

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's **First Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 9 Verses 11 – 14:** BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους κεφ. 9 ἐδάφ. 11 – 14.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 10, Verses 32 – 45: At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Ἡ σημερινή εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον Κεφ. 10 ἐδάφ. 32 – 45

**MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Ted (Theodore) Lampros**, 25 years since his passing. *Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη! May his memory be eternal!*

**FOOD FESTIVAL MEETING TODAY:** Today following Divine Liturgy we will be having our first meeting for our annual Food Festival in September. We encourage anyone interested in getting involved to attend this meeting as we prepare for our biggest fundraiser of the year. We hope to see you there! For information about this meeting or about getting involved, please contact **Deno Konstantinidis** at [deno.konstantinidis@annunciaton.org](mailto:deno.konstantinidis@annunciaton.org) or **Grace Koutoulas** at [grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org](mailto:grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org)

**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON:** Please join us in celebrating our 61st annual Philoptochos Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show **Saturday, May 13, 2023.** This year, we'll be transporting you back to the 1800's in London, where the Bridgerton family lives, and the Royal family rules. This promises to be the event of the season! Additional details to follow soon. Contact **Foula Vasilogiorgis** at [annunciationmothersday@gmail.com](mailto:annunciationmothersday@gmail.com) or (415) 378-7200 for more information and to make a reservation as seating will be limited!

**STEWARDSHIP:** We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! Cards are available at the pangari and information wall. *"All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ."* Mark 9:23

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Our next gathering of our Men's Fellowship group will take place on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will enjoy a hearty dinner since the fast will have ended and we will be welcoming Metropolis Family Wellness Rep George Papageorge to lead us in discussion. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jim Rakos at [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@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.”*