

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians Chapter 1, Verse 11 – 19:** Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 8, Verses 5-15:** At that time, as Jesus arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. When the herdsmen saw what happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gadarenes asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἰδοῦ ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**ARTOCLASIA SERVICE:** The Artoclasia service is being offered today for the intercessions of our Spiritual Mother, The Theotokos, to Her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring PEACE to the Middle East, the Ukraine and Russia, as well as to the civil strife in Africa and other parts of the World where humanity is suffering. We are also asking for prayers for the good health and well being for the families of this Annunciation Cathedral.

**PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING TODAY:** Today following Divine Liturgy the women of our Philoptochos Society will meet to discuss their upcoming events and fundraisers. We thank the Ladies for all of their hard work and support them in all their undertakings.

**UPCOMING PARISH ASSEMBLY:** We will be holding our fall Parish Assembly meeting on **Sunday, November 19th** following Divine Liturgy. All members in good standing are invited to attend and listen to presentations and participate in discussions. We look forward to welcoming you.

**SEE'S FOR THE SEASON:** Looking for a great holiday gift? Sweet treats for the special people in your lives? The Annunciation Cathedral Dance Program is selling See's Candies through an online pop up store through December 1st that will have the candies delivered right to your door. The best part? A portion of the proceeds will benefit our dance program to help pay for costumes, musicians, workshops, and much more! Please buy your candy today. Our prices are the same as they are in the store. Every purchase makes a difference! Place your orders at: <https://www.annunciation.org/sees-candies> Feel free to share this with everyone and thank you for your support!

**PHILIP DERDEVANIS:** Our community members are invited to a memorial or "celebration of life" for our brother Philip Derdevanis who passed away last year. The celebration in his memory will take place on 11/05/23 at 12:30pm at The Saloon on 1232 Grant Street here in San Francisco. May his memory be eternal!

**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

**PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Meet and Greet Social Gathering on **Sunday, November 5, 2023** from 4pm-7pm, welcoming new friends and members. Please join us at Unwine'd SF Wine Bar on 9 West Portal Avenue in San Francisco. Lite Bites & Wine, Fellowship and Surprises. \$40.00 per person. For Reservations visit our church website - [www.annunciation.org](http://www.annunciation.org)

-Light the Path being held on **Sunday November 19, 2023** at The Olympic Club in San Francisco

-Save the Date! Join us for some holiday cheer at our Annual Philoptochos Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 11:30am.**

The party will be held at Nick's Rockaway Restaurant in Pacifica, Ca. {Further details to follow soon}

**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.



*"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*