

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 4-10: Brethren, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος: Πρὸς Ἐφεσίουσ ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 4-10.

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 Six (Plagal 2):

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημῆμά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

GOYA CHRISTMAS ICE SKATING: To mark the Christmas season, our GOYA kids and their families will be going ice skating at the "San Mateo On Ice Central Park" ice skating rink. This will take place either the weekend of December 11th or December 18th. Stay tuned for more information as we plan this event which is sure to be fun for all!

ANNUNCIATION PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS WREATH & PASTRY SALE: The holidays are here! Get into the holiday spirit by purchasing one of our custom made holiday wreaths for your home or order some of our delicious and mouth watering Greek holiday pastries prepared by our Philoptochos ladies. Please see the attached flyers, also found in this month's herald and our church website. To order online, please click on the square site link below. **Please place your orders by Friday, November 26th.** Orders will be available for pickup the weekend of December 4th and 5th 11am-3pm, and Sunday, December 12th from 11am-2pm. For any questions, please contact **Sophia Makras** at (650) 784-1775. Philoptochos appreciates your support!

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A CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR: Philoptochos will be hosting a special Christmas coffee hour on Sunday, December 12th following liturgy for our community. Please see our church website for additional information. We hope you can join us!

ANNUAL ANNUNCIATION COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: We will be sending out our annual Christmas card and encourage you all to support the Cathedral while sending out Christmas greetings to our community. The suggested donation is \$25, but please feel free to increase your family's contribution to help support our church. Members listed in last year's card, who participate this year, will be listed the same, unless otherwise communicated. If you are new to participating in our card, please include the names as you would like them to appear on a note (if sending in payment to the church) or in the memo line if paying online by PayPal. Please contact **Irene Kyriacou** at irenemkyriacou@gmail.com or **Kalliope Fousekis** at KalliopeF@aol.com with any questions or changes. Payments can be made on the church's donate page by clicking on the Christmas card link. Payments can also be mailed to the church office, Attention: Christmas Card 245 Valencia Street San Francisco, CA 94103. Please write "Christmas Card" in the memo line, if paying by check. **We must receive your payment by December 10th.** Thank you!

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.”