

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 11, Verses 24-26, 32-40 Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11 ἐδάφ. 24-26, 32-40.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter 1, Verses 43-51: At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 43-51.

**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.

**SALUTATIONS SERVICES:** Each year, on the first four Fridays of Great Lent (March 11, 18, 25 and April 1 this year), we celebrate the service of Salutations to the Theotokos, or Χαιρετισμοὶ τῆς Ὑπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, and, on the fifth Friday (April 8 this year), we celebrate the service of the Akathist Hymn, or Ἀκάθιστος Ὑμνός. Please join us this Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm as we celebrate the second of the Salutations services.

**MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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."*