

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 4, Verses 4-16, Chapter 5, Verses 1-6:** BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 4-16, κεφ. 5 ἐδάφ. 1-6.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 8, Verses 34-38:** The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον κεφ. 28 ἐδάφ. 34-38.

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

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON:** Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of John Sarikakis, 20 years since his passing. Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! May his memory be eternal!

**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MEETING TODAY:** Today at 12:15pm in the conference room we will have a meeting for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. All are welcome to join and collaborate as we plan this joyous event marking a tremendous milestone for our community.

**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](mailto: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 Χαίρεισμοὶ τῆς Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, and on the fifth Friday we celebrate the service of the Akathist Hymn, or Ἀκάθιστος Ὑμνός. Please join us this Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm as we celebrate the fourth of the Salutations services.

**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."*