

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

JUDGEMENT SUNDAY (MEATFARE SUNDAY)

PROKOPIOS THE CONFESSOR OF DECAPOLIS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 8, Verses 8-13, Chapter 9, Verses 1-2: Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 8 ἐδάφ. 8-13, κεφ. 9 ἐδάφ. 1-2.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 25, Verses 31-46: The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 25, ἐδάφ. 31-46.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three: Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιásthω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιτίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON: Memorial services will be conducted at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of our brother, **Dimitrios Haralabopoulos**, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

CONDOLENCES: The Cathedral extends condolences to **Dena Dahilig** on the recent falling asleep in the Lord of her father, **Louis Steven Paponis**. Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

CORRECTION: We apologize for a typo that was printed in our February Herald Condolences section and would like to correct it with the following: The Cathedral extends condolences to **Martha Klironomos** on the recent falling asleep in the Lord of her mother, **Maria Klironomos**. Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Our Parish Council will meet today following Divine Liturgy to discuss the various activities of the Cathedral. The meeting will be in-person in the conference room with a virtual option for attending as well. We thank and commend our Parish Council for their vigilance and hard work.

MARCH 25TH CELEBRATIONS: We look forward to celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation with in-person services this year, with **Great Vespers on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 25th at 10am** preceded by Orthros at 9am. In light of current COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines, instead of full meals we will be serving refreshments following Vespers on Thursday as well as Friday following Liturgy.

SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY ICON: An Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration. The icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, as shown in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral, originally named St. Sophia. It also features the Golden Gate Bridge, representing San Francisco. 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: Let's go full steam ahead and get more pavers inscribed in our courtyard. Join our "Adopt a Paver" program. To learn more, pick up a brochure at the *pangari*, call **Jim Vorrises**, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or speak with Dr. **George Ambus** or with **Nick Svetcoff**. The donation is \$2,000 per paver, payable in 1 contribution of \$2,000, 2 installments of \$1,000 payable over 1 year, or 4 installments of \$500 payable over 1 year.

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."