

# SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

## SUNDAY FOLLOWING HOLY PENTECOST: SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews, Chapter 11, Verses 33-40, Chapter 12, Verses 1-2:** Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πράξεων Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 33-40, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-2.**

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 10, Verses 32-33, 37-38, Chapter 19, Verses 27-30:** The Lord said to his disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 32-33, 37-38, κεφ. 19, ἐδάφ. 27-30.**

**Today's *Apolytikon* (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 ἐλευθερώσης 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.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON:** This morning's memorial is being offered for the repose of the souls of members of the Siouris family: **Garifalia (Glade)**, 1 year; **Alexander**, 2 years; **Panagiota**, 13 years; **Michalis**, 53 years; and **Angeliki**, 57 years, and also for **Angelo Pappas**, 17 years; and **Mary Pappas**, 2 years. *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 keep 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.annunciator.org](http://www.annunciator.org), and click on the appropriate link, or enter <https://annunciation.org/candle>

**VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR:** Now in its fourth week, our Virtual Coffee Hour is a big hit. Here, people connect with one another, renewing existing and forging new friendships. Thanks to Professor Nicholas Economides and his wife, Janine, for coordinating them. Won't you join them as they bring us together, following the Sunday Divine Liturgy, 12 noon to 2 pm Pacific Time, during this challenging, global pandemic. If you are a [www.annunciation.org](http://www.annunciation.org) subscriber, you will receive instructions as to how to access the Sunday virtual coffee hour. To subscribe: <https://annunciation.org/news/join-our-email-list>

**PRAY FOR HEALTH:** In April 2020, an active member of our community, Johnny Eliopoulos, age 47, was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer, Gliomatosis Cerebri. Only 40 people a year are diagnosed with this rare form of cancer. We ask for your prayers and support at this time for Johnny, his wife Eileen, son Yiannis, and Stepsons Anthony and Aaron, in addition to his parents and extended family. Through this challenging time, we invite you to help the family with expenses, by contributing to them online through Paypal at [ouzikee69@gmail.com](mailto:ouzikee69@gmail.com) or you can send donations to Johnny Eliopoulos 2480 Shannon Drive South San Francisco, CA 94080. We, and the family, thank you for your support, well wishes, and prayers.

**REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH:** In accordance with guidelines from our Metropolis, the reopening of Annunciation Cathedral is being considered for July 5, (or as soon as we can access our parking lot, without the use of a valet, which may take us into August or beyond). A Task Force, consisting of **S. Christopher Kyriacou, Christo Pappademos, John Lampros, Peter Cazanis, Dr. Christina Armatas, Vivian Curd, and Paul Sogotis**, has taken the lead on organizing and monitoring the reopening. More information can be found in the June-July issue of the *Herald*. Meanwhile, we thank you for attending the Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am via streaming.

**VOLUNTEERING/DONATING DURING THE PRESENT PANDEMIC:** The San Francisco Food Bank, which supplies much of the food for our Community Kitchen, has been 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 to make 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. To assist, please log on to: [https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/1XH4CGL2O4QBI/ref=smi\\_cl\\_wl\\_rd\\_cl?ref=smi\\_se\\_cl\\_rd\\_cl](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](mailto:orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com).

**THINGS BEGINNING TO MOVE:** The present pandemic has put everything building-related on hold but, now, things are beginning to move again. The granite which will clad the Valencia Street walls and the stone cap have been installed. The roofing and drainage issues are being addressed as we write this. The gate people are due to come out in a week to complete their work. As soon as we finish this and get our certificate of occupancy for the garage, we can open the garage to self-park. This is necessary if we are to open up the church, as the valet can guide us where to park, but can no longer park our cars for us. 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 to a so called "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 whom we are given the faith and the vision to rebuild His Church.



*"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."*