

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 5-8: TIMOTHY, my son, always be steady, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. For I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 5-8

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 1 Verses 1-8: The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophets, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' John was baptizing in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 1-8

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

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **William Mares**, 6 months since his passing. *May his memory be eternal!*

PARISH COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE: Immediately following Divine Liturgy today, our newly elected Parish Council members will be sworn in by reciting the Oath of Office. *Ἀξιοί! They are worthy!*

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS: Our Parish Council will hold a special meeting today to elect officers for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. We commend all Parish Council members for taking a vested interest in the well-being of the Cathedral and we ask that God strengthens them and our soon-to-be-elected officers for the work that lies ahead. *Καλή Αρχή! To a good beginning!*

DIVINE LITURGY FOR THEOPHANY: On Thursday, January 6th at 10:00am we will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Theophany. Bishop Ioannis, our Metropolis Chancellor, will be serving the Liturgy that day.

PHILOPTOCHOS CRAB FEED: One of our hallmark events at the Cathedral has always been our famous Crab Feed. Due to the pandemic however, we have been unable to enjoy this fan-favorite event in recent years. Fortunately, this year our Crab Feed is back! Our Ladies Philoptochos has been working hard and will be putting on the Crab Feed in a "Grab & Go" format **Saturday, January 29th, 2022**. Stay tuned for more information regarding prices and payment options.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CENTENNIAL BALL MEETING: On Sunday, January 16th following Divine Liturgy, our 100th Anniversary Committee will meet to resume the planning of our Centennial Ball scheduled for October 8-9th 2022. This meeting will be in-person and will go over a schedule of events and various fundraisers for that weekend. Committee assignments will also be appointed. If you would like to attend, please contact **Paul Sogotis** at paul.sogotis@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.”