

# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: OCTOBER 11, 2015

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LUKE

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 8-15:** TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 8, verses 8-15. It is found in our books on pages 245-247.**

**Ἡ σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ.8-15, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 244-246.**

**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].

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, δόξα σοι.

**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@sneakemail.com](mailto:orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com).

**Catechism Class:** Six months ago we began a second catechism (religious education) class at the Annunciation Cathedral, taught by **Marcelo Souza**. Over the last few months, we had three adult baptisms! This class serves as preparation for those seeking baptism – not only those entering the Church through marriage, but any other inquirers, as well as Orthodox people desiring to learn more about our Faith, or a refresher course. We are now using two introductory books – *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology* by Fr. Andrew Louth, and *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis – in addition to investigating our Creed as the summary of the Faith. We are also reading through the Gospel of Mark. Please keep our catechumens – a key part of the future of our church! – in your prayers.

**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.

## FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

**NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, STREET CLOSURE:** Please note the date. Valencia Street will be closed to automobile traffic, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. As before, you may access the Cathedral by coming east on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Vehicles dropping off/picking up individuals with disabilities will, as in the past, be permitted to make a left turn onto Valencia Street for drop off/pick up only.

**THE FEAST DAY OF ST. GERAIMOS: NAME DAY OF HIS EMINENCE:** October 20 marks the Name Day of **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos**. This is a special year, as it is the tenth anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence...ten years of dynamic ministry! On Monday, October 19, at 7 p.m., Vespers will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Trinity, San Francisco, followed by a reception. On Tuesday, October 20, at 10 a.m., the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, also followed by a reception. We look forward to seeing you at the above-noted celebratory events, as we gather to wish His Eminence *polla eti, many years*.

**LUNCHEON, BOOK SIGNING AND SALE, NOV. 1:** On November 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately after the Divine Liturgy, we will have a lunch in our community center, followed by a talk by **Her Excellency Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis** who served as U.S. Ambassador to Hungary. Following her talk, she will sign her new book, *Madam Ambassador*. Proceeds will go to the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund. Do plan on attending. The presentation should be very informative. The Cathedral is very proud to present **Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis**, the first Greek-American U.S. Ambassador, ever! And one of the very few Americans of Greek descent to have been named U.S. Ambassador. Recall, Her Excellency presided over the Cathedral's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala, which was held under the rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall in 2006. We are very proud of her accomplishments!

**HONORING THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS WITH A DINNER, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7:** A dinner will take place at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont. The donation is \$75 per person. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center. Vespers at 5, Reception & Fellowship at 6; Dinner & Presentations at 7. To reserve, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

**WELCOME OUR NEW HELLENIC COLLEGE/HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOFY PRESIDENT:** On Sunday, November 8, The Very Reverend Christopher T. Metropoulos, D.Min., newly named President of HC/HC, will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with us and offer the homily. The Divine Liturgy that day will be celebrated by **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco**. 9:00 a.m. Orthros; 10:30 a.m. Liturgy; Luncheon to follow.

**IOCC REMEMBERING HOME FUND RAISER SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8:** The event will take place at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. The donation is \$65 per person. This is a unique opportunity to show your support of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), and their work at home and abroad, especially in war-torn countries, those hit by famine or any number of natural disasters. For reservations, please call 510 531-3400.

**2015 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD:** **Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Annamarie Balian** will be on hand beginning today, collecting names for this year's Christmas Card. No doubt, you will want to be listed, as the community extends greetings and best wishes to one another on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. The donation is, as it has been for years, \$25.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COFFEE HOUR?:** If so, please speak with the ladies who are gathering names for the Christmas Card. The church provides coffee; the sponsor brings the rest.

**PUTTING UP THE EXTERIOR WALL:** It seems like only yesterday that we began reconstruction of the Cathedral and here we are, putting up the exterior wall. This will be followed by the windows, the gutters, downspouts, the dome metal, and the clay tile roof. Finally, the stucco will be applied.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, as it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come.

We've noted on a number of occasions that we have raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. (For specific information, please refer to the recent issues of the *Herald*.) Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project: we're looking at completing the exterior by summer of 2016; this includes the normal functioning of the garage. At that point, we are planning to hold a **Gala event**, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we turn to phase two, the completion of the interior. Work on the interior, including appointments and iconography, should take another year or so. Certainly, we hope to be able to plan for its consecration, in 2017, four years before our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All this, of course, will depend upon your prayers and continued support.

May God bless our undertaking, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (Translated from the **Septuagint**: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγιασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of



*"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."*

(Ecumenical Patriarch  
Bartholomew, Ground breaking,  
November 6, 1997)