

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 7, Verses 26-28, Chapter 8, Verses 1-2: Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 7 ἐδάφ. 28-28, κεφ. 8 ἐδάφ. 1-2

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 15 Verses 21-28: At that time, Jesus went to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and cried, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 21-28

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):** Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας 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.

**BLESSING OF THE WATERS TODAY FEBRUARY 6:** Join the fun today February 6, 2022 at Aquatic Park Cove from 12pm to 4pm for a celebration of community, culture, and heritage with "Blessing of the Waters SF Bay 2022", presented by the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS). Blessing of the Waters "Agiasmos" Service begins at 1:30pm and will be celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. Please go online for the flyer which has more information, if interested in joining the team of Swimmer Blessed Cross Retrievers, email [info@uhasca.org](mailto:info@uhasca.org) or call Taso Zografos at (415) 215-6113.

**PHILOPTOCHOS CRAB FEED THIS WEEK:** 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**. Please reach out to our Philoptochos ladies to place your orders!

**SPECIAL 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ICON:** A special Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. The icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, depicted in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral which was originally named St. Sophia. It also features the Golden Gate Bridge, representing San Francisco and connecting Agia Sophia to today's Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. A limited edition of 150 Icons will be produced. Each Icon will be numbered and dedicated to the person or family purchasing it. The price of the icon is \$1,250 and pre-orders are being accepted now. Please contact Paul Sogotis at [paul.sogotis@annunciation.org](mailto:paul.sogotis@annunciation.org) for more details.

**PAVER PROJECT UPDATE:** We have revised our initial request that the full \$2,000.00 contribution be made in 1 contribution, with 2 other options, to encourage as much of the community, as possible, to participate, as follows: 1 contribution of \$2,000.00, 2 contributions of \$1,000.00 payable over 1 year, 4 contributions of \$500.00 payable over 1 year. If you have any questions about the Annunciation Cathedral "Adopt an Annunciation Paver" Program, please feel free to call Chairman **Jim Vorrises**, at 650-464-1616 or discuss also with **George Ambus** or **Nick Svetcoff**.

**TCO OBTAINED:** For the better part of two years, we have all been waiting and praying for our garage to finally be open for proper usage. Thanks to the hard work of our Construction Committee led by Chairman **Tasso Mavroudis** and our Construction Managers **Joel Josehart** and **Rob Bernstein**, we have obtained all the necessary signatures from the proper city authorities in order to receive our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy! This certificate allows for Golden State Parking, the company that used to run our valet services on Sundays, to operate and run our garage fulltime. This will result in much more convenient access to the garage on Sundays and particularly during the week. This is a tremendous step for our Cathedral and we and we applaud the work of our Construction Committee for seeing it through!



*"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."*