



ST. SIMEON ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 27, 2024
TONE 1 / EOTHINON 7; EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
& SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

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OF PONTIUS PILATE

WELCOME!

“The Newest Church in Santa Clarita is the Oldest Church in the World.”

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes all of you to our community this Sunday- for truly, ***“This is the Day that the Lord has made.”*** We are honored to have you worship with us. If you are new to our community or simply have any questions, please introduce yourselves to Fr. George after the Divine Liturgy. He would love to meet and chat with you. May our Lord bless you and your families.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE ONE

While the stone was sealed by the Jews, and the soldiers were guarding Thy most pure body, Thou didst arise on the third day, O Savior, granting life to the world. For which cause the heavenly powers cried aloud unto Thee, O giver of life. Glory to Thy Resurrection, O Christ, glory to Thy kingdom, glory to Thy providence, O Thou Who alone art the lover of mankind.

TROPARION FOR ST. SIMEON IN TONE ONE

Rejoice, thou who art full of grace, O Virgin Theotokos, for from thee hath risen the Sun of Righteousness, Christ our God, enlightening those in darkness. Rejoice, thou also, O righteous Elder, as thou receivest in thine arms the Redeemer of our souls, Who also granteth unto us the Resurrection.

ORDINARY KONTAKION IN TONE TWO

O protection of Christians that cannot be put to shame, mediation unto the Creator most constant, O despise not the suppliant voices of those who have sinned; but be thou quick, O good one, to come unto our aid, who in faith cry unto thee: Hasten to intercession, and speed thou to make supplication, thou who dost ever protect, O Theotokos, them that honor thee.

THE EPISTLE

(For the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost)

Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

**The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the
Corinthians. (9:6-11)**

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Seventh Sunday of Luke)

**The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.
(8:41-56)**

At that time, there came to Jesus a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue; and falling at Jesus' feet he besought Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. As Jesus went, the people pressed round Him. And a woman, who had had a flow of blood for twelve years, and had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed by anyone, came up behind Him, and touched the fringe of His garment; and immediately her flow of blood ceased. And Jesus said, "Who was it that touched Me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the multitudes surround Thee and press upon Thee! And Thou sayest, 'Who touched Me?'" But Jesus said, "Someone touched Me; for I perceive that power has gone forth from Me." And when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling, and falling down before Him declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. And Jesus said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." While Jesus was still speaking, a man from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher anymore." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only

believe, and she shall be well.” And when Jesus came to the house, He permitted no one to enter with Him, except Peter and James and John, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and bewailing her; but Jesus said, “Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand Jesus called, saying, “Child, arise.” And her spirit returned, and she got up at once; and Jesus directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest: May He Who rose from the dead, Christ our true God, through the intercessions of His all-immaculate and all-blameless holy Mother; by the might of the Precious and Life-giving Cross; by the protection of the honorable Bodiless Powers of Heaven; at the supplication of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John; of the holy, glorious and all-laudable apostles; of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, whose Divine Liturgy we have now celebrated; of the holy, glorious and right-victorious Martyrs; of our venerable and God-bearing Fathers; *of Saint N., the patron and protector of this holy community*; of the holy and righteous ancestors of God, Joachim and Anna; of the Martyr Nestor of Thessalonica, whose memory we celebrate today, and of all the saints: have mercy on us and save us, forasmuch as He is good and loveth mankind.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy upon us and save us.

Choir: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for St. Simeon's Annual "**Trunk-or-Treat**" today **immediately following Sunday School**. Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Bookstore: The Christmas board games are perfectly good for year round play. This Sunday and a few other dates we will be

selling them with your choice of some amazing gifts for free thanks to an anonymous donor. The games cost \$25 and we are in great need of selling them for a worthy cause. Please consider buying one for a local Santa Clarita homeless shelter and get an amazing gift for yourself!

Important!!! Only the books next to the half off sign are on sale. We can do this only when we are blessed with discounts or donors.

St Simeon Women's Fellowship Meeting: Please join us **Sunday November 3rd** after church following Sunday School for a meeting in Kh. Janine's classroom. Fellowship and new events are being planned. Come join us for all the details. The holidays are approaching. See you on November 3rd!

Volunteers Needed! St. Simeon Charity Outreach will be hosting a **Dinner and Movie Night** for the **Child and Family Center** in Santa Clarita on **Friday, November 8, 2024 at 5:30pm**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with serving and cleaning up after the event. There is a signup sheet at the back of the church.

The event will take place at the **Child and Family Center** located at **21545 Centre Pointe Pkwy, Santa Clarita, CA 91350**. If you are unable to volunteer, we kindly ask for donations to help provide food for the event. For any questions, please contact **George Sunnaa** at **661-803-0906** or any member of the St. Simeon Charity Community.

Coffee Hour: Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour after Liturgy. It is a time of fellowship with our church family as well an opportunity to welcome visitors to St. Simeon. Please contact Tracy Kuncar at tkuncar@icloud.com or 818-402-7994 if interested or you can sign up by scanning the QR code on the flyer on the bulletin board. The following Sundays are open for hosting Coffee Hour for this year: **Nov. 1st, Dec 1st, 15th, & 29th**

Debutante Ball and Fashion Show: The 59th St. Nicholas **Sweetheart Ball Fashion Show** will be held on November 9th and **the Sweetheart Ball** itself on February 8th, 2025. Congratulations

and God's blessings on St. Simeon's three beautiful debutantes this year-**Natalia Malouf, Emma Ajalat, and Olivia Resendez!** If you wish to place a congratulatory message in the program book or attend either of the events, please see the flyers on the back bulletin table. See Tracy Kuncar with any questions.



Please join us for the first quarterly "**LOOK WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!**" event -November 2nd at 6:00

p.m.

Join us on Saturdays at 4 p.m. to learn more about the Orthodox Faith:

FOR CATECHUMENS AND INQUIRERS "I BELIEVE"

1ST AND 3RD SATURDAYS 4:00 P.M.

FOR EVERYONE "LIVING THE ORTHODOX FAITH"

2ND AND 4TH SATURDAYS 4:00 P.M.

Please submit your oblations or announcements to: stsimeonbulletin@gmail.com by 9 p.m. on Wednesday!!

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Thought for the Week

“Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

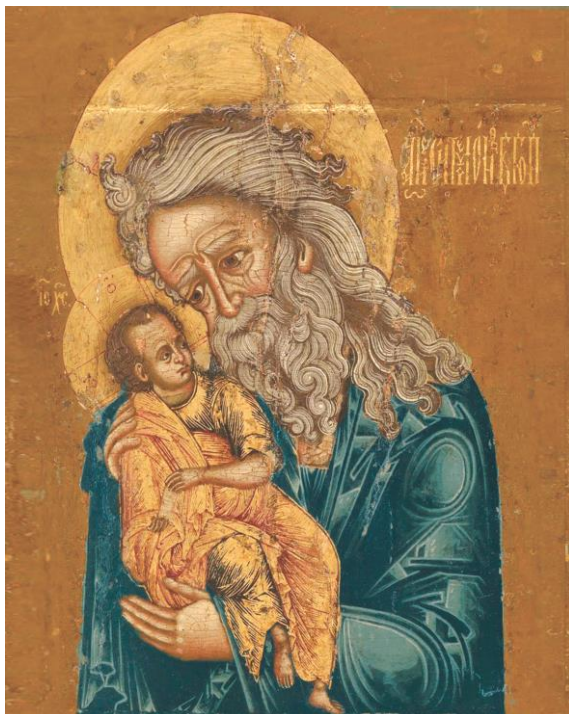
On this 7th Sunday of Luke we hear these words of the Blessed St. Paul to the Corinthians. What he says here has a very deep and important meaning. He is telling us that it is not the giving of money that is important but our motivation for giving is what really counts. Are we giving because we feel it is a duty or responsibility? This is what he means when he says do not give **“under compulsion.”** That is, we can be forced to give by our own conscience or to fulfill our

obligation. Although our giving in this fashion will help the poor or the church, it will only benefit us in a small way.

On the other hand, if we give because we want to please God or because we are thrilled to honor Him, then our hearts will experience an indescribable joy. This indescribable joy is an experience of the love of God. This participation in His love is like a deep spring which wells up in us, gushing forth into eternal life. This is what he means when he says ***“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance.”*** As we begin to experience this joy, we begin to look for more opportunities to give and when we find them we jealously grab on to them and give as much as we are able. We do not care if anyone knows how much we have given- as a matter of fact we try to keep it secret. We even do not care, nor do we take note of the amount that we have given because we are overjoyed with the grace and blessing the Lord has given to us. This is what is meant when our Lord said ³***“But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, (Mat 6:3 NKJ)***

Beloved, let us start out by giving- even if it is from compulsion or obligation, for this is necessary to help the Church and those around us, and it will also benefit us somewhat. But let us make it our definite goal-and strive to give from a cheerful heart. In this way we will experience what St. Paul said when he wrote; ***“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” (1Co 2:9 NKJ)***

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in
peace, according to Thy word,**



For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.