

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: OCTOBER 18, 2015

ST. LUKE, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians, Chapter 4, Verses 5-11, 14-18. It is not found in our books, as it is apropos of the Feast of Saint Luke the Apostle and Evangelist, whose memory we commemorate this 18th day of October.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Κολοσσαεῖς Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 5 – 11, 14 – 18.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 10, verses 16-21: The Lord said to his disciples, "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will."

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 16-21 (δὲν εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας).

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

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιᾶσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιτίας Ἰδοῦ ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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.

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.

TODAY, OCTOBER 18, STREET CLOSURE: As announced, Valencia Street is closed to automobile traffic, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. As before, you may access the Cathedral by coming east on 14th 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. When our parking is restored, we will be able to access our lot on "Sunday Streets" days.

THE FEAST DAY OF ST. GERASIMOS: 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! Tomorrow, October 19, at 5:30 p.m., Vespers will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Trinity, San Francisco, followed by a reception. On Tuesday, October 20, at 9 a.m. Orthros and at 10 a.m., the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, followed by lunch. 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 1st, 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 85th anniversary gala, which was held under the rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall in 2006. We are very proud of her accomplishments!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7: HONORING THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS WITH A DINNER: 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. We note the Cathedral has already fulfilled one table and is in the process of filling a second table.

WELCOME OUR NEW HELLENIC COLLEGE/HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY 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.

MESSINIAN SOCIETY, PARISH COUNCIL MEET TODAY: The Messinian Society will meet in the Kytherian Room and the Parish Council will meet in the second floor conference, following today's Divine Liturgy.

ALMOST DONE:THE EXTERIOR WALL: It seems like only yesterday that we began and, here we are, putting up the exterior wall, to be followed by the windows, the gutters, downspouts, the dome metal, and the clay tile roof. Then, the stucco will be applied; pavers, stonework, and doors will be installed. The outside will be virtually complete. The fountain will be working and we will have plants.

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: completion of 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 100th 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**: *Και ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμιν*). (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)