

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 1, Verses 11-19: Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 11-19.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 16-21: The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 16-21.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Two:

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant Divinity. And, when You, from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory [to You].

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, 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: This morning's memorial service is being offered for the repose of our sister **Androulla Joseph**, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago, our brother (her husband) **Evangelos Joseph**, who fell asleep in the Lord 7 years ago; our sister **Efrosine Vellis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 13 years ago, our brother (her husband) **Andrew Vellis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago, and our sister **Koula Meletis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. Αἰώνια 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 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>

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

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, REMOTELY (FOR THE TIME BEING): We are pleased to note that both schools are experience record attendance! 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).

COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: Thank you all for participating in this year's AdBook. Entitled *Physically Distant; Spiritually Connected*, the book is being printed in this, our 99th year as a community. A **directory of the parishioners and friends of the Cathedral** is also being compiled; it will be mailed separately. Your support has made these efforts a success!

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Last week, we noted a November 1 date for the resumption of in-person worship. This week, our Reopening Task Force met to consider the most recent reopening guidelines. The Parish Council will discuss these at its meeting this afternoon. We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, we invite you to continue to participate in the Sunday services and special weekday services, remotely, through streaming.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CHURCH REOPENING: As we resume in-person worship, we will need to have about seven (7) 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. We thank **Eleni Carter and Rada Nashawati (Paximadis)** for offering to serve as volunteers, in addition to the members of our Parish Council. If you would like to join them, please click on <https://www.annunciation.org/reopening-volunteer>.

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, in a darker color, to make them easier to read, at the same time that the remaining 56 pavers are inscribed. More good news is that the company doing the inscription is ready when we are. We expect this work will be taking place beginning November 9.

PHILOPTOCHOS FUND RAISER: PHILOPTOCHOS "VIRAL VENDOR WEEK": Browse the **Taste and Art of Greece** web site, where you will find authentic and unique products from artists and designers from every corner of Greece. Taste and Art of Greece will donate 15% of the proceeds from all purchases made during the week of **October 26 – November 2, 2020** to the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos. Tell your family and friends, near and far, to shop to support our charities, and local artists and designers in Greece. <https://www.tasteandartofgreece.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."