

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Colossians Chapter 3, Verses 4–11: Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς κεφ. 3 ἐδάφ. 4-11

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 14, Verses 16-24: The Lord said this parable: "A man once gave a great banquet, and invited many; and at the time of the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for all is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I go out and see it; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go to examine them; I pray you, have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported this to his master. Then the householder in anger said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and maimed and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and there is still room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet. For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν κεφ. 14 ἐδάφ. 16-24

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Domina Costas**, 23 years since her passing. May her memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY: Today after Liturgy we will be holding elections for our 2023 Parish Council. All members of the Cathedral in good standing are invited to fill out a ballot and turn it into our Election Committee. They will have a booth set up in the hall. Please check in with the committee and cast your vote!

PHILOTOCHOS PASTRY PICK-UP: After Liturgy today our Philoptochos Ladies will be distributing all the delicious cookies to those who placed an order for the bake sale.

NEXT ELPIDA DAY: Our next installment of Elpida will take place on **Sunday December 18th**. If your child or children are interested in joining our exciting new youth program, please contact Director **Mia Fanourgiakis** at mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org. We have classes for all ages!

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER: Thanks to the efforts of **Kalliope Fousekis** and **Irene Kyriacou** we are holding our annual Christmas Card fundraiser. Please see Kalliope in the hall after Liturgy to sign up and have your name on this year's Christmas card! The suggested donation to participate is \$30.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at <https://agkozak.com/intro> to learn more.

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