

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: November 24, 2013

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME; PETER, BISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, chapter 6, verses 11-18. It is found in our books on page 147.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 11-18: Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γραμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσωπήσαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἔμοι κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνην ἔπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βαστάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 18-27. It is found in our books on pp. 267-269.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 18-27, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 266-268.

Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠὺδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειρᾶν τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ. Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωροῦμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Parking for up to 70 cars is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14th Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their; the Cathedral will pay \$7 of the parking cost for Stewards. To pick up a parking pass or to discuss your stewardship, please see **Gus Vouchilas**, who will be manning the stewardship table. Street parking is also available on Sundays, especially along the 217' construction zone in front of the Cathedral. For your convenience, an attendant will be on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone and direct parking to the Zenanli lot behind the Cathedral. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities, giving them parking preference in the spaces on Valencia Street.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON TODAY, SPONSORED BY THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

A fabulous luncheon is in store. The donation is only \$20 per person (\$10 for children 10 and under). Join us as we gather to give thanks.

DIVINE LITURGIES THIS WEEK

Tomorrow, November 25, is the Feast of St. Katherine the Great Martyr. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m. Θεία Λειτουργία αὐριο, 25 Νοεμβρίου (τῆς Ἁγίας Αἰκατερίνης), 10 π.μ.

Thursday, November 28, is Thanksgiving Day. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m. Θεία Λειτουργία τῆ Πέμπτη, 28 Νοεμβρίου (Ἡμέρα τῶν Ευχαριστιῶν, Εθνικὴ Εορτή), 10 π.μ.

Finally, Saturday, November 30 is the Feast of St. Andrew, First-called of the Apostles, also the Throne Feast of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m. Θεία Λειτουργία το Σάββατο, 30 Νοεμβρίου (Τοῦ Ἀποστόλου Ἀνδρέα, Θρονικὴ Εορτὴ τῆς Μεγάλῃς τοῦ Χριστοῦ Εκκλησίας), 10 π.μ.

OUR CHILDREN ARE TALKING

One of the most wonderful things that has happened as a result of the start of construction is that our children are expressing their feelings about building our new church, in pictures and in words. About a month ago, young people came up at the end of the Divine Liturgy and shared their "amazement," their "joy" and their "sense of blessing," to use their words, that we are building a church to God's glory. Three Sundays ago, the same children addressed themselves to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, who celebrated the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the departure of His Excellency Ambassador Ioannis Andreades from San Francisco. We will hear more from the children this morning, as part of a Sunday School project.

STEWARDSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP 2014 We are but weeks away from the beginning of a new year. As we plan for the New Year, we are invited to consider our support for the ministries of the Cathedral, through Stewardship. Stewardship materials for 2014 were recently mailed to each addressee on the Cathedral's mailing list. These included a descriptive brochure, a letter by our Stewardship Committee, a Stewardship Pledge Card for 2014, and a self-addressed return envelope. We are confident that our parishioners will be very supportive, especially in this critical year of building. Indeed, it is our goal to *grow* during this time of construction, exactly as we note it in our mission statement: through Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism, and Philanthropy. Toward this end, our Stewardship Committee members have enlisted the assistance of team members, effectively making our Stewardship Committee 100 strong! Here are our Team Captains and the names of their Team Members:

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY. Parishioners were invited to **bring to church your completed 2014 Stewardship Pledge Cards** and place them in the special tray which will be passed at the conclusion of the Liturgy. This is a very powerful way of your saying, "We are dedicated Orthodox Christians, members and supporters of the Annunciation Cathedral parish, and we support its mission, which is the Mission of the Church, through our stewardship. Then, with the gracious consent of the Ladies Philoptochos, we will sit down to a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon.

2013 CHRISTMAS CARD

Annamarie Balian Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Mary Tonas will be on hand following today's Divine Liturgy to greet you and take your name(s) for this year's community Christmas card. The donation is \$25 per entry.

OYAA BASKETBALL PRACTICE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS 8-14 YEARS OLD HAS BEGUN

If you are interested in joining a team (and we hope you all do) please take with you the appropriate materials at the *pangari*, or speak with our basketball coaches, Tom Nuris, Chris Kallas, or Deno Konstantinidis.

GOOD NEWS: CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATHEDRAL HAS

BEGUN: Look outside and see what's going on. Our buildings and the sidewalks on Valencia and Stevenson Streets have been shored up, in preparation for Excavation for the underground garage. It will take a number of months to put down the rebar steel, install the drainage and lay down the floor slab, which will serve as the ground level of the parking structure, as well as the ground level slab, over which the Cathedral will be built. Every week you will see more and more progress. But, now, in order to proceed, we need to have everyone on board, everybody contributing.

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). We've quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign. And we can't stress it enough: we're building this because God is telling us to!

A few weeks ago, we sent materials to you and ask that you give prayerful consideration to your gift, which may be made over 5 years. We also told you which member of the Capital Campaign Committee would be calling you to discuss your participation. We hope the Committee members have made their contacts and that you've pretty much decided what to do, this year, next year, and so on, until 2018 or 2019, as the Cathedral gets ready to celebrate its 100th anniversary. .

We are pleased to inform you that, since this phase of the Campaign, we have raised an additional \$230,000 from among 30 more pledges. We are also speaking with a number of individuals who are planning 6-figure gifts, some of them to be paid over five (5) years.

Those who make 6-figure gifts (\$100,000 and above) will be invited to join the "Dean's List," a special recognition for this level of giving. To date, we have six (6) such donors.

We are also pleased to inform you that we are still planning to hold a gala event during 2014, open to parishioners and friends of the Cathedral alike, with a view to raising \$1 million for the Capital Campaign. Little by little, we will get there. We thank you for your willingness, for your consideration, and for your generosity.



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