

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 8-15: Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Τίτον ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 8-15.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 5-15: The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 5-15.

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.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρηνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

TODAY SUNDAY IS THE 32nd ANNIVERSARY OF LOMA PRIETA: At the conclusion of the today's Divine Liturgy, we will proceed to the courtyard where the bell will toll in remembrance of the loss of our Cathedral. Then, the bells will ring joyfully, as we celebrate the rebuilding of phase one (all our ancillary facilities), as well as the completion of the Cathedral's exterior. October 17, 1989 was a defining date for San Francisco, in general, and for the Annunciation Cathedral, in particular. Ours was the only house of worship to have been demolished as a result of the earthquake. We have been rebuilding ever since. Now, we need to finish what we've begun. Bids to complete the work have been coming in at around \$10 million (yes, yikes!), but complete this work we must. This will be the topic of discussion and strategizing at our November 14 Parish Assembly.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Our Parish Council will meet today following Divine Liturgy in our Conference Room to discuss the various events, ministries, and programs of the Cathedral.

SAN JOSE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: After a 1 year hiatus during COVID, the San Jose Volleyball tournament is back! Happening the weekend of October 23rd and 24th, it is sure to be a fun time for both players and parents alike. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Christo at christo.pappademos@annunciation.org for more information and the necessary forms.

PHILOTOCHOS COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: We will enjoy coffee, refreshments, and each other's company outdoors in the courtyard following the Divine Liturgy today thanks to our Ladies Philo托chos.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: The last 18 months have been challenging. Thankfully, we are recovering, 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 us 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*. Take one for yourselves and one for each of your children, 18 years and older, whether they live at home with you, or whether they're living on their own.

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: To date, 100 pavers have been adopted and inscribed along the courtyard walk of honor. An additional 25 pavers have been adopted and are awaiting inscription. What a wonderful way to be a part of our ongoing efforts to complete the Cathedral. The donation is \$2,000 per paver (up to 3 lines, 25 letters and spaces per line). For your convenience, descriptive brochures are located just outside the narthex. Or, see Jim Vorrises (jim.vorrises@annunciation.org) or Dr. George Ambus, george.ambus@annunciation.org.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: As we work towards completing the interior of our Cathedral, Capital Campaign fundraising efforts are of utmost importance. We encourage any and all parishioners to join our Capital Campaign Committees. For more info contact Chairman Tom Nuris at tom.nuris@annunciation.org

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. Recently, 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. 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.”