

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, Chapter 3, Verses 10-15: TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconion, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Τιμόθεον β' ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3 ἐδάφ. 10-15.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 10-14: The Lord said this parable, "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

Today's Apolytikion, Plagal Four: Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: These very popular classes are taking place on a weekly basis, remotely, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Alex Kozak. If you are new to the parish or you are considering being received into the Church through baptism and/or chrismation, as an adult, we invite you to speak with Alex about your wishes and the possibility of joining the Introduction to Orthodoxy class. Please contact him at <https://agkozak.com/intro>. Alex will extend an invite to the meetings, currently taking place via zoom.

MARCH 25TH CELEBRATION: Each year on March 25th the Cathedral celebrates the beautiful Feast Day of the Annunciation, for which it is named. Prior to the pandemic, we would offer a meal Great Vespers, the eve of the feast, and also a meal following the Divine Liturgy the day of the feast. Then the pandemic. Last year, when we reopened to in-person services, but could not offer meals following the services, we still had a great showing: His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos celebrated the Liturgy and His Excellency Socrates Sourvinos, Consul General of Greece in San Francisco, attended and addressed the community. This year, we look forward to celebrating **Great Vespers on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 25th at 10am preceded by Orthros at 9am.** but with limited food items, as permitted, and served outdoors. In light of current COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines, instead of full meals, we will be serving refreshments following Vespers on Thursday and also following the Divine Liturgy on Friday. Meanwhile, the masking requirement remains in effect for all-vaccinated and unvaccinated alike. We will keep you informed of any changes as we learn them from the San Francisco Health Officer.

SPECIAL 100TH 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 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 along with the Conditional Use Permit, 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 also 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.”