

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 7, Verses 7-17.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 7-17.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 2, Verses 22-40.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ: ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν Εὐαγγελίου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 22-40.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, 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 group will meet next on Sunday, February 16 and on Sunday, February 23.

ADOPT A PAVER: As of today, we have 91 pavers "adopted." We are trying to schedule the inscription of the new pavers and a re-do of the old ones over a weekend when no rain is expected, as the paint cannot adhere to wet surfaces. The company is attempting to schedule the work to be completed the next few weeks.

GATE INSTALLATION BEGINS TOMORROW: The Door Company, which has manufactured the gates running 120 feet along Valencia Street, in front of the new Cathedral, will begin installation tomorrow, February 3. They will also install gates within the arches leading to the courtyard and the walkway which leads to the Cathedral's offices. The gate in front of the driveway, as well as the one leading to the office, will be electronically controlled. The one leading from the upper lobby to Valencia Street will have an electronic striker, which will facilitate entry and reentry.

MESSINIAN ARTOKLASIA: The Navarino Messinian Society, which held its annual Dinner-Dance last evening, is sponsoring today's *Artoklasia* (Offering of the Five Loaves). Not that the Cathedral of Kalamata, the capital of Messinia, is Ὑπαπαντή, Presentation of our Lord.

40 DAY BLESSING: Today, we welcome 40 day old **Giorgio Michele Khosro**, child of **Dean** and **Alexandria Tsagaris**. Na mas Zisi! Long Life!

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice for Middle School will take this Wednesday, February 5.. Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, February 6, both practices at 7 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENT SURVEY: As we are looking to develop our catechetical program further and to increase participation, all our parents are being invited to take part in a survey concerning aspects of this program. Our School committee, under the leadership of Peter Cazanis, will be forwarding the survey this week, by email. The following URL will take you to the survey, which should take only a few minutes to complete: <http://bit.ly/2TZkc91>. As an alternative, look for a QR code posted in the halls which will take you to the survey. In either case, we would appreciate hearing from you, as the last day of response collection is March 1.

SUNDAY STREETS: MARCH 8: As noted, Valencia Street will be closed to through traffic on Sunday, March 8. However, you may still access the Cathedral for the Divine Liturgy. Simply come down 14th Street, and turn left onto Valencia Street, and into the parking lot. Upon exiting, please follow the signs. We are in the process of partnering with Sunday Streets in order to hold a "mini Greek festival" just outside the Cathedral, to encourage support and activity at this northern end of Valencia Street where, in the past, there is very little going on.

STEWARDSHIP: Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. Let's meet our goal of 400 Stewardship pledges for 2020. As of today, we have 120 2020 Stewards. We thank you for your support. In the event you have misplaced your card, additional cards are available at the *pangari*. For questions about Stewardship, please see our Stewardship chair, **Dean Nicolacakis**.

PROPOSED NAVIGATION CENTER AT 33 GOUGH STREET: A proposed Navigation Center is being considered at 33 Gough Street. Similar to other navigation centers, this one will provide temporary shelter for up to 200 homeless individuals. The Board of Supervisors will consider this proposal on February 10.

PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire and Electrical Inspections took place Tuesday, December 3. We passed inspection! However, the holdup is in the Building Department. It needs to grant its approval so that we may take the final step—a hearing at our local Police Department, and the issuance of our occupancy permit for the garage and subsequent operation of the garage per our Conditional Use Permit agreement. The Building Department is insisting we get the final doors and gates installed, as well as building up the lobby to meet a one hour burn criterion. The latter was recently done. Now we are waiting doors to come in. The installation of the gates will begin tomorrow, February 3. It will be a great day when the parking is up and running. This said, as we go forward, let's stay positive and focused, considering all that you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, 3200 years ago, so in our own day we hear God speaking, telling 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). All this requires vision, determination and faith. You have it all: keep reminding yourselves. You are accomplishing something extraordinary here, for 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! May God remember you always, in His heavenly Kingdom!



"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."