

**EPISTLE READING:** This morning's Apostolic reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 4-10. It is found in our books on page 123.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 4-20:**  
Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τοῦτο οὐκ ἐξ ἑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 16, Verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 247-249.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 19-31, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 246-248.**

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):**

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH:** Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY:** This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. **Note:** The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this morning. In November, the class will meet on November 11 and on November 25.

**IOCC DINNER TODAY:** This year's IOCC dinner, Remembering Home, will take place today, November 4 at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. For additional information and for reservations, please use the following link: [www.iocc.org/rememberinghome](http://www.iocc.org/rememberinghome) (It may still be possible there is room for one more.) Certainly, it is worth the effort to support the ministry of the International Orthodox Christian Charities, which brings relief to people across the globe, ranging from those affected by war, natural disasters, and famine.

**DANCE PRACTICE:** Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, November 10, at 12 noon.

**ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL:** There will be basketball practice for our elementary and middle school children on Wednesday, November 7 and also on Thursday, November 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

**PARKING:** Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third-party operator, in accordance with the terms of our conditional use permit) the valet will park our cars. We simply drop off and pick up our cars at the entrance. We do not go down into the garage ourselves. For this service, we will pay \$5 per car, to cover the cost of the attendants. The Cathedral will no longer subsidize parking in the lot behind the Cathedral.

**CURRENTLY, WE HAVE SEVEN RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL:** So far, we have the following individuals running for Parish Council, whose names were placed in nomination at last Sunday's Parish Assembly: **George Ambadiotakis Ambus, D.D.S., Peter (Panagiotis) Cazanis, Alexandros Kozak, Christopher Kyriacou, Esq., John Lampros, Vassiliki Moulas, and Dean Nicolacakis.** In order to become a candidate, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to declaring your candidate, and also attend a mandatory seminar. The seminar will take place in November. Elections will take place on December 16. Currently, there are seven openings. And, so far, we have seven candidates.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD:** Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November. There, you will be greeted by **Annamarie Balian, Annette Chiappari and Kalliope Fousekis.** They will take your name(s) down for inclusion in this year's Community Christmas Card. The donation is \$25. You will be joining your fellow parishioners and friends of the Cathedral, extending best wishes for a blessed Nativity and a joyous, peaceful New Year, 2019. Our trio will be on hand all during the month of November.

**SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP:** In a few days, you will receive a letter thanking you for your 2018 Stewardship or, if you haven't pledged in 2018, a letter saying how important you are as a part of the community, and, therefore, how vital your support is. A few days later, you will receive a packet containing a Stewardship pledge card for 2019, a return envelope, and a brochure with additional information about Stewardship. Please make your support for 2019 a priority, by completing and returning your 2019 Stewardship pledge card.

**VASILOPITA/CRAB FEED:** Though it's only November, our parish Vasilopita and also the Crab Feed, both sponsored by our Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, are just around the corner. The Vasilopita will take place Sunday, January 6 (on Holy Theophany), while the Crab Feed will take place Friday, January 25.

**DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE COURTYARD?** We utilized the courtyard for the first time during this year's Festival. When everything was picked up, we noticed the grime all over the courtyard. However, the pavers were all cleaned immediately afterwards, in preparation for other outdoor events, like our Young Adults dinner last Friday evening. We have a little way to go to wind down this phase of construction: the fountain, gates, doors, etc.) This takes time, especially in this challenging building climate. Let's stay positive. Consider what you have accomplished so far. As with Moses, we hear God speaking to us: **"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."** (from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). This takes vision; it also takes determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshippers!



*"The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified."*