

### 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 8, Verses 26-39:** At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 26-39.

### Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three:

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφρανέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἰδοῦ ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**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](mailto:orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com)

**ETERNAL MEMORY:** As this bulletin went to press, we learned of the sudden falling asleep in the Lord of Effie Arnolfo. 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 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](http://www.annunciation.org), and click on the appropriate link, or enter <https://annunciation.org/candle>

**GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES CONTINUE, REMOTELY:** Both schools report record attendance, in spite of the limitations that COVID-19 has placed upon us. Kudos to all. 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 99<sup>th</sup> 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:** While we had announced a November 1 date for the resumption of in-person worship our Reopening Task Force and, subsequently, our Parish Council, voted not to do so just yet. Both were guided by the most recent City guidelines, which impose a number of restrictions upon in-person worship. This said, our goal is to open as soon as it is safe to do so. 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 at 100 pavers. Of these, 44 have been inscribed. They 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 will resume work, beginning November 9.

**PHILOTOCHOS 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>

**FOCUS ON YOUTH:** Yesterday, Saturday Oct 24th, our *To Mellon* and *Revmata* kids enjoyed a Zoom call together along with Father Stephen and Christo. A similar reunion with our high schoolers is being planned, as well as one with our young adults. Though we cannot gather at church, it is always great to "see" one another and stay connected virtually.

**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. Stonecraft has installed the remaining pavers. We are only waiting for the final inspection of the elevator. As soon as this is done, 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."*