

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from 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.

**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.

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):**

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of all those who lost their lives during the Turkish Invasion of Cyprus, this year being the 49<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Invasion. The Memorial Service will be presided over by Metropolitan Gerasimos. May their memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

**SF GIANTS GREEK HERITAGE NIGHT:** We are happy to share that the United Hellenic American Societies (UHAS) is hosting Greek Heritage Night on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023** - Oakland A's vs. SF Giants at 6 p.m. at **Oracle Park**. Ticket holders will be able to receive a free limited-edition "Evzone Lou Seal" Bobblehead while supplies last. Don't wait – buy your tickets today. For more information on the event, please contact Taso Zografos at 415-215-6113. Please come show your support not only to our home team but also to our heritage as Greek Americans! We hope to see you there!

**YAL CONFERENCE LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** Are you ready to FULFILL your purpose? The Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2023 in Orange County, California is where you want to be! This will be the fifth YAL Conference since 2019 hosted by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and promises to be bigger and better than ever!

**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 - SAVE THE DATE:** We will resume our monthly Men's Fellowship meetings on **Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>** following a short break for the summer. The program consists of a social hour, a short prayer service in the chapel, and dinner followed by a spiritually centered discussion. These meetings provide a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our friends, our community, and our faith. Our last two meetings had over three dozen attendees including several men from neighboring parishes and even inquirers to Orthodox Christianity! The meetings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you are interested in joining this new and growing ministry or would like to **RSVP** to attend our next event, please contact Jim Rakos at [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@annunciation.org).

**PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

● The next Board Meeting will be on Sunday, August 13. All Philoptochos members are welcome to attend  
● *Κοίμησις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Dormition of the Theotokos*  
On August 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the Philoptochos will be hosting a brunch. The cost will be \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 12 yrs and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The proceeds will help support our many Metropolis and National Philoptochos ministries.

● *Pastry baking schedule for food festival*

8/9 (Wed) Koulourakia assemble and bake  
8/11 (Fri) Kourambiethes assemble and bake  
8/30 (Wed) Baklava assemble  
8/31 (Thurs) Baklava bake  
9/7 (Thurs) Galaktoboureko assemble

Please contact Grace Koutoulas at [Grace.Koutoulas@annunciation.org](mailto:Grace.Koutoulas@annunciation.org) if you are interested in helping out.



*“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.”*