

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 6, Verses 13-20: BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6 ἐδάφ. 13-20.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 9, Verses 17-31: At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

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YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY: Today following Divine Liturgy, all of our young adults present will head down the street to Four Barrel Coffee with Christo to get to know one another and to welcome newcomers who may have just moved to San Francisco. After receiving andithoro, please gather just outside the chapel doors and once Christo is finished "wrapping up" after Liturgy he will meet you to all walk down together.

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

AKATHIST HYMN: Please join us this Friday, April 8th at 7pm as we celebrate the fifth and final installment of the Salutations services, or the service of the Akathist Hymn, or Ακάθιστος Ὕμνος.

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.

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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.”