

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 15, Verses 1-7: Brethren, we who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves; let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to edify him. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached thee fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους κεφ. 15 ἐδάφ. 1-7.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 9, Verses 27-35: At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

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UPCOMING PARAKLESIS SERVICE: We will be celebrating the service of *Paraklesis* this coming Wednesday, August 3 at 6pm as well as next Wednesday, August 10 at 6pm in anticipation of the Feast of the Dormition on August 15.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR HOLY TRANSFIGURATION: On Saturday, August 6th, we will celebrate Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Holy Transfiguration. Orthros will begin at 9am, followed by Liturgy at 10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM: We would love for you, your families and businesses to be included in the 2022 special Commemorative Album, "Celebrating 101 Years! Our Legacy continues...." The new contract is at the printers and will be sent out via email and post. Please contact **Irene** or **Presvytera** at: Adbook@Annunciation.org for more information. Thank you for your continued support! Warmest Regards, **Presvytera Aliki Kyriacou** and **Irene Kyriacou**, Co-Chairs.

COOKING DATES: Come learn how to cook traditional Greek favorites and help us prepare for our festival: Moussaka/Pastitsio cooking Aug 6, 11am & Aug 7, after Liturgy. Tiropita/Spanakopita cooking Sept 3, 11am, & Sept 4, after Liturgy.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL: San Francisco's Only Greek Food Festival is back and in person in 2022! Mark your calendars for **September 17th and 18th** for our annual festival at the Annunciation Cathedral. Our cooking schedule will be released soon on social media and we're looking for new volunteers to come help cook this summer. If you would like to volunteer for any aspect of the festival, please contact festival@annunciation.org as soon as possible. We can't wait to see everyone in September!

CHOIR ON SUMMER RECESS: We have enjoyed the long-awaited return of our choir as they've beautifully sung the hymns of the Divine Liturgy for the past several months. However, our choir will now observe a two month recess until the end of August as many choir members are traveling for vacations etc. We look forward to welcoming them back at the end of summer.

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