

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 7-13: BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 7-13

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 4 Verses 12-17: At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 12-17

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

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Connie Panagotacos**, 3 years since her passing. *May her memory be eternal!*

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: We had originally planned our Vasilopita Brunch for today. However, due to spikes in cases and the current situation of the pandemic, we will simply be having a very scaled down coffee hour in which people may enjoy a slice of vasilopita along with their coffee and other refreshments. As is customary with vasilopita cutting, pieces are offered to different members of the community for different reasons. Though we may not be cutting the vasilopita together this year, we still offer two pieces to **Soso Dekaristos** and **Despina Poulos** to thank them for chairing and overseeing the baking of all our vasilopites at the Cathedral this year. Για στα χέρια σας!

NEW PARISH COUNCIL OFFICERS: Last week our Parish Council held a special meeting to elect officers for its Executive Board. Your new Parish Council Executive Board is **Archon Paul Sogotis: President, Tasso Mavroudis: Vice President, Philippos Athanasiades: Treasurer, Deno Konstantinidis: Secretary, Jim Vorrises: Assistant Treasurer, and Peter Cazanis: Assistant Secretary.** Ἄξιοι! *They are worthy!*

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 over the weekend of, **February 12th & 13th, 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.”