

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11. It is found in our books on page 117.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 6-11:
Ἀδελφοί, ὁ σπειρῶν φειδομένως, φειδομένως καὶ θερίσει· καὶ ὁ σπειρῶν ἐπ' εὐλογίαις, ἐπ' εὐλογίαις καὶ θερίσει. Ἐκαστος καθὼς προαιεῖται τῇ καρδίᾳ· μὴ ἐκ λύπης ἢ ἐξ ἀνάγκης· ἰλαρὸν γὰρ δότην ἀγαπᾷ ὁ θεός. Δυνατὸς δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶσαν χάριν περισσεύσαι εἰς ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἔργον ἀγαθόν· καθὼς γέγραπται, Ἐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ δικαιοσύνη αὐτοῦ μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα. Ὁ δὲ ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρμα τῷ σπείροντι, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρώσιν χορηγήσει, καὶ πληθύνει τὸν σπόρον ὑμῶν, καὶ αὐξήσῃ τὰ γενήματα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑμῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόμενοι εἰς πᾶσαν ἀπλότητα, ἥτις κατεργάζεται δι' ἡμῶν εὐχαριστίαν τῷ θεῷ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 26-39. It is found in our books on pages 249-253.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 26-39, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 248-252.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One:

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου· δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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 will meet next Sunday, October 27th.

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICES: This morning's mnymosyna are being offered for the repose of our brothers and sisters: **Stanley Cocoles**, 40 days; **Peter Haramis**, 1 year; **Georgia Vouchilas**, 1 year; and **Evangelos Joseph**, 6 years, and **Androulla Joseph**, 4 years. Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

MANY YEARS TO HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS: Today is the Feast Day of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco. The Cathedral extends best wishes and the prayer that God may grant him many years, rightly dispensing the Word of His Truth. Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Σεβασμιώτατε!

30th ANNIVERSARY SINCE LOMA PRIETA: October 17 marked the 30th anniversary of the earthquake, which claimed the old Cathedral and our ancillary facilities. We have been rebuilding ever since. You should be proud of what you've accomplished these last 30 years. It is a testament to your resilience and faith and bodes well for the future of our community.

ADOPT A PAVER: The most recent issue of the *Herald* said something about "Adopt a Paver." It's quite simple. For a gift of \$2,000.00 to the Building Fund, parishioners and friends of the Cathedral may have their name(s) inscribed in one of the courtyard pavers. The pavers will accommodate up to 25 letters per line (depending upon the width of the letters and the spacing). Up to 3 lines may be inscribed. No logos. Initially, 750 pavers will be available for this purpose, all located in the courtyard. As of today, we have 60 pavers "adopted." We began inscribing on September 14. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be recolored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY: October 26 is the Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr, Exuder of Myrrh. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m.

CHURCH BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Practice for elementary and middle school boys and girls will take place this Wednesday, October 23 and Thursday, October 24, beginning at 7 p.m.

GREEK FILM FESTIVAL THIS WEEK: The Greek Film Festival begins today. A schedule of showings is available at the *pangari*. We wish the organizers every success.

DANCE SYMPOSIUM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: Our dance group board is hosting a dance symposium this Saturday, October 26, culminating in a *glendi* in the evening. We wish them every success.

NICKEL AND A NAIL...40 YEARS LATER: The St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center is marking its 40th anniversary with a dinner at the Ascension Cathedral on Saturday, October 26, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. As we are all beneficiaries of the ministries of the Ranch, it is incumbent upon us to attend. The Cathedral should be represented by at least two tables. For reservations, and for more information, please call 415 753-3075.

PHISHING: This is what they call it when someone disguises themselves, and uses bona fide e mails to solicit donations on line. Someone used Father Stephen's contact list for this purpose. If you receive or have received such an e mail, please flag the e mail as spam and DO NOT respond. It is not the Cathedral's policy to solicit funds, for any reason, through e mails. For reference, Father Stephen's valid e mail address is fatherstephen@annunciation.org. Please do not reply to any other address that appears to have come from him.

PARKING: Recently, we ordered the Valencia Street gates and the installation of the granite along the lower walls, to allow for the completion of the pavers along the walkway. Meanwhile, we are completing the elevator lobbies, with a view to getting final inspection on our elevator. We have also completed the requirements for the Fire Department. This should enable us, at long last, to receive our occupancy permit for the parking component, so that we may formally engage Golden State Parking to run it. Meanwhile, we're about to launch our "Adopt a Paver" program, affording parishioners and friends to inscribe their name(s) on one of 750 courtyard pavers. We are moving ahead. As we go forward, let's stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, then, in our day we hear God speaking to us: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a great sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, our Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers!



"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."