

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint 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. 4-10:

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 ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθαι. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοιμάσεν 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 18, Verses 18-27. It is found in our books on pages 267-269.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λοῦκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 18-27. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 266-268.

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 μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκόλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς 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 December, it will meet on December 8 and on December 15.

PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY, NOVEMBER 24: Members in good standing are invited to attend and participate in today's Parish Assembly. The Agenda is as follows: 1. Election of Assembly Chair; 2. Reading and Approval of the October 28, 2018 Minutes; 3. Construction Update, 4. Financial Report, 5. Report of the Nominating Committee, 6. Meet our new Pastoral Assistant, 7. Closing Prayer.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Kalliope Fousekis and Annamarie Balian are staffing the Christmas Card table all during the month of November (as well as the first Sunday in December). Do stop by and request your name be included in this year's Community Christmas Card. The donation is \$25 per line.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE: Basketball practice will not be held this week, because of Thanksgiving. It will resume next week. Middle School practice will take place on Wednesday, December 4, at 7pm, and Grade School practice will take place on Thursday, December 5, at 7 pm. For more information, please contact **Deno Konstantindis** via cell or email. 415-867-8035 / denocom@hotmail.com

ST. NICHOLAS DAY SERVICES AT ST. NICHOLAS: The next weekday service to be held will be the Divine Liturgy, on the occasion of the Feast of St. Nicholas, Friday, December 6. We will join our Antiochian Orthodox brothers and sisters at the Church of St. Nicholas, 5200 Diamond Heights Blvd., San Francisco. Matins at 10 am, followed by the Divine Liturgy at 11 am. An agape meal will follow in the church hall.

LIGHT THE PATH LUNCHEON DECEMBER 7: The Light the Path Christmas Luncheon, which supports our seminarians, is not to be missed. For reservations, call 415 431-2600 or stop by the Philoptochos Light the Path table following today's Divine Liturgy.

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS TO VISIT CATHEDRAL JAN. 26: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America is coming Sunday, January 26th 2020 for his first visit to our Annunciation Cathedral. A luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. Invitations will go out soon. If you wish to attend the luncheon, you must make reservations, so that we know how many people to plan for. We cannot accept walk ins the day of the luncheon.

ADOPT A PAVER: As of today, we have 66 pavers "adopted." The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be recolored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers. Do consider adopting a paver. A great way to "connect." Forms are available at the *pangari*.

STEWARDSHIP: Thank you for making your Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. Stewardship packets for 2020 have been sent out. (Additional packets are available at the *pangari*). Please complete and return your card, in the envelope provided, by December 1. Next Sunday, we will hear from **Dean Nicolacakis**, our Stewardship Chair, on "Stewardship: what's in it for you; what's in it for the Church of Christ." For more information about Stewardship, please see **Dean**, following the Liturgy.

100th ANNIVERSARY: In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. We are excited to share with you that our 100th Year Gala Banquet will take place, in 2021, in the grand ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco, in the same place where the original banquet took place to celebrate the creation of the Cathedral 100 years ago!

PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire Inspection has been set for Tuesday, December 3. Assuming the inspection is successful, a permit to operate our parking will be, in effect, issued. A full narrative may be found in our December 2019 *Herald*. The subsequent ok by the Police Department, will enable us to have the parking component up and running within a month. Meanwhile, the upper and lower elevator lobbies have been carpeted, as have the stairs from the garage leading up to the narthex. Any day now, we are waiting to receive the new Valencia Street gates and the lobby doors, so that we can complete the clear path of travel requirement and begin utilizing the garage on a regular basis, and in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit which was granted to us some time ago. It will be a great day when we finally get the ok for the parking, following our December 3rd inspection, so that we can go on to address completion of the interior. 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: Και 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 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."