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- **10:35 AM** Sunday School
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**Tuesday, March 3rd: Scholarship Forms Available**

- **Available for those who are eligible from AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, & Pan Coan Society.**
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**Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment**

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**Welcome to All Visitors**

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Father Hector Firoglanis, Pastor
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Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια,
ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια,
ὅτι ἐποίησε κράσος,
ἐν Βραχίῳ τοῦ Κύριος.
Ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον,
πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο,
ἔκ κοιλίας ᾅδου ἐρρύσατο
ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

2. ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ ΤΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ (Ηχ. δ’)
Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τό Κεφάλαιον,
καί τοῦ απ’ αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις·
ὁ Υἱός τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱός τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται,
καί Γαβριήλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται.
Διό καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν·
Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

3. ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ (Ηχ. α)
Ὅταν ἔλθης ὁ Θεός, ἐπὶ γῆς μετὰ δόξης,
καὶ τρέμωσι τὰ σύμπαντα·
ποταμὸς δὲ τοῦ πυρὸς πρὸ τοῦ Βήματος ἕλκῃ,
καὶ βίβλοι ἀνοίγωνται, καί τὰ κρυπτὰ δημοσιεύωνται·
tότε ῥῦσαί με, ἐκ τοῦ πυρὸς τοῦ ἀσβέστου,
καὶ ἀξίωσον, ἐκ δεξιῶν σου με στῆναι,
Κριτὰ δικαιότατε.

1. RESURRECTION APOLYTIKION (Third Mode)
Let the heaven rejoice,
and let things on earth be glad,
for the Lord has worked powers with His arm;
He has trampled upon death by death;
He has become the first born of the dead.
From the bowls of Hades has He delivered us,
and granted great mercy to the world.

2. HYMN OF OUR CHURCH (Fourth Mode)
Today is the beginning of our salvation,
and the revelation of the mystery of ages.
The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin.
And Gabriel proclaims this gift from God.
Together with him we cry out to You,
O Theotokos: “Hail thou full of grace,
the Lord is with you.”

3. KONTAKION (First Mode)
When You come down to the earth,
O God, in Your glory, all things will
cower tremulous, and a river of fire
will draw before Your Judgment Seat;
the books shall be opened up,
and public knowledge will things hidden
become. Rescue me, then, I pray,
from unquenchable fire, and count
me worthy to stand at Your right hand,
O You, the most righteous Judge.