

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PARAMONOS & HIS 370 COMPANIONS; DIONYSIOS OF CORINTH

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7: Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 1-7.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 18-27: At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 18-27.

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.

LIGHT THE PATH-BISHOP ANTHONY ENDOWMENT FUND RAISER DECEMBER 5: There is no cost to participate; however, reservations are required. For more information, please call 415 753-3075.

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 <https://agkozak.com/intro>

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON: Memorial prayers are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother **Athanasios Moulas**, who fell asleep in the Lord 30 years ago, and for the repose of the soul of our sister **Konstantina Moulas**, who fell asleep in the Lord 33 years ago. Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! Eternal memory!

CATHEDRAL LAUNCHES 2021 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE, BEGINNING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, ENDING DECEMBER 31: Stewardship is about **involvement**. It's also about **money**: Stewardship involves giving back to God that which God has given us. In this way, we become Stewards of God's grace, as we read in 1 Peter 4:10: *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful Stewards of God's grace in its various forms.* Thanks to your faith, the Cathedral has been able to meet its budgetary expenses for 2020. We now invite your support for 2021. Stewardship cards have been sent out to our Cathedral community. Please complete and return your card during our campaign. A couple of new features this year. One is a check box asking you to identify your primary affiliation with the parish. This will help us better understand the various groups that make up the community. Another is a checkbox asking whether you would like to continue your 2021 pledge into 2022. A 2021 stewardship pledge card can be downloaded at <https://annunciation.org/pledge-card>.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: It's time for our Annunciation Christmas card! Send Christmas greetings to our community by placing your family's name(s) in the card. The donation is \$25 per line. To pay on line, visit our web site: www.annunciation.org/donate/2020ChristmasCard. You may also send a check, payable to Annunciation Cathedral, and mail it to 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-2320. If you were included in last year's card, your name(s) will remain the same, unless you ask us to make changes. For changes or questions, please contact Annamarie Blaian (Baliana@aol.com) or Kalliope Fousekis (KalliopeF@aol.com), or call Kalliope at 650 591-5409. Help us get the word out to your family and friends in the community, so that everyone may be included. In order to be included in the card, **we must receive your payment by December 10.** We wish you and your family members health and happiness during this holy season.

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). To light your virtual candles, please visit our web site, www.annunciation.org, and click on the appropriate link, or enter <https://annunciation.org/candle>

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Our Reopening Taskforce met a week ago Wednesday to consider all aspects of reopening and decided that, while our goal is to open as soon as it is safe to do so, we are not ready, just yet. Meanwhile, we invite you to continue to participate in the Sunday services and special weekday services, remotely, through streaming.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR CHURCH REOPENING: 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 are being redone, in a darker color, to make them easier to read, at the same time that the remaining 56 pavers are inscribed. The work is being done this weekend.

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 put in 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. Opening the garage 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."