

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: February 16, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

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EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 12-20. It is found in our books on pp. 134-135.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους πρώτης ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 12-20:
Ἀδελφοί, πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐ πάντα συμφέρει· πάντα μοι ἔξεστιν, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγὼ ἐξουσιασθήσομαι ὑπὸ τινος. Τὰ βρώματα τῆ κοιλίας, καὶ ἡ κοιλία τοῖς βρώμασιν· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ ταύτην καὶ ταῦτα καταργήσει. Τὸ δὲ σῶμα οὐ τῆ πορνείᾳ, ἀλλὰ τῷ κυρίῳ, καὶ ὁ κύριος τῷ σώματι· ὁ δὲ θεὸς καὶ τὸν κύριον ἡγειρεν καὶ ἡμᾶς ἐξεγερεῖ διὰ τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν μέλη Χριστοῦ ἐστίν; Ἄρα οὖν τὰ μέλη τοῦ Χριστοῦ ποιήσω πόρνης μέλη; Μὴ γένοιτο. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ὁ κολλώμενος τῆ πόρνη ἐν σῶμά ἐστιν; Ἔσονται γὰρ, φησὶν, οἱ δύο εἰς σάρκα μίαν. Ὁ δὲ κολλώμενος τῷ κυρίῳ ἐν πνευμᾷ ἐστιν. Φεύγετε τὴν πορνείαν. Πᾶν ἁμάρτημα ὃ ἐὰν ποιήσῃ ἄνθρωπος ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματός ἐστιν· ὁ δὲ πορνεύων εἰς τὸ ἴδιον σῶμα ἁμαρτάνει. Ἡ οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι τὸ σῶμα ὑμῶν ναὸς τοῦ ἐν ὑμῖν ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐστιν, οὗ ἔχετε ἀπὸ θεοῦ; Καὶ οὐκ ἐστὲ ἑαυτῶν, ἠγοράσθητε γὰρ τιμῆς· δοξάσατε δὴ τὸν θεὸν ἐν τῷ σώματι ὑμῶν, καὶ ἐν τῷ πνεύματι ὑμῶν, ἃτινά ἐστιν τοῦ θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 15, verses 11-32. It is found in our books on pp. 277-281.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 12-20, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 276-280.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One:

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτῆρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου· δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

OUR CHILDREN ARE AT FDF

You will notice this sparse attendance in church. This is because most of our children are attending the Folk Dance Festival, which is taking place in Anaheim, CA, and are attending the Divine Liturgy there. In addition to competing in dance and in song, the children are attending age-specific workshops. This year, Father Stephen is staying at FDF through Sunday, as Father Niko did last year. We wish our children well at FDF. Although FDF is an "Olympics style competition," the purpose of FDF is not limited to winning medals. More importantly, it is about teamwork, it is about fellowship, it is about connection, it is about Faith.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK: PSYCHOSAVVATO SERVICES AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL

As next Sunday is known as "Meat Fare Sunday," (the last day meat is consumed as we prepare to enter the Great and Holy Lent on March 3), the day before is a day of commemoration of all who have fallen asleep in the Lord. *Psychosavvato* means "Saturday of souls." It is a day of remembrance, a day of prayer. (Incidentally, the day before Holy Pentecost, June 7, is also known as *Psychosavvato*.)

The Divine Liturgy and, at its conclusion, a Memorial for the dead, will be offered at the Chapel of the Life-giving fountain of the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park in Colma, this Saturday, February 22, beginning at 10 am. Father Stephen will be the celebrant.

On March 1, on which we also remember those who have fallen asleep, especially monastics, services will be celebrated at the cemetery chapel by Fr. Aris Metrakos and on March 8, on which we remember the miracle of St. Theodore, services will be celebrated there by Fr. Niko.

MAYOR CALLS FOR END TO SUNDAY METERED PARKING

As announced in the *Chronicle*, Mayor Lee has called for reversal of the City's recent policy of enforcing metered parking on Sundays. It's now up to SFMTA and whoever else has to make the decision to lift this law. As we tweeted to Annunciation's web site, www.annunciation.org, *Cathedral hails Mayor's reversal on Sunday metered parking. Year-long law has caused hardship for church-goers.* The "hardship" we refer to has to do with the issuance of parking tickets for worshipers, who are hit with hefty fines at the stroke of noon, when the metered parking takes effect and, the reality is, we are still in worship at noon. We pray the appropriate agencies support the Mayor's call to lift this ill-conceived law. We will keep you posted on this. Meanwhile, we encourage you to utilize the Zenanli lot on 14th street. Stewards of the Cathedral pay only \$5 to park in the Zenanli lot.

BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOUR HOMES: A building update, featuring our children on the cover, and a narrative of our building project on the inside, was sent to the Cathedral's parishioners and friends, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. (Another update is about to go out this week.) The great news is that *construction has begun!* We started construction 24 years (to the day) of Loma Prieta, the earthquake which claimed the old Cathedral. We're building, *because God has asked us to!*

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, 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 the Cathedral because God has asked us to.* In His infinite wisdom, the Lord knows what he has in store for us and for the future of our Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco's inner city.

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER \$5.2 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.2 million (Over \$600,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.2 raised, \$3.9 has been received; \$1.3 million is receivable (from parishioners who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) The total cost for completion, inside and out, is just over \$12 million. However, the contract we signed with McNely Construction is a not-to-exceed \$10.7 million. This gets us the parking structure and a complete exterior. We are confident we will complete the interior, as well, iconography, pews and all. We have faith that we will get there and that the new Cathedral will be consecrated to the glory of God. You will see it. You will be a part of it...through your prayers, your faith, and your giving.

Be excited...it's happening!



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