

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to Timothy, Chapter 1, Verses 1-18.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 1-18.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 14, Verses 16-24. It is found in our books on page 263-265.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 16-24. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 262-264.

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 Σωτήρ, 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.

MNEMOSYNON: This morning's memorial services are being held for the repose of members of the Siouris family: **Angeliki** 57 yrs; **Michalis** 53 yrs; **Panagiota** 13 yrs; **Alex** 2 yrs; **Garifalia (Glade)** 6 mos. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

40 DAY BLESSING: This morning we welcome 40 day old **Athena Anastasia**, daughter of **Alexandra Kostoulas** and **Theodore Andersen**. Na mas zisi! Long Life!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY: Parishioners in good standing are invited to vote for members of the Parish Council. Elections will take place following the Divine Liturgy. The candidaates are: **Deno Konstantinidis, Anasstasios (Tasso) Mavroudis, Andrew Miltiades, Thomas Nuris, Jim Rakos, Mike Sarikakis, Paul Sogotis, Nicholas Svetcoff, and James D. Vorrises**. Following ratification of the elections, the new members of the Parish Council will receive their oath of office on Sunday, January 5. Immediately following, they will join the Parish Council members who were elected last year and elect officers for the year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The meeting will take place in the conference room, at 12:30 pm

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17: 5:30 set up; 6:30 service, followed by Young Adult get together for wine & chees.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice continues this week! Middle School practice will take place this Wednesday, December 18, at 7pm, and Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, December 19, at 7 pm.

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 75 pavers "adopted." The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be redone when the company comes out to inscribe the remaining pavers. We are trying to get this done prior to the Archbishop's visit in January.

STEWARDSHIP: Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. Please complete and return your card, in the envelope provided, before the end of the December.

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!

CALLING ALL 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE TO A MEETING: The meeting will take place in the conference room on Sunday, January 12, 2020, following the Divine Liturgy. our centennial celebrations. At the January 12 meeting, we will review a proposal and further define the scope of events to appropriately celebrate this milestone in the life of our community.

PARKING: Good news! Last week the Fire Marshall and Electrical Inspector PASSED us on our parking garage inspection! Next is the ok by the Building Department, and, in early January, by the Police Department. We will then be up and running our garage during the week, generating considerable revenue for our Building Project! At long last we will be able to 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! These are indeed exciting and historic times at the Annunciation Cathedral. 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 άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμίν*). (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."