

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: April 19, 2015

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EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 5, verses 12-20. It is found in our books, page 82.

Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 5, ἐδάφ. 12-20: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διὰ δὲ τῶν χειρῶν τῶν ἀποστόλων ἐγένετο β σημεῖα καὶ τέρατα ἐν τῷ λαῷ πολλά· καὶ ἦσαν ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἅπαντες ἐν τῇ στοᾷ Σολομῶντος. Τῶν δὲ λοιπῶν οὐδεὶς ἐτόλμα κολλᾶσθαι αὐτοῖς, ἀλλ' ἐμεγάλυνεν αὐτοὺς ὁ λαός· μᾶλλον δὲ προσετίθεντο πιστεύοντες τῷ κυρίῳ, πλήθη ἀνδρῶν τε καὶ γυναικῶν· ὥστε κατὰ τὰς πλατείας ἐκφέρειν τοὺς ἀσθενεῖς, καὶ τιθέναι ἐπὶ κλινῶν καὶ κραββάτων, ἵνα ἐρχομένου Πέτρου κἂν ἡ σκιά ἐπισκιάσῃ τινὲς αὐτῶν. Συνήρχετο δὲ καὶ τὸ πλῆθος τῶν πέριξ πόλεων εἰς Ἱερουσαλήμ, φέροντες ἀσθενεῖς καὶ ὀχλουμένους ὑπὸ πνευμάτων ἀκαθάρτων, οἵτινες ἐθεραπεύοντο ἅπαντες. Ἀναστάς δὲ ὁ ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ πάντες οἱ σὺν αὐτῷ - ἡ οὖσα αἵρεσις τῶν Σαδδουκαίων - ἐπλήσθησαν ζήλου, καὶ ἐπέβαλον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτῶν ἐπὶ τοὺς ἀποστόλους, καὶ ἔθεντο αὐτοὺς ἐν τηρήσει δημοσίᾳ. Ἄγγελος δὲ κυρίου διὰ τῆς νυκτὸς ἤνοιξεν τὰς θύρας τῆς φυλακῆς, ἐξαγαγὼν τε αὐτοὺς εἶπεν, Πορεύεσθε, καὶ σταθέντες λαλεῖτε ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ τῷ λαῷ πάντα τὰ ῥήματα τῆς ζωῆς ταύτης.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according John, chapter 20, verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 165-167.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 20, ἐδάφ. 19-31, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 164-166.

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.

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, but 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 through reading selections of 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), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakmail.com.

40 DAY BLESSING: We welcome **Alexandra Kennedy**, daughter of **Zack Smal** and **Eleni Nicolas**.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, CALLED "DIDYMOS" (THE TWIN)

SERVICES THIS WEEK: FEAST OF ST. GEORGE: Thursday, April 23rd is the Feast of St. George the Great Martyr. We will celebrate the office of Orthros, beginning at 9 am., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10 am

FOOD PANTRY: As an ongoing component to our monthly soup kitchen, the Cathedral has begun gathering non-perishable foods on a year-round basis. We invite everyone to participate in this beautiful ministry by remembering to bring any cans, boxes, or jars of food and leaving them in the marked bins by the main entrance. If you have any questions, please contact **Maryann Boosalis** at maryann.boosalis@gmail.com.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS 56TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: TIMELESS ELEGANCE: This year, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring **Annette Chiappari** and **Niki Kastoras** as the 2015 Mothers of the Year. Congratulations! The Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on **Saturday, May 9**, beginning with a Cocktail Reception at 12:00 noon and followed by Luncheon at 12:45 p.m. The donation is \$55 for adults, \$25 for children. Parking is available at the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson Streets. For more information, please call **Foula Vasilogiorgis**, 415 378-7200, or contact **Irene Kyriacou**: sassygrk@aol.com; **Angie Leventis**: aleventis3@comcast.net; or **Foula Vasilogiorgis**: foulaki8@gmail.com.

BELMONT'S CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS PHILOPTOCHOS INVITES YOU TO ITS FASHION SHOW: The event will take place Saturday, April 25, at 11:30 am, at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 900 Alameda de las Pulgas, in Belmont. For more information: **Laura Jadelrab**, (650) 678-0336 or laura.jadelrab@gmail.com. We hope you will do us the honour of attending!

LOOKING AHEAD: PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 17: As mandated by the Archdiocese Regulations, the Parish is required to hold two Parish Assemblies each year. These afford input from all the parishioners in the management of the affairs of the Parish. They are also vehicles for information. The first Parish Assembly for 2015 will take place on Sunday, May 17, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda consists of:

Opening Prayer: Father Stephen

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2014 Parish Assembly: Gus Vouchilas
3. Treasurer's Report: Philippos Athanasiades
4. Reports on: Stewardship (Gus Vouchilas), the 2015 Festival (Angie Leventis), Youth (Father Niko), the Metropolis Clergy Laity (Father Niko) (The Clergy Laity is being held at St. Nicholas Ranch April 27-28)
5. Report on Phase Two: Construction of the Cathedral/Capital Campaign

(Ken Katen, Tom Nuris)

Election of Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 13)

6. Old Business
7. New Business

Closing Prayer

Members in good standing, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, are invited to attend and participate.

LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note it on your calendars. Festival meeting Tuesday, April 21, 7 p.m.

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.

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH, RISING! You have only to look out through the gates along Valencia Street or peer through the openings in the gallery to see the Cathedral rising. The crew installing the steel has been busy since March 25th, laying the vertical or “red-iron steel” (called “red-iron” because of its protective orange-red coating, similar to that of the Golden Gate Bridge. Just under 1,000 pieces of red iron steel will be put into place over the next few weeks, forming the “skeleton” of the Cathedral. We’ve begun with the north-eastern corner, proceeded to construct the apse, then the southern walls, the towers (one of which will house the elevator), then the 50-foot diameter dome and, finally, the choir loft and narthex.

As we near completion of the steel placement and it’s safe (we’ll let you know when—probably in September) we will schedule a special “signing” Sunday. On that day, following the Divine Liturgy, we will proceed out to the construction site, where everyone will have an opportunity to sign your name on a steel column! What a blessing that day will be, forming a physical “connection” with the rebuilding.

In terms of priorities, our goal is to complete the exterior and also have a fully-operational parking structure, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, the work on the interior, including iconography and furnishings, could take about a year.

Speaking about fund raising, surely there are people “out there” who have waited for this moment before making their contribution, be it \$1000 or be it \$1 million. You are out there. And you have the wherewithal to do it. However, you must be moved by the Holy Spirit to act. We can make the case for the rebuilding of the Cathedral (and we believe we have), but it’s up to you to put your hand to your checkbook. Scripture says, “let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)

These are exciting times for San Francisco. And, to think, we, in our own way, are contributing to the growth of our City by offering a sacred house of worship, for the glory of God, the God who says, *“Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you. Και ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, και ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). .”* (Translated from the Septuagint, Exodus 25:8).



*The Church is here to heal,
To reconcile,
To connect with Christ,
To become partakers of the
divine glory,
To worship God,
To proclaim the Gospel, in the
original Christian way,
That the world may be saved.*