

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

EUSTATHIOS, THEOPISTE & AGAIOS THE MARTYRS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20: Brethren, knowing that a man is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of the law, because by works of the law shall no one be justified. But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, is Christ then an agent of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again those things which I tore down, then I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died to the law, that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 8, Verses 34-38: The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 34-38.

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 ἀχαρᾶντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς 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 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

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON: Memorial prayers are being offered today for the repose of the soul of our sister **Annette Chiappari**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. **Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! Eternal memory!**

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will meet today, remotely, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

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.annunciation.org, and click on the appropriate link, or enter <https://annunciation.org/candle>

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN REMOTELY: Due to the pandemic, Greek School classes and Sunday School classes are taking place remotely, until further notice. Greek School began on September 5, at 10 am, while Sunday School classes begin last Sunday, September 13, following the Liturgy. Login information may be found in the *Herald*, as well as on the Cathedral's web site, www.annunciation.org. A fee is charged for Greek School (Greek School teachers are paid); there is no charge for Sunday School. To enroll your child in Sunday School for the 20/21 school year, please complete [this form](#) for each child. For additional information, and to learn more about how the teachings will be structured, please visit the [Sunday School information page](#) on the Cathedral's website.

FESTIVAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: Although we are not able to hold our Food Festival in September, we will be publishing a Program Book. Entitled *Physically Distant; Spiritually Connected*, the book is being printed in this, our 99th year as a community. In addition to your ads and sponsorship pages, the book will contain a **directory of the parishioners and friends of the Cathedral**. Be creative: instead of the usual "best wishes for a successful festival," consider a photo or two of your being sheltered in place during this COVID-19 pandemic, and/or a narrative of how you're coping, how you continue to maintain your connections with one another. Help us reach our goal by sponsoring a page or a portion thereof. Additional info and web links to an online form and online payment (PayPal) can be found here: <https://www.annunciation.org/2020-festival-book>

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH: Seven months into the pandemic, San Francisco's directive is still in place. We have recently learned the City has a goal of permitting in-person attendance for up to 25 people, within the next few weeks. However, in order to open, even in this limited way, we need to obtain our certificate of occupancy for the garage so that you may self-park. We expect this will happen within the next few weeks. Meanwhile, we invite you to continue to participate in the Sunday services and special weekday services, remotely, through streaming. We are, of course, saddened that we have not been able to open up for in-person worship, all this time. However, the safety of our people is paramount. Let us continue to pray for one another in these challenging times, and let us stay safe.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CHURCH REOPENING: When we resume in-person worship, we will need to have between seven (7) and ten (10) volunteers on hand each time the church is open to monitor the parking garage, greet and check in, ask health questions, usher, and provide general oversight. Are you able and are you willing to assist? If the answer is yes, please let us know, so that we can compile a master list of our volunteer pool and begin training. Please click on <https://www.annunciation.org/reopening-volunteer>. We look forward to hearing from you.

HOLY CROSS, BELMONT TAKE & BAKE: The Belmont Greek Festival, which is held over the Labor Day Weekend, was not held due to COVID-19. Instead, a Take & Bake is being held, featuring some of the same delicacies that are offered at the Festival, which you can purchase, store, and bake in the convenience of your home. For information, call (650) 591-4447, or visit www.goholycross.org/festival.

THINGS BEGINNING TO MOVE: The present pandemic has put everything building-related on hold but, now, things are moving. Granite along the Valencia Street walls and the stone cap have been installed. The roofing and drainage issues have been addressed. The gates are now virtually complete. The lobby doors have been installed. We are now waiting for Stonecraft to install the remaining pavers. This will be followed by the final inspection of the elevator. As soon as we do this, we will obtain our certificate of occupancy for the garage, so 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 we may do things a little differently, but with the same strong faith in God. 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.”