

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 2, Verse 14-22:** Brethren, Christ is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 12, Verses 16-21:** The Lord said this parable: "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." As he said these things, he cried out: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέωξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρῆνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY:** We will be holding our fall Parish Assembly meeting today 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.

**WELCOME TO OUR SEMINARIANS:** Today we warmly welcome three of our Metropolis of San Francisco Seminarians (**Demetri Dogias, Aaron Rice, and Jack McAfee**) who are in town for the Light the Path fundraiser later today. We look forward to hearing them speak to us about their experiences at the school and we wish them well on their journeys as they prepare to serve the Church.

**CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Send Christmas greetings to our community by placing your family's name(s) in the card for a donation of \$25. Pay by Paypal on our church's website. You can also make a check payable to "Annunciation Cathedral" and put "Christmas Card" in the memo line. Mail your check to: Annunciation Cathedral - Christmas Card 245 Valencia Street San Francisco, CA 94013. Members listed in last year's card, who participate this year, will be listed the same, unless name(s) need to be updated. Please email Irene Kyriacou ([Irene.Kyriacou@annunciation.org](mailto:Irene.Kyriacou@annunciation.org)) or Kalliope Fousekis for any changes or questions. You can also call Kalliope at [650-591-5409](tel:650-591-5409). Please help us get the word out to your family and friends in the community, so we don't miss anyone! We would love to add more names to our card. In order to be included in the card, we must receive your payment by December 10th. Wishing you health and happiness in this wonderful time of the year!

**GREEK DANCE FUNDRAISERS:** The dance groups will be selling Christmas Luncheon (12/17) tickets as well as raffle tickets for the mini Christmas trees after church today. Please stop by to learn more about these fundraisers and support our Greek Dance program as they prepare to represent us at FDF this February!

**HOLIDAY BAZARR:** Saturday, December 2 promises a lively atmosphere with live music, delicious food, and a wide range of vendors offering something for everyone. Local Artisans will be showcasing their talents just in time for Holiday gifts. Our Greek School will perform some Greek Christmas Carols too! Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of the holiday cheer! For more information contact Denise Yeilding at [denise.yeilding@annunciation.org](mailto:denise.yeilding@annunciation.org)

**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!

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SAVE THE DATE:** Our next Men's Fellowship gathering will be Thursday, December 7th. Refreshments at 6pm, dinner and program at 7pm. RSVP by emailing Jim Rakos at [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@annunciation.org)

**PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

--Philoptochos Christmas Party at Nick's Rockaway Restaurant in Pacifica on December 14th. For reservations contact Grace Koutoulas at 650-518-4657 or [grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org](mailto:grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org)

--Philoptochos will be selling Christmas pastries (kourambietes, melomakarona and baklava) after Liturgy on December 3rd and 10th

--Annual Crab Feed Friday, January 26, 2024. More info to follow

