

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Hebrews, Chapter 11, verses 33-39; Chapter 12, verses 1-2. It is found in our books on pages 93-94.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 33-39, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-2:** Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιών, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἄλλοτριῶν. Ἐλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τῶν νεκρῶν αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόρῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὄπαις τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττονι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφους μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορώντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 10, Verses 32-33, 27-28, Chapter 19, Verses 27-30. It is found in our books on pages 196-198.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 32-33, 27-28, κεφ. 19, ἐδάφ. 27-30, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 197-199.**

**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, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**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](mailto:orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com). **Note:** The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The class meets today, June 3 and also next Sunday, June 10. The class meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA:** This morning's Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother **Tony Selianitis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and for the repose of the soul of our brother **John Dekaristos**, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

**PHILOPTOCHOS TO MEET TODAY:** Philoptochos will hold a general meeting today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will begin by honoring **Despina Kokalis, Rose Sogotis, and Terpsi Varanis**, for their years of dedication to Philoptochos.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDS TODAY FOR THE SUMMER:** Sunday School will end today, for the summer, and will resume Sunday, September 9. We wish our children a restful, safe, and productive summer.

**GREEK SCHOOL ENDS THIS SATURDAY FOR THE SUMMER:** Last day of Greek School classes will take place this Saturday, June 9. Greek School will resume Saturday, September 29. We wish our children a restful, safe, and productive summer.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL & PHILOPTOCHOS NEXT SUNDAY:** The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and define the scope of our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The Cathedral was founded on May 19, 1921.

**FATHER'S DAY, SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, June 17, Philoptochos will recognize a "Friend of Philoptochos." Announcement of honorees will be forthcoming.

**LOOKING AHEAD AT TO THE FESTIVAL: TIME TO THINK ABOUT COOKING:** Our Festival will take place September 21, 22, and 23. In preparation, our baking schedule is as follows: August 14, 15 (after church), 21, 22, 28, & 29, and September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19. Please give thought to your participation. We need your help. **Grace Koutoulas**, Festival Co-chair, can be contacted for additional information.

**HEALTH GOODS DRIVE:** Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoptochos, are conducting a "health goods drive." By "health goods," we mean toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash. These items will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen Tuesday, June 19, followed by one on Tuesday, July 17. Items may be brought to church and left at the pangari.

**ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JUNE 18-23:** For the second year, Theodoros Papadopoulos, a visiting master iconographer and expert instructor will conduct an icon workshop, at the Cathedral, June 18-23. As he did last year, Mr. Papadopoulos will guide you through the ancient techniques of Byzantine iconography. Whether a beginner or a professional, you will be afforded the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques, as you journey through this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality—often called the "meeting place of the Divine." The tuition is \$680, and it includes most supplies, including boards, pigments, and brushes. Space is limited, and early registration is suggested. For enrollment or for more information, please call Ms. Katina Kostoulas at 310 863-4762 or visit the website: [www.theodoreicons.com/sf](http://www.theodoreicons.com/sf)

**GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER: YES!** The laying of the pavers in the courtyard and all around the new Cathedral is nearing completion. The walls along Valencia Street have been built. Eventually the walls will be capped in granite, the same as the façade of our ancillary facilities building. The sidewalk along both Stevenson St. and Valencia St. has been poured (except for a section which will accommodate trees and parking meters). One step closer to using our parking component. And how about our beautiful courtyard fountain? All this takes time, and money. We note your eagerness to renew our financial support, and we thank you. If you have not yet contributed, we invite your participation. 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.”*