

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 4, Verses 7-13:** BRETHREN, grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (in saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 4, Verses 12-17:** At that time, when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς, Apolytikion of the Feast: Ἦχος α΄. Mode 1:**

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἶδει περιστεῶς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεῖς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of **Terpsichore Varanis**, 3 years since her passing, and **Nickolas Varanis**, 14 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη!

**SWEARING IN OF PARISH COUNCIL:** Today at the conclusion of Divine Liturgy our 2024 Parish Council members will be sworn in. Afterwards they will hold their officer elections in the conference room. We wish all of our Parish Council members good strength as they begin another year in service to our Cathedral community!

**VASILOPITA COFFEE HOUR TODAY:** Please join Philoptochos in this annual event that recognizes Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea, and the wonderful tradition of cutting the vasilopita to see who will "win the coin".

**HOUSE BLESSINGS:** During the season after Epiphany it is customary to have house blessings. If you would like Father Angelo to come bless your house, please contact him at [fr.angelo@annunciation.org](mailto:fr.angelo@annunciation.org)

**FDF 2024:** The 47th Annual Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival (FDF) is happening February 15-18, 2024 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel! We have many dancers, directors, and family members going down to represent our Annunciation Cathedral in Anaheim this year. We pray everyone has a wonderful experience and we know our dancers will make the Cathedral proud. Καλή Επιτυχία!

**FDF PREVIEW LUNCHEON:** On Sunday, February 4, 2024 our Dance Program will be hosting a Preview Luncheon in our hall following Divine Liturgy for our parishioners who will not be able to go down to FDF. All are invited to the luncheon, come support our dancers!

**PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES:**

**Annual Crab Feed Friday, January 26, 2024**

The Annunciation Philoptochos Crab Feed is being held on Friday, January 26, 2024! Tickets are \$100 per person. Please contact Maria at [crabfeed@annunciation.org](mailto:crabfeed@annunciation.org) or visit <https://www.annunciation.org/crabfeed2024> to make a reservation

