

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

HOLY FATHERS MARTYRED AT ST. SAVVAS MONASTERY

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 1, Verses 10-14, Chapter 2, Verses 1-3: "IN THE BEGINNING, Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end." But to what angel has he ever said, "Sit at my right hand, till I make thy enemies a stool for thy feet?" Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to serve, for the sake of those who are to obtain salvation? Therefore we must pay closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For if the message declared by angels was valid and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 10-14, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 1-3.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 2, Verses 1-12: At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question thus in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your pallet and walk? But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins'-he said to the paralytic-"I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home." And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 1-12.

HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT/T.G.I. PASCHA: We are happy to finally be able to offer an in-person youth retreat at the Cathedral for our kids. On Holy Friday, April 22 we will be hosting a retreat for our middle school and grade school age kids. The day will begin at 11am with a discussion, followed by a Lenten meal at 12 noon, and will conclude with the kids attending the service of the Descent from the Cross at 1pm. If your child is interested please contact **Christo** at Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org

SALUTATIONS SERVICES: Each year, on the first four Fridays of Great Lent we celebrate the service of Salutations to the Theotokos, or Χαιρετισμοὶ τῆς Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, and on the fifth Friday we celebrate the service of the Akathist Hymn, or Ακάθιστος Ὕμνος. Please join us this Friday, March 25th at 7pm as we celebrate the third of the Salutations services.

MARCH 25TH CELEBRATIONS AND LUNCHEON: 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. Philoptochos will be hosting a Luncheon on the 25th following Liturgy. Tickets are \$25. Please contact **Janis Petrou** or **Sophia Makras** to pre-register as space is sure to be limited.

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."