

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 16, Verses 16-34.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 16-34.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 9, Verses 1-38:

At that time, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know. They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe"; and he worshiped him.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1-38.

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.

Christ is risen from the dead. By death, He has conquered death. And, to those in the graves, He has granted life! Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι ζῶν χαρισάμενος!

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON: Memorial prayers are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother **Basile Mavroudis**, who fell asleep in the Lord years 24 ago. *Aionia I Mnimi!* Eternal Memory!

LIGHT A VIRTUAL CANDLE Thank you for lighting a virtual candle every Sunday, thus keeping hope alive. Whether you donate \$1 or \$1,000, your gift is one of faith. It helps keeps the Cathedral solvent during this universal upheaval. More importantly, it connects us to Him who is the Light of the World (John 8:12) and reminds us of our calling to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). Keep on lighting your virtual candles! To do so, please visit our web site, www.annunciaton.org, and click on the appropriate link.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR: Visitors to the Annunciation Cathedral often remark at how friendly and welcoming the Cathedral is, how they feel valued and at home. Certainly, much of this is attributable to the coffee fellowship hour which follows every Sunday Divine Liturgy. Here, people connect with one another, often resulting in lasting friendships. Thanks to Professor Nicholas Economides and his wife, Janine, Annunciation Cathedral is resuming Sunday coffee hours, but in a virtual way. Professor Economides is an internationally recognized academic authority on network economics, electronic commerce and public policy. Janine, meanwhile, maintains a blog, offers a daily Biblical exegesis, and sings opera arias. They make their home in New York City and in San Francisco, where they are devoted members of the Cathedral. Won't you join them as they bring us together, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, during this challenging, global pandemic. If you are a www.annunciation.org subscriber, you will receive directly an email from Prof. Economides on joining the virtual coffee hour on Sundays at noon using Zoom."

PRAY FOR HEALTH: Please pray for health and wellbeing, one for another during these times. Especially pray for our health workers, all those on the front lines, who care for those who are sick. Also, please pray for members of our community who are facing health challenges and trials at this time. May God restore them to health.

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH: In accordance with guidelines from our Metropolis, the reopening of Annunciation Cathedral is being considered. A Task Force has been formed toward this end. More information is forthcoming, and can be found in the June issue of the *Herald*. We are all eager to return to "normalcy." However, the safety of all of our fellow congregants is uppermost in our thoughts. Meanwhile, we invite you to participate via streaming

VOLUNTEERING/DONATING DURING THE PRESENT PANDEMIC: The San Francisco Food Bank, which supplies much of the food that we use to prepare meals for our Community Kitchen, has been especially hard hit by the pandemic. We invite you to visit the Food Bank's web site, <https://www.sfmfoodbank.org> or call the Food Bank at 415 282-1907 ext. 249, and offer to assist them in bagging and distributing groceries to the needy or by making a donation. You may also wish to make a donation to support the work of Raphael House. This is an Orthodox Christian shelter, located in the Tenderloin. One way you can help them during this crisis is through their Amazon wish list: https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/1XH4CGL2O4QBI/ref=smi_cl_wl_rd_cl?ref=smi_se_cl_rd_cl To make a donation for their Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund: <https://www.raphaelhouse.org/emergency-fund/>

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: These very popular classes are taking place on a weekly basis, remotely, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Alex Kozak. If you are new to the parish or you are considering being received into the Church through baptism and/or chrismation, as an adult, we invite you to speak with Alex about your wishes and the possibility of joining the Introduction to Orthodoxy class. Please contact him at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com.

EVERYTHING IS ON HOLD: The present pandemic has put everything building-related on hold. As you know, prior to our being sheltered in place, we were in the process of installing the final gates along Valencia Street and on our courtyard, as well as taking care of some leak and drainage issues. Meanwhile, the granite which will clad the Valencia Street walls has been fabricated, as have the stone which completes the fountain, and the final lobby doors. Work on the walls resumed on Tuesday, May 20. The remaining work will resume soon, so that we may open and operate the garage full-time and begin work on the interior. As a community, we've been through much, especially when we lost everything to the earthquake, back in 1989. But, we've bounced back. It wasn't easy, but we did it, because we have faith, we have hope, and we have unity. So, too, we will weather this pandemic and return what many are calling "the new normal," -i.e. a community where social distancing will become routine. But, our faith remains the same; our need for God remains the same. After all, it is for Him, in Him, and through Him that we continue to exist at all. Praise God for the Gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whose Resurrection we are given the faith and the vision to rebuild His Church. Χριστός Ανέστη! Christ is Risen!



"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."