

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

SUNDAY BEFORE HOLY CROSS

THEODORA THE MARTYR OF ALEXANDRIA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the **Saint Paul's First Letter to the Galatians Chapter 6, Verses 11-18:** Brethren, see with what large letters I am writing to you with my own hand. It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that would compel you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. For even those who receive circumcision do not themselves keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Γαλάτας κεφ. 6 ἑδάφ. 11-18.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the **Holy Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 3, Verses 13-17:** The Lord said, "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man who is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην κεφ. 3 ἑδάφ. 13-17

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Four: Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμενοι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Maria Kontonis**, 40 days since her passing. May her memory be eternal! *Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη!*

NEW YOUTH PROGRAM STARTS TODAY: We are happy to announce the beginning of an exciting new Youth Program at the Annunciation: *Elpida!* This new ministry is being headed by **Mia Fanourgiakis** and will kick off today, **Sunday September 11th**! Kids of all ages are invited to join, there is something for everyone! For more information please contact Mia at mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org

GREEK DANCE RESTARTS TODAY: We are happy to announce that our Greek Dance season is starting up again and will kick off with the first practice happening today, **Sunday September 11th** after church. If your child or children are interested in dancing please email sfgreekdance@annunciation.org for more information!

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS: This Wednesday, September 14 is the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. We encourage you to attend Divine Liturgy in Belmont as this is the Feast of their church. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and His Grace Bishop Ioannis will be celebrating services in Belmont, we will not hold services at the Cathedral.

JOIN OUR GREEK SCHOOL: Greek School enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open!! We offer a well-rounded curriculum focused on Greek language learning as well as Greek history, culture, traditions and customs. Classes are open to both children and adults! For more information or to enroll, please reach out to our Director, **Shu Yeung** at 415-518-8750

COMMEMORATIVE ALBUM DEADLINE EXTENDED: The Ad Book Committee has extended the final deadline to receive ads for this year's album to **September 15th**. Please contact **Irene** or **Presvytera** at: Adbook@Annunciation.org for more information and to submit your ad. Thank you for your continued support! Warmest Regards, **Presvytera Aliko Kyriacou** and **Irene Kyriacou**, Co-Chairs.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL: San Francisco's Only Greek Food Festival is back and in person next weekend, **September 17th and 18th**! If you would like to volunteer for any aspect of the festival, please contact Denise Yeilding at denise.yeilding@annunciation.org as soon as possible or see her today after church during coffee hour. We can't wait to see everyone next weekend!

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is time to 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 email at jim.vorrises@annunciation.org

BASKETBALL IS BACK: OYAA has just announced the return of basketball season and the Cathedral is putting its rosters together! If your child is interested in playing basketball at the Cathedral, please contact **Deno Konstantinidis** at deno.konstantinidis@annunciation.org



*“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.”*