Master! Eve rejoices, for she is freed from bondage, and cries to Thee: Thou art the giver of resurrection to all, O Christ!

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 VENERABLE FATHER CHARITON – TONE TWO:

You delighted in the monastic life, divinely-wise one and conquered the bodily passions; you increased in faith, blossoming as the tree of life in the midst of Paradise, most blessed and holy Chariton!

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

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!

Homily by Fr Rodney Torbic

The present Gospel is a clear lesson to turn to the Lord God and heed His word before taking any action. When Simon Peter, James and John had fished during the night, the efforts were without success.

When Simon Peter, James and John let down their nets at Jesus' word, they caught a great multitude of fish. We learn from this Gospel not undertake any actions on our own, but to turn first turn to the Lord in prayer and for direction.

Every undertaking in life beginning with prayer, continuing with prayer and concluding with prayer keeps the person united with the Lord and ensures actions occur in ways pleasing to the Lord.

Each day is a gift and blessing from God. We are dependent on the Lord for the arrival of each day and for our life during the course of the day. We cannot take a single breath, think a single thought or make any motion without the Lord.

All that we have that is good comes from the Lord. All that we choose to do if it is to be good, requires unity with the Lord. Consciousness of the Lord throughout life requires devoted attention.

Personal motivation and life's deeply held goals will reflect if the Lord is loved and cherished. Life and the body belong to the Lord, exist because of the Lord and are intended to be used in ways pleasing to the Lord.

Peter, James and John devoted their lives to following the Lord. They changed occupations from being fishermen to being fishers of men. Christ came alive with them. Christ became the center and reason of their lives.

We would not know about Peter, James and John if they had not heeded and followed the Lord. We know of them and are enriched by them because they listened to Jesus Christ and followed Him.

We are faced with daily decisions and challenges regarding our lives as to how to be productive. Peter, James and John learned from Christ the best way to be productive. They are instructive and lasting examples for us.

Listening to and following Jesus Christ is purely voluntary. The whole person is united with Christ at Holy Baptism. The remaining days of life enable this unity to continue, to grow and develop.

Every moment of the day is a challenge requiring attention to the Lord. Personal desires and choices will reflect if the Lord is fully loved. Personal relationships with family and friends will reveal if we love the Lord.

Our choice of jobs and the way we go about our work will determine if we really love God. The hunger in our soul is fully nourished if we turn to the Lord first and foremost.

The Holy Apostles did not go about following the Lord with limited commitment. They committed their whole lives to the Lord. They gave up their old ways and began a new life in Christ.

Our new life in Christ begins at Baptism. We renew the life in Christ by repentance, confession and communion. Our life in Christ is maintained by daily prayer and heeding the word of God in our daily actions.

We fight the temptations and perils of daily life armed with Christ and prayer to Christ. The Cross of Christ is our greatest weapon in attacking fears and perils that arise.

The Mother of God is the constant presence for intercessory prayers in times of need and peril. Success in life is unity with Christ and loving Christ. Success in life is recognizing Christ's complete unconditional love.

Material goods will not satisfy the hunger of the soul. Personal pursuits are beneficial if they are pleasing to the Lord. The Lord is ever present to teach the believer the course to follow in life.

The Holy Gospel is proclaimed in the Church to guide and nourish the believer. As the Holy Apostles listened to the Lord God, believers of each generation are expected to listen.

God's words which we take to heart and use as guides become blessings. The Lord Jesus Christ said: "Blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it." (Lk.11:28)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

***WEDNESDAY (October 14th) – The Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos
9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy***

***SATURDAY (October 17th)
6:00 PM – Great Vespers***

***SUNDAY (October 18th) – 19th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy
Liturgical Readings: Epistle (2. Cor. 11, 31-12,9); Gospel (Lk. 6, 31-36)***

Dear ones,

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

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