

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: NOVEMBER 22, 2015

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE APOSTLE PHILEMON (OF THE 70); CECILIA THE MARTYR

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 125.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 2 – 10: Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς ἐγώ, ὁ δέσμιος ἐν κυρίῳ, ἀξίως περιπατῆσαι τῆς κλήσεως ἧς ἐκλήθητε, μετὰ πάσης ταπεινοφροσύνης καὶ πραότητος, μετὰ μακροθυμίας, ἀνεχόμενοι ἀλλήλων ἐν ἀγάπῃ, σπουδάζοντες τηρεῖν τὴν ἐνότητα τοῦ πνεύματος ἐν τῷ συνδέσμῳ τῆς εἰρήνης. Ἐν σῶμα καὶ ἐν πνεῦμα, καθὼς καὶ ἐκλήθητε ἐν μιᾷ ἐλπίδι τῆς κλήσεως ὑμῶν· εἰς κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα, εἰς θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ πάντων, ὁ ἐπὶ πάντων, καὶ διὰ πάντων, καὶ ἐν πᾶσιν ἡμῖν. Ἐνὶ δὲ ἐκάστῳ ἡμῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ μέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 16-21. It is found in our books, pages 259-261.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 16-21. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 258-260.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, 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.

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.

PHILOPTOCHOS THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites you to join us for its pre-Thanksgiving luncheon, today, following the Divine Liturgy. The donation of \$20 helps defray the cost of the luncheon and also supports the Building Fund. Our Parish Assembly will follow immediately thereafter.

PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY: Our second Parish Assembly for 2015 will take place today, as we finish with the Thanksgiving Luncheon. The agenda is as follows: Opening Prayer 1. Election of Assembly Chair 2. Reading/Approval of the May 17, 2015 Minutes of the Parish Assembly, 3. Treasurer's Report, 4. Reports: a. Stewardship, b. 2015 Festival, c. Youth, 5. Capital Campaign and the Rebuilding of the Cathedral a. Vision Plan for the Cathedral Community, 6. Election of Board of Auditors, 7. Report of the Nominating Committee, 8. Old Business, 9. New Business, Closing Prayer.

2015 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Annamarie Balian will be on hand again today, through the end of the month, 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. Our Christmas card this year is a rendering of the Annunciation, written by our Iconographer, Professor **George Kordis**.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK: Thursday, November 26 is our day of national Thanksgiving. It is also the Feast of St. Stylianos. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m.

2015 PHILOPTOCHOS ANGEL TREE PROJECT TO BENEFIT FOSTER CHILDREN: This Christmas season the Philoptochos is supporting the "Sleep Train Foster Kids" charitable program. This program provides a positive impact on the lives of thousands of foster children by providing them with everyday essential items. We are looking to provide gifts of pajamas and or winter coats to at least 50 foster children between the ages of 5 to 17. These items will be distributed to foster children in the San Francisco and San Mateo areas. The Christmas tree with gift tags have been set up since November 1st. Choose a tag for a specific age and gender. All unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by December 6th. Thank you for the generosity you have given over the past years. Contact Vivian Curd at 650-873-6055 with any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD: STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: December 6 has been designated "Stewardship Sunday." Please do not mail in your 2016 stewardship cards. Bring them with you to church on December 6. Following the Artoklasia service we will have an opportunity to publicly declare our support by depositing our stewardship commitments for 2016. A brunch will follow.

ALMOST THERE: We are almost completely done with metal stud framing and exterior Densglass (the yellow panels you see on the outside). Plywood and wood blocking are also nearly complete on all tile roof areas. The dome areas are next. This will be followed by waterproofing, window installation, lath, and plaster. Then, the exterior of the building will be virtually complete.

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**: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us to rebuild His Church.



"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)