



## Ss Constantine & Helen

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Pacific

### On the Divine Liturgy

#### Sharing His Presence with the World

What is the last thing that we do at the Divine Liturgy? It isn't coming forward to receive the *antidoron* or to sing a hymn. Then what is it? It's to leave the Church.

We, as God's people, assemble to enter into His Presence and even eat and drink with Him at the Mystical Supper that He has provided us. Then we disperse - in order to take God's Presence into the world. In a very practical way, this means that we're supposed to be **missionaries** of God's Presence and kingdom in the world. This is the heart of being evangelical. We have received His divine gifts - and so we must share them freely with everyone. The Divine Liturgy sums up our entire Christian life. We are empowered to bring the gift of God's loving and compassionate Presence - Christ in the Holy Spirit - to a lost and hurting world torn apart by human cruelty, lust, and greed. This is our mission in life: to serve others by sharing with them the gift of communion with the one, true, and living God. Only then will we discover the true meaning and purpose of our lives.

The final act of receiving is giving.

from Guide to the Divine Liturgy, by Robert Krantz



#### To Our Visitors:

We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us. Just a reminder, however: the Sacrament of Holy Communion is a manifestation of the *unity of the Body of Christ*. As such, only those who are members in spiritual good standing of the Orthodox Church – and who have prepared themselves for the Sacrament – may partake of the Holy Chalice. However, *everyone* is welcome to come up with our people at the end of the service to receive blessed bread.

*Please be sure to join us at Coffee Hour following Services.*



January 21, 2018

15th Sunday of Luke

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Commemoration of: Maximos the Confessor; Neophytos the Martyr of Nicaea

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**Apolytikia - Entrance Hymns**

*Ex ipsus katlithes* (Hymn of the Day) Tone 8  
*Descending from on High, o merciful One, did You for three days burial endure, that we may be delivered from sufferings, You are our life and resurrection, Lord glory to You.* (Translation as sung by the Choir)

*Orthodoxias odige* (St. Maximos) Tone 8  
*Guide of Orthodoxy and a sacred teacher of piety and dignity, luminary of the world, and God-inspired jewel of monastics, O wise Maximus, the Spirit's instrument: by your teachings you enlightened all. Intercede with Christ our God for the salvation of our souls.* (Translation by AgesInitiatives.com)

*Tu Stavru Su* (Hymn of the Church) Tone 8  
*Having seen in the sky the form of Your Cross and, like Paul, having received his calling not from men, Your apostle among Kings, Lord, placed his reigning city in Your hand, which forever you guard in peace, by the intercessions of the Theotokos, for You alone are the lover mankind.* (Translation as sung by the Choir)

**Kontakion**

*O mitran parthenikin* Tone 1  
*For our salvation You took flesh and You sanctified the Virgin's womb; You blessed the aged Symeon as You lay resting in his arms; and having come to save us all, O Christ our God, to these troubled times, bring Your lasting peace. Give strong and undaunted faith to all Your people, O only lover of mankind.* (Translation by Kevin Lawrence)

**Epistle Reading**

1st Timothy 4:9-15  
TIMOTHY, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 19:1-10  
At that time, Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he

ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."

**Today**

✘ Sunday, 1/21– 15th Sunday of Luke; Philoptochos Meeting 12 p.m.; Adult Religious Education: Study of Liturgy- "Services Leading up to the Divine Liturgy" 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in the Church

**This Week**

✘ Thursday, 1/25– St. Gregory the Theologian: Orthros 8:30 a.m.; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.  
✘ Saturday, 1/27– Maui Services: Divine Liturgy 10:30 a.m.  
✘ Sunday, 1/28– Sunday of the Publican & the Pharisee; Fr. Alexander departs for Metropolis Clergy-Laity Assembly (away after services today 1/28 to 2/1)

**Announcements**

✘ **Post Epiphany House Blessings**– Fr. Alexander is available to bless your homes and or businesses by appointment before Great Lent begins.  
✘ The **2018 Ecclesiastical Calendars** are here! Please pick yours up in the Narthex. Mahalo to Tom Sofos for underwriting the printing of our calendars again this year!

**A Spiritual Quote from St. Tikhon of Zadonsk**

*"You came into the world to save sinners; therefore You came to save Me also? You came to find and to save him who was lost; therefore You came to seek me too, for I am one of the lost. O Lord, O my God and Creator! I should have come to You as a transgressor of Your law. I should have fallen at Your feet, cast myself down before You, humbly begging forgiveness, pleading with You and craving Your mercy. But You Yourself have come to me, wretched and good-for-nothing servant that I am; my Lord has come to me, His enemy and apostate; my Master has come and has bestowed his love of mankind upon me. Listen my soul: God has come to us."*