

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

DORMITION OF THE HOLY THEOTOKOS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Chapter 2, Verses 5-11: Brethren, have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2 ἐδάφ. 5-11.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 38-42; Chapter 11, Verses 27-28: At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 38-42, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 27-28.

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>. Alex will extend an invite to the meetings, currently taking place via zoom.

APOLYTIKION OF THE DORMITION

Ἐν τῇ γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες, Θεοτόκε. Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ ὑπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρομένη ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

At your birth, you preserved your virginity; at your dormition, you did not abandon the world, O Theotokos. You crossed over into life, you who are the mother of Life, and through your intercessions you save our souls from death.

TODAY'S ARTOKLASIA: The *artoklasia* is being offered by Pete (Panagiotis) Koutoulas, on the occasion of his name day.

PHILOPTOCHOS RECEPTION TODAY: After 17 months without a fellowship hour, we are honored that the Ladies Philoptochos is able to offer today's reception, following the Divine Liturgy. The offering is being underwritten by Patricia Aleck, on the occasion of her name day.

ANNUNCIATION IS FULLY OPEN FOR SERVICES, HOWEVER: Effective August 3, a mandatory mask order in place. Masks are required to be worn by everyone, vaccinated and unvaccinated alike while on the premises, until further notice. If you are not vaccinated we urge you to be mindful of your own well-being and of others and get vaccinated.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: The last 17 months have been challenging, Thankfully we are recovering, despite the most recent mask mandate, and are engaged in the rebuilding of our parish life and its many ministries. It is of vital importance that you continue to pledge your support through stewardship. Let's match what we did last year in terms of level of support. If you need a stewardship card we will be happy to mail one to you. Please call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000. Cards are also available in the vestibule just outside the *pangari*.

GREEK SCHOOL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES: All of our teachers and students are to be commended for overcoming the difficulties of this past year by holding classes virtually. Our Sunday School will resume (hopefully for in-person instruction) on Sunday September 26. Similarly, our Greek School will resume (again hopefully for in-person instruction) on Saturday September 11. Our Reopening Task Force is considering mandating that all children who participate in church programs must be vaccinated, as vaccines are available to them.

FESTIVAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM: Thank you for your enthusiastic response to this year's Festival Commemorative Album. As this is our 100th year, the book is expected to be a keepsake. What a wonderful opportunity to feature photos and history of your family members and loved ones. For your convenience, contracts may be found at the vestibule just outside the *pangari*.

YAL CONFERENCE: The conference will take place in Phoenix AZ, at the JW Marriot Desert Ridge Resort., Sept 1- 3. For more information visit: www.sanfran.goarch.org/YAL

YOUTH FAMILY BAY CRUISE: On Saturday, September 11, all Cathedral youth and their families are invited to join us for a cruise of the San Francisco Bay! We are planning for the 2pm departure time that day. We will be sailing on a Blue and Gold ship, which sails from Pier 39. Group tickets are about \$25. Per person. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christo at Christo.pappademos@annunciation.com to make your reservation and for additional information. We hope you will be able to join us.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. Acting on the recommendation of the Building Committee, the Parish Council hired Joel Josehart as construction manager to coordinate and oversee the completion of the interior of the new cathedral. Joel will help us transition from contractors who built the exterior and bring to a conclusion some pending matters, as the garage. Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign Committee has resumed its task of raising the funds to complete the project. This week, we received five bids from contractors, and are now in the process of reviewing them. We hope to be able to announce the selection in the next few days. 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."