

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4, Verse 1-7:** Brethren, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 18, Verses 18-27:** At that time, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):**

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE AND COFFEE HOUR:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Angie Leventis**, 40 days since her passing. Her family is also sponsoring today's coffee hour in her memory. May God rest her soul and may her memory be eternal!

**40 DAY BLESSING:** Today we welcome **Alkistis Asteris** to the church for his 40 Day Blessing. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to his parents and family. *Να ζήσει το παιδί!* Long life to the child!

**CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER:** Send Christmas greetings to our community by placing your family's name(s) in the card for a donation of \$30. 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 (kourambiethes, melomakarona and baklava) after Liturgy on December 3rd and 10th

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

