

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 12 Verses 1 – 11: About that time, Herod the king laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword; and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison; but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the Church. The very night when Herod was about to bring him out, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison; and behold, an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, "Wrap your mantle around you and follow me." And he went out and followed him; he did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened to them of its own accord, and they went out and passed on through one street; and immediately the angel left him. And Peter came to himself, and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 20, Verses 19-31: On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe." Eight days later, His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and My God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Philip Derdevanis**, 40 days since his passing. May his memory be eternal!
Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Today following Divine Liturgy, the Parish Council will meet to discuss all matters pertinent to our community and parish life.

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 (415) 378-7200 for more information and to make a reservation as seating will be limited!

METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS KIDS 'N' CANCER: Please join us virtually for "Agape, A Celebration of Love," on Sunday, May 7th, benefitting Philoptochos' Kids "N" Cancer ministry. Visit www.sfphiloptochos.org to learn more, register for the virtual event, donate, or purchase a ticket for the opportunity drawing – a Louis Vuitton tote.

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

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is a great time to honor your Family for years with a 576 square inch paver inscribed in our Central Courtyard, which include up to 75 Characters inscribed in 3 lines. Your family will join the other 150 families with inscribed pavers currently in the courtyard. You will receive a Tax Deduction and your donation will benefit our Annunciation Cathedral Building Program. There are 3 flexible donation options. Please pick up a brochure at the "Pangari", or contact Jim Vorrises, Chair, at 650-464-1616, jim.vorrises@annunciation.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next gathering of our Men's Fellowship group will take place on Thursday, April 27th. 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



*“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.”*