

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 13, Verse 11 – Chapter 4, Verse 4. It is found in our books on page 137.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος: Πρὸς Ῥωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 13, ἐδάφ. 13 - κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 4: Ἀδελφοί, νῦν ἐγγύτερον ἡμῶν ἢ σωτηρία ἢ ὅτε ἐπιστεύσαμεν. Ἡ νῦξ προέκοψεν, ἡ δὲ ἡμέρα ἤγγικεν· ἀποθώμεθα οὖν τὰ ἔργα τοῦ σκότους, καὶ ἐνδυσώμεθα τὰ ὄπλα τοῦ φωτός. Ὡς ἐν ἡμέρᾳ, εὐσημόνως περιπατήσωμεν, μὴ κώμοις καὶ μέθαις, μὴ κοίταις καὶ ἀσελείαις, μὴ ἐριδι καὶ ζήλῳ. Ἀλλ' ἐνδύσασθε τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν, καὶ τῆς σαρκὸς πρόνοιαν μὴ ποιήσθε, εἰς ἐπιθυμίας. Τὸν δὲ ἀσθενοῦντα τῇ πίστει προσλαμβάνεσθε, μὴ εἰς διακρίσεις διαλογισμῶν. Ὅς μὲν πιστεύει φαγεῖν πάντα, ὁ δὲ ἀσθενῶν λάχανα ἐσθίει. Ὁ ἐσθίων τὸν μὴ ἐσθίοντα μὴ ἐξουθενεῖτω, καὶ ὁ μὴ ἐσθίων τὸν ἐσθίοντα μὴ κρινέτω· ὁ θεὸς γὰρ αὐτὸν προσελάβετο. Σὺ τίς εἶ ὁ κρίνων ἄλλότριον οἰκέτην; Τῷ ἰδίῳ κυρίῳ στήκει ἢ πίπτει. Σταθήσεται δέ· δυνατὸς γὰρ ἐστὶν ὁ θεὸς στήσαι αὐτόν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 14-21. It is found in our books on page 285.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 14-21. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 284.

Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Four:

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμενοι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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). For February, the class met last Sunday, February 4, and is meeting again today, February 11.

FORGIVENESS VESPERS THIS EVENING: Beginning at 5:30 p.m. this evening, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, a Greater Bay Area service of forgiveness, known as "Forgiveness Vespers," will be celebrated. All are invited to attend. A *makaronada* reception, hosted by the Holy Cross community, will follow.

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICES: Memorial Prayers are being offered today for the repose of the soul of our sister **Stavroula (Lillian) Hamberis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago. We also pray for the repose of the soul of our brother **John Lenox**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. Aionia I Mnimi!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Due to be held today, the Parish Council will meet, instead, next Sunday, February 25, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room.

GREAT LENT BEGINS TOMORROW; HAIRETISMOI (SALUTATIONS) ON FRIDAY: The Great Lent, a period of prayer, preparation, fasting, and repentance, in preparation of Holy Pascha (the Resurrection of Christ), will begin tomorrow, February 9. One of the extra services offered at this time is the Service of Salutations to the Theotokos. It is conducted on the first five Fridays of Great Lent, beginning this Friday, February 23, culminating in the Service of the Akathist (all four Stanzas of the Salutations Service are recited), on Friday, March 23. Services begin at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24: On Saturday, February 24, we commemorate the miracle of St. Theodore the Recruit (Tyro), by means of *kollyva*, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated here in our chapel, beginning at 10 a.m.

NO BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice will not take place this week. Instead, it will resume Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, February 29.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY (FOLLOWED BY YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER):

We can surely use your help. Set-up begins at 5:30 p.m., We serve at 6:30 p.m. Please be prompt.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: We cannot stress how important it is for everyone, age 18 and above, who considers the Cathedral to be your home parish, to support its ministries through Stewardship. For, we are a family, and a family needs all its members doing their part, in order for it to be a happy, functioning family. In an effort to properly acknowledge and thank you for your support, we will list the names of all Stewards in our March *Herald*. In case you've misplaced your card or if you wish additional cards for family members, these, as well as information about our Stewardship program, may be found at the *pangari*. They are in an envelope marked "Stewardship." We also invite you to direct any questions you may have concerning our Stewardship program, to Father Stephen or a member of the Parish Council Stewardship Team. Let's make 2018 a banner Stewardship year for the Cathedral. Together, we can do it!

CRAB FEED SATURDAY, MARCH 3: As noted, this year's Crab Feed, sponsored by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, has been moved from Friday, January 26 to Saturday, March 3. The reason for the move was the unavailability of enough fresh crab to enable us to hold the crab feed in January. We trust you will be as supportive of the event on March 3rd, as the crab feed is a major fund raiser for our Philoptochos. In turn, the Philoptochos supports a number of philanthropies, as well as the rebuilding of this Cathedral. For reservations: annunciation2018crabfeed@gmail.com

CLOSER AND CLOSER: We're in the home stretch. As you can see, we are nearing **completion of the exterior**. We've recently been awarded a conditional use permit, which will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. Tentatively, we've been given April 1, 2018 for utilization of our 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. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of \$550,000. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges? 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: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ 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."