

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 4 Verses 9-16: Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 17 Verses 14-23: At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):**

Μετεμορθώθης εν τώ όρει Χριστέ ο Θεός, δείξας τοίς Μαθηταίς σου τήν δόξαν σου, καθώς ήδυναντο, Λάμψον και ημίν τοίς αμαρτωλοίς, τό φώς σου τό αϊδιον, πρεσβείαις τής Θεοτόκου, φωτοδότα δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Maria Kontonis**, 1 year since her passing. We thank her family for hosting coffee hour in her memory today. Αίώνια η μνήμη! May her memory eternal!

**DIVINE LITURGY FOR DORMITION:** This week on Tuesday, August 15 we will hold Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Dormition of the Theotokos. Please also join us afterwards for a lovely brunch hosted by our Ladies Philoptochos. 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.

**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

●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) Galaktobourekos assemble

*“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.”*

