

SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4 to 7. It is found in our books on page 146.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Φιλιππισίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 4-7:
Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντί τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 12, Verses 1-18. It is found in our books on pages 303-305.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-18, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 302-304.

TODAY'S APOLYTIKION: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, / You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! / Like the children with the palms of victory, / We cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death; / Hosanna in the Highest! / Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Τὴν κοινὴν ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὡς οἱ παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν, Ὡσαννά ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (*Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs*). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). In April, the class will meet on April 15 and on April 29, beginning at 9 a.m. The class meets in the second-floor conference room.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK, CULMINATING IN PASCHA, THE FEAST OF FEASTS: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST: The most attended Divine Liturgy of the Year—that of Palm Sunday—suggests there its message is of vital importance. It is, after all, the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. He enters, not as a conqueror would—on a stallion—but on a donkey, or rather, the offspring of a donkey. It's to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy, cited in the reading for today: *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey* (Zechariah 9:9). The celebratory tone quickly dissipates as the events of Holy Week unfold: The Messiah is betrayed, condemned, crucified, and buried. As everything seems to come to an end, something unexpected happens: He rises from the dead. The promise is reborn and the Church is born. For 2000 years, we proclaim: Christ is Risen, and death is annihilated. Our faith is a Resurrection faith. In this spirit, we invite you to pray with us all this week, as follows:

This evening, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 2, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m.	Holy Unction
Thursday, April 5, 10 a.m.	The Divine Liturgy (Vespertal Liturgy). Holy Communion is served. In fact, on this day, the Eucharist is prepared and kept on the altar all year. In case of an emergency, when Holy Communion is offered as "last rites," it is from this Eucharist that that the dying person receives Holy Communion.
Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m.	The Twelve Gospels. Service of the Crucifixion
Friday, April 6, 10 a.m.	The Great Hours. The Epitaphios is decorated. TGIF for children.
Friday, April 6, 1 p.m.	The Descent from the Cross.
Friday, April 6, 7 p.m.	The Lamentations
Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m.	The Divine Liturgy (Vespertal Liturgy). Holy Communion is served.
Saturday, April 7, 11 p.m.	The Paschal Vigil. At 12 midnight: ANASTASIS, to be celebrated by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos . The Divine Liturgy follows. Afterwards, a light Paschal meal is offered for all. Though late, this is a most special time of rejoicing, and well worth it.
Sunday, April 8, 11 a.m.	Vespers. The service is called Agape Vespers. Vespers of Love. Recalling the great love of God, who sent us His only Son, that we might be saved. Holy Communion is not served. Please note, the Paschal scheduled erroneously listed a service for Monday, April 9. There is no service on Monday, April 9.

BAKSETBALL GAMES TODAY: This afternoon, the Annunciation Cathedral is host to three Adult Basketball games, as follows: 3 pm. Adults: St. Nicholas SF & Annunciation 3; at 4 p.m. Adults: St. George San Francisco & St. Gregory 2; at 5 p.m. St. Nicholas San Jose & St. Gregory 1.

SOCKS DRIVE: We are having a socks drive all during the months of March and April. The socks will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen. The most recent Community Kitchen took place this past Tuesday. The next Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, April 17. Won't you bring a packet of new socks, please, and leave it at the pangari. You will be helping keep someone's feet warm.

GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER: Notice, the pavers being laid in the courtyard and all around the new Cathedral. Notice the walls along Valencia Street and the new sidewalk along Stevenson Street. As announced, we've recently been awarded a conditional use permit, which will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. As for the **interior**: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2018 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. We still have outstanding pledges, to the tune of \$528,000. If you have not yet contributed, won't you consider making your gift? Your gift is fully tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law. More importantly, you will experience the joy of giving (and to such a historic undertaking!), helping make firm our presence as a Greek Orthodox house of worship in the *heart of our Great City*. In this way, we will be answering the call by God to Moses, when he said *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, και ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. Most likely, this will coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021.



"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 sanctified."