

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5, Verse 8-19: Brethren, walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is a shame even to speak of the things that they do in secret; but when anything is exposed by the light it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give you light." Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart.

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, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

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

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῇ βασιλείᾳ σου· δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνη Φιλάνθρωπε.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND COFFEE HOUR: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Helen Franco**, 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!

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) 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!

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

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

--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

