

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verses 9-17: Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ῥορινθίους κεφ. 9 ἐδάφ. 9-17

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 14, Verses 22-34: At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 22-34.

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.

CHRISMATION TODAY: We welcome Taylor Purdy as she will be received into the Orthodox Church by means of the Sacrament of Chrismation today. This is a most joyous event and we wish Taylor a heartfelt "Congratulations!" on behalf of the entire Cathedral Community.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council will meet today, remotely, to discuss the many ongoing matters at the Cathedral. We thank our PC members for their service to their community.

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. Cards are also available at 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 it is being printed in this our 100th year the book is expected to surpass the one which was printed in 2020. What a wonderful opportunity to feature photos and history of your family members and loved ones. While the deadline is Aug 15, we would like everyone to be included. If you require a contract we will be happy to mail one to you, they can also be found at the *pangari*.

YAL CONFERENCE: In Phoenix Sept 1- 3. The conference will take place at the JW Marriot Desert Ridge Resort. 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 with Blue and Gold Ferries, which sails from Pier 41. Group tickets will be about \$25. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christo at christo.pappademos@annunciation.org to make your reservation and for additional information. We hope you will be able to join us!

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. This week, the Parish Council, acting on the recommendation of the Building Committee, hired Joel Josehart as construction manager to coordinate and oversee the completion of the interior of the new cathedral. We are in the process of interviewing contractors for the work. 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, estimated at \$4 million. The Cathedral already has on hand the \$1.5 million bequest by the late Sam George as well as money from the paver project... 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."