

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

IEROTHEOS OF ATHENS; DOMNINA THE MARTYR

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 16-18, 7:1: Brethren, you are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore, come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 16-18, 7:1.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 6, Verses 31-36: The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 31-36.

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, ταφὴν 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.

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: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of our brother **John Vlahos**, 3 years; our sister **Maria Vlahos**, 19 years; and our brother **Vasilios Vlahos**, 35 years Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! 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.annunciation.org, and click on the appropriate link, or enter <https://annunciation.org/candle>

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, REMOTELY (FOR THE TIME BEING): 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 began on September 13, at 11 a.m. Both schools have a record numbers of students attending! Kudos to all. 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. Do avail yourselves of the opportunity to be a part of our cultural and catechetical programs. Remain connected with our Faith and our heritage and, above all, *fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith* (Letter to the Hebrews, 12:2).

FESTIVAL COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: Although we were not able to hold our Food Festival this year, we are 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**. Thank you for making this a successful undertaking.

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH NOVEMBER 1: After 7 months of our church being closed, the City is now allowing in-person attendance for up to 25% of capacity, with social distancing. For us, this means in-person worship with up to 50 persons. Our Reopening Taskforce will be meeting, remotely, on Tuesday, to finalize our reopening guidelines, which will be mailed out to our parishioners and friends and which will be available on line, www.annunciation.org. We expect to reopen for in-person worship for up to 50 persons on **November 1, 2020**. 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 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.

OUR ADOPT A PAVER PROJECT: The good news is that we're up to 100 pavers. Of these, 44 have been inscribed. These will be redone, both in a larger size and a darker color, to make them easier to read, when the remaining 56 are inscribed. More good news is that the company doing the inscription is ready when we are. We are just waiting for Stone-Craft to replace the old pavers so that we can schedule the inscription work. We expect this should take place sometime in October.

SAN FRANCISCO GREEK FILM FESTIVAL, OCTOBER 3-10: As noted in the October *Herald*, the San Francisco Greek Film Festival, in its 17th year, is being held virtually. An old-fashioned drive-in took place in San Mateo yesterday, featuring TOPKAPI on what would have been Melina Mercouri's 100th birthday. There are many wonderful films available for viewing all week, free of charge. For further information, please visit the Festival's web site, www.grfilm.com

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."