

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: May 4, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

THE MARTYR PELAGIA OF TARSUS; HILARY THE WONDERWORKER

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 6, verse 1-7. It is found in our books on page 83.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 1-7: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, πληθυνόντων τῶν μαθητῶν, ἐγένετο γογγυσμὸς τῶν Ἑλληνιστῶν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑβραίους, ὅτι παρεθεωροῦντο ἐν τῇ διακονίᾳ τῇ καθημερινῇ αἱ χήραι αὐτῶν. Προσκαλεσάμενοι δὲ οἱ δώδεκα τὸ πλῆθος τῶν μαθητῶν, εἶπον, Οὐκ ἀρεστὸν ἐστὶν ἡμᾶς, καταλείψαντας τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ, διακονεῖν τραπέζαις. Ἐπισκέψασθε οὖν, ἀδελφοί, ἄνδρας ἐξ ὑμῶν μαρτυρουμένους ἐπτά, πλήρεις πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ σοφίας, οὓς καταστήσωμεν ἐπὶ τῆς χρείας ταύτης. Ἡμεῖς δὲ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ διακονίᾳ τοῦ λόγου προσκαρτερήσομεν. Καὶ ἤρρεσεν ὁ λόγος ἐνώπιον παντὸς τοῦ πλήθους· καὶ ἐξελέξαντο Στέφανον, ἄνδρα πλήρης πίστεως καὶ πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ Φίλιππον, καὶ Πρόχορον, καὶ Νικάνορα, καὶ Τίμωνα, καὶ Παρμενᾶν, καὶ Νικόλαον προσήλυτον Ἀντιοχείᾳ, οὓς ἔστησαν ἐνώπιον τῶν ἀποστόλων· καὶ προσευξάμενοι ἐπέθηκαν αὐτοῖς τὰς χεῖρας. Καὶ ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ ἠύξανεν, καὶ ἐπληθύνετο ὁ ἀριθμὸς τῶν μαθητῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ σφόδρα, πολλὸς τε ὄχλος τῶν ἱερέων ὑπήκουον τῇ πίστει.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 15, verses 43-47, and chapter 16, verses 1-8. It is found in our books on pages 169-171.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 43-47, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 1-8, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 168-170.

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life. Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος. Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

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

When You descended to the realm of death, You as life immortal rendered to Hades a mortal blow by Your all-radiant Divinity. And, when You, from infernal depths and the darkness below did raise the dead, all the hosts of heaven's powers did proclaim and cry out: O life-giving Christ and our God, we give glory [to You].

{Ote kath' lqe~ pro;~ to;n qavnaton, hJ zwh; hJ ajqavnato~, tovtē to;n {A/dhn ejnevkrwsa~ th/ ajstraph/` th~ Qeovthto~: o{fte de; kai; tou;~ teqnew`ta~ ejk tw`n katacqonivwn ajnevsthsa~, pa`sai aiJ Dunavmei~ tw`n ejpouranivwn ejkrauvgazon: Zwodovta, Criste; oJ Qeo;~ hJmw`n, dovxa soi.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS: This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3rd grade in the fall) to 18 years of age (or graduating from high school this year). There will be three sessions this year. Session I: July 6-12; Session II: July 13-19; and Session III: July 26-26. The cost is \$500. (All siblings receive a \$25 discount). To register, visit www.gosfyouth.org asap

TODAY'S MNEMOSYNA:

This morning's memorial services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister **Vassiliki Vorrises**, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago and that of our brother **Dionisios Vorrises**, who fell asleep in the Lord 39 years ago.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY:

This morning's coffee hour is being offered in memory of **Vassiliki and Dionisios Vorrises**, and also by all those whose name is **George/Georgia**, who celebrated their feast day on April 23, as well as those whose name is **Anastasios/Anastasia**, and who celebrated their feast day on Holy Pascha.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:

Inasmuch as we need to be raising a minimum of \$100,000 a month to enable the building of the new Cathedral and parking component, our Capital Campaign Committee is moving full-steam ahead. It will be meeting this Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p.m. and the first Wednesday of every month thereafter.

FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014:

It's all set. This year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location, on the aforementioned dates. The emphasis will, of course, be on our food, which every year is a huge hit. Look at the monthly *Herald*, our web site, www.annunciation.org, on the Cathedral's Facebook page, on the Twitter feed to our web site, and in these Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. **Angie Leventis** and **Pat Aleck** are this year's Co-Chairs.

DANCE GROUPS PRACTICING TODAY:

Two of the Cathedral's dance groups, namely **Spithes** and **Thisavri**, are practicing today, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. and also on the following dates:

Sunday, May 18

Sunday, June 1

Sunday, June 8

Sunday, June 22 and

Sunday, June 29.

There are openings for dancers for both groups. If you are interested in your child(ren)'s joining the groups, please speak with the respective directors, either before or after the practices. **Lea Lyberopoulos** is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is karthia808@yahoo.com.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON, SPONSORED BY THE CATHEDRAL LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS:

As announced, this 55th annual luncheon, honoring **Helen Panomitros** as Mother of the Year 2014, will take place at McCormick and Kuleto's, located at 900 North Point Street (corner of Beach and Larkin), San Francisco, this coming Saturday, **May 10**, beginning with a no-host cocktail reception at 11:30 a.m., followed by luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The donation is \$60 per person and \$35 for children 12 years of age and under. It's a little late to mail in your reservations. However, if you wish to attend, please see **Angie Leventis** or **Pat Aleck** following this morning's Divine Liturgy.

ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:

The May building update, with the theme *RISEN* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, is in the process of being sent to all of you in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that *the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and the wall formation for the south wall has been completed. The parking structure walls are next!* We're moving ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, because God has told us to do so! What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking. A once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

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 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 told us to build the sanctuary that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox Faith, for generations to come.* 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 \$5.4 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.4 million (\$748,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.2 has been received; \$1.2 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 226 donors, so far.

Are you among those who have contributed or are contributing to help build the Cathedral? If you are, God bless you. You know the great joy of giving. You know that, ultimately, everything we have is from God and for the glory of God. Thank you and God bless you.



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will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith
in San Francisco through:
Stewardship, Worship,
Education, Evangelism and
Philanthropic Outreach*