

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, Chapter 1, Verses 15-17: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. And I am the foremost of sinners; but I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience for an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory to the ages of ages. Amen.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Πρὸς Τιμόθεον ἀ' ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1 ἐδάφ. 15-17

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 18 Verses 35-43: At that time, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 35-43

Today's *Apolytikion* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

Ἀγγελικαὶ Δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ. Ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Louis Ilia Haras**, 1 year since his passing. *May his memory be eternal!*

**COFFEE HOUR TODAY:** Today the **Haras** family is sponsoring a special coffee hour in memory of Louis Haras. Please enjoy refreshments following Divine Liturgy as we honor Louis' memory.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Today following Divine Liturgy, our Parish Council will meet for its first official meeting of 2022. The meeting will take place in the conference room and those who are unable to attend in-person will attend virtually. We commend our Parish Council members for undertaking the various affairs of our community and we pray that God strengthens them for another year of service.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Stay tuned for more information regarding prices and payment options.

**PARABLES AND PAREA:** We have begun a new program at the Cathedral called "Parables and Parea". Every month **Christo Pappademos** will host a virtual meeting with the youth of the parish to discuss parables from the Gospels and to allow our youth to enjoy fellowship with one another. The sessions will take place virtually for now, but as we continue we look forward to gathering our kids in person for future discussions and parea with their church friends as guidelines allow. For more information or if your children would be interested in attending these virtual sessions, please contact Christo at [Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org](mailto:Christo.pappademos@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.”*