The Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by angels in the beginning, 'We are sent to serve, that the people may know God, who may have power to save them,' and, 'We are sent to serve, that the people may know God, who may have power to save them.'

He has never said, 'I sit down at my right hand, until I make your enemies a stool for your feet?'

How much more pertinent, then, is the declaration: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.' But to what angel has he ever said, 'Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your feet?'

When they could not get near him because of the crowd, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.' Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 'Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?' And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, 'Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk?'

But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins but God alone?' And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, 'Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Psalm 32.22,1 Let your mercy, O Lord, be upon us.

Verse: Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous.

Psalm 40:2 The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14, 2:1-3

"IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make your enemies a stool for your feet?"

Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Προκείμενον. Ἡχός α’.

ὙΑΛΜΟI 32.22,1 Γένοστο, Κύριε, τὸ ἔλεος σου ἐφ’ ἡμᾶς. Στίχ. Αγαλλιάσθη δίκαιοι ἐν Κυρίῳ

Priest Reader. Lord, have mercy on us.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 1:10-14; 2:1-3

GOSPEL READING:

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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**ATTENDING SERVICES IN PERSON**
We may now welcome up to 150 parishioners to worship in person. Please click the link provided in our Weekly Update or on the website to register your attendance for one or more of our next Divine Liturgy Services. Sign-ups for each service will close at 5 p.m. on the evening before the date of the service. We appreciate the continued efforts of our parishioners in helping to keep our community healthy by wearing masks, practicing physical distancing, and using hand sanitizer.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**
The Arizona Hellenic Foundation has several scholarships available for eligible students. For more information and applications please visit our website: https://azhellenic.org/

**ALTAR SERVERS**
Boys ages 8-18 who are interested in serving in the altar please contact the church office.

**LIVE-STREAMING OF SERVICES**
If you are not able to join us in person, we invite you to pray and worship with us from your home. 
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**ST. IRENE PHILOPTOCHOS HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET DONATIONS**
Please help us provide a special holiday for Kathy Connell, Josephine Avaneas or Marjie Thorpe.

**ORATORICAL FESTIVAL PARISH YOUTH SPEAKING EVENT**
Congratulations to our Oratorical Festival Participants- Andrew Waldo (junior division), Nicholas Karas (senior division), & Gabriel Gonzales (senior division). You all did a great job; we’re proud of you and wish you continued success!
Thank you to Marina Arciniaga, Dimitri Laloudakis & Anthony Ambus for serving as judges!

**BIBLE STUDY**
Fr. Timothy is offering Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings through April 28th. Please see the Weekly Update for the Zoom link.

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**Saints and Feasts**
- Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
- Hilarion the New
- Herodion the Apostle of the 70
- Stephen the Wonderworker

Reading:
St. Gregory Palamas
This divine Father, who was from Asia Minor, was from childhood reared in the royal court of Constantinople, where he was instructed in both religious and secular wisdom. Later, while still a youth, he left the imperial court and struggled in asceticism on Mount Athos, and in the Skete at Beroca. He spent some time in Thessalonica being treated for an illness that came from his harsh manner of life. He was present in Constantinople at the Council that was convened in 1341 against Barlaam of Calabria, and at the Council of 1347 against Acindynus, who was of like mind with Barlaam; Barlaam and Acindynus claimed that the grace of God is created. At both these Councils, the Saint contended courageously for the true dogmas of the Church of Christ, teaching in particular that divine grace is not created, but is the uncreated energies of God which are poured forth throughout creation; otherwise it would be impossible, if grace were created, for man to have genuine communion with the uncreated God. In 1347 he was appointed Metropolitan of Thessalonica. He tended his flock in an apostolic manner for some twelve years, and wrote many books and treatises on the most exalted doctrines of our Faith; and having lived for a total of sixty-three years, he reposed in the Lord in 1359. His holy relics are kept in the Cathedral of Thessalonica. A full service was composed for his feast day by the Patriarch Philotheus in 1368, when it was established that his feast be celebrated on the Sunday before, and the great defender of the teachings of the holy Fathers today.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today; we are glad you are here!