

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 5, Verses 22-26, Chapter 6, Verses 1-2: Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος: Πρὸς Γαλάτας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 5, ἐδάφ. 22-26, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ 1-2.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 13, Verses 10-17:

At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 13, ἐδάφ. 10-17

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY: Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the souls of the members of the Siouris family: Angeliki (59 years), Michalis (55 years), Panayiota (15 years), Alexander (Alex 15 years), and Garifalia (Glade, 2 years). May their memories be eternal!

40 DAY BLESSING: This morning during Orthros we welcomed Charles and Dana Spiliotis for the 40 Day Blessing of their son Luke Paul Spiliotis. Να ζήσει το παιδί! Long life to him!

ANNUNCIATION PHILOPTOCHOS PASTRY SALE: The holidays are here! Get into the holiday spirit by ordering 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. Orders will be available for pickup today 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 next 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."