

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 9-16: Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 9-16

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 25-37: At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live."

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 25-37

PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY: Today we will hold our first Parish Assembly meeting since November of 2019. We encourage all parishioners in good standing to attend. The meeting will take place in the chapel. After Divine Liturgy, the congregation will be dismissed to receive *andithoro* from Father Efstathiou and will proceed into the courtyard for about 20 minutes to enjoy coffee and refreshments. Then everyone will be invited to make their way back into the chapel after signing in at the chapel doors. No food or drink will be allowed into the chapel, please enjoy and finish your refreshments outside before the meeting. The agenda items are as follows:

(opening prayer)

1. Election of Assembly Chair

2. Minutes of last pre-COVID Parish Assembly in 2019

3. Completion of the interior of the Cathedral

4. Funding the project

5. Stewardship 2022

6. Parish Council nominations for six openings. Elections to be held Sunday, December 12, 2021

7. Treasurer's Report

(closing prayer)

BASKETBALL IS BACK: One of our most frequently asked questions as everyone returns to the Cathedral after COVID is "When will basketball start again?" Our Basketball program chairman, **Deno Konstantinidis**, with the assistance of our Athletics Board has been making necessary preparations for the Cathedral to be able to open up for basketball practices again following all SFDPH guidelines regarding COVID. Practices are slated to begin again ASAP with youth practices on Wednesdays and adult practice on Thursday. If you or your child is interested in playing basketball at the Cathedral, please contact **Deno Konstantinidis** at deno.konstantinidis@annunciation.org

GREEK DANCE IS BACK: Our dance groups have returned and are practicing Sundays after church with preparation in mind for FDF in Phoenix, Arizona on February 17-20, 2022. After much adieu, FDF will indeed take place so if your children are interested in dancing, please let us know and we can put you in touch with one of our many Dance Directors who will be able to best advise you on joining our Dance Program. We wish all of our kids good strength and a good beginning as they begin their practices and preparations. Καλή επιτυχία! A good success to our groups!

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."