

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: APRIL 3, 2016

### THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT

### VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Hebrews, chapter 4, verses 14-16, chapter 5, verses 1-6. It is found in our books on pages 142-143.

**Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἑβραίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, εἰσάφ. 14-16, κεφ. 5, εἰσάφ. 1-6:** Ἀδελφοί, ἔχοντες οὖν ἀρχιερέα μέγαν, διεληλυθότα τοὺς οὐρανοὺς, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, κρατῶμεν τῆς ὁμολογίας. Οὐ γὰρ ἔχομεν ἀρχιερέα μὴ δυνάμενον συμπαθεῖσαι ταῖς ἀσθενείαις ἡμῶν, πεπειραμένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ' ὁμοιότητα, χωρὶς ἁμαρτίας. Προσερχώμεθα οὖν μετὰ παρησίας τῷ θρόνῳ τῆς χάριτος, ἵνα λάβωμεν ἔλεον, καὶ χάριν εὐρωμεν εἰς εὐκαιρον βοήθειαν. Πᾶς γὰρ ἀρχιερεὺς, ἐξ ἀνθρώπων λαμβανόμενος, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν· μετριοπαθεῖν δυνάμενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωμένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περὶκεῖται ἀσθενείαν· καὶ διὰ ταύτην ὀφείλει, καθὼς περὶ τοῦ λαοῦ, οὕτως καὶ περὶ ἑαυτοῦ, προσφέρειν ὑπὲρ ἁμαρτιῶν. Καὶ οὐχ ἑαυτῷ τις λαμβάνει τὴν τιμὴν, ἀλλὰ καλούμενος ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρὼν. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἐδόξασεν γεννηθῆναι ἀρχιερέα, ἀλλ' ὁ λαλήσας πρὸς αὐτόν, Υἱὸς μου εἶ σύ, ἐγὼ σήμερον γεγέννηκά σε. Καθὼς καὶ ἐν ἑτέρῳ λέγει, Σὺ ἱερεὺς εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα κατὰ τὴν τάξιν Μελχισεδέκ.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 8, verses 34-39, chapter 9, verse 1. It is found in our books, on pages 293-295.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 8, εἰσάφ. 34-39, κεφ. 9 εἰσάφ. 1. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 292-294.**

**Today's *Apolytikon* (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 κοιλίας Ἄδου 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](mailto: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.

**TODAY IS THE THIRD SUNDAY IN THE GREAT LENT:** As it is midway through the Great Lent, this Sunday is known as "Cross Veneration Sunday." Following the procession by our acolytes and the students of the Sunday School, the cross will be elevated and placed in the middle of the church, signifying its centrality in the life of the Church. Flowers, a symbol of life and renewal, will be distributed at the conclusion.

**OIKOS PRESENTS BASIL CROW, TODAY:** Today, following the Divine Liturgy, and during the coffee hour, we will hear from Basil Crow, our accomplished chanter. His topic will be "On the Spirituality of Greek Orthodox Ecclesiastical Chant," which boasts an uninterrupted history that stems from the local chant traditions of the ancient Eucharistic communities throughout the Christian world. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about both the history and the character of our ecclesiastical music. Basil has been studying and practicing the art of Byzantine chant from the age of thirteen. Basil received his Sc.B. in Computer Science in 2011 and his Sc.M. in Computer Science in 2012, both from Brown University. He currently works as a software engineer at Delphix and holds the position of Lambadarios at the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco.

**SERVICES THIS WEEK:** On Friday, April 8, we will celebrate the Salutations and recite the fourth stanza of the Akathist, beginning at 7 p.m.

**BASKETBALL GAMES NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10:** The OYAA High School and Adult Season have begun. Games being played today at the Annunciation Cathedral are as follows:

2 p.m. Adult Annunciation 1 vs. Annunciation 2  
3 p.m. Adult St. George vs. Annunciation 3

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY:** The meeting will take place in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

**GODPARENT'S SUNDAY IN TWO WEEKS:** The Sunday before Palm Sunday is Godparent's Sunday at the Cathedral. On Sunday, April 17, therefore, Godparents and Godchildren will have the opportunity to renew their baptismal vows just before journeying into Holy Week. A light luncheon, the offering of our Stewardship Committee, will follow. Do plan on joining us.

**STREET CLOSURE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10:** San Francisco's street closure program involves the closing of several streets periodically during the year. Valencia Street will be closed to automobile traffic on Sunday, April 10 11 a.m.-4 p.m. You will still be able to access the church by driving down 14th Street, and taking a left onto Valencia Street. To depart the Cathedral, turn right onto Valencia Street. The personnel in charge of the street closure program have assured us there will be no glitches, as there have been in the past. If you should experience any, we ask you to let us know immediately. The Cathedral, in turn, will file a protest. No one wishing to come to church can be denied access. That's the law. We are happy to cooperate with the City, to provide for pedestrian access to the streets on specified days. At the same time, we have stressed to the organizers the difficulty this poses for our parishioners, and they have assured us they will cooperate with us for the betterment of all concerned. Please note, Valencia Street will also be closed on Sunday, August 21.

**THE WINDOWS ARE IN, NEXT IS THE RAISING OF THE CROSS!** All but about 4 of the 135 windows have been installed, and are now being tested against leaks, before we proceed with the stucco. We look forward to the installation of the copper domes (the large, central dome, as well as the *ieron* half dome), the tile roofs, the stone along the base of the new Cathedral as well as the planted areas and, of course, the completion of the parking component. But, first, the raising and placement of the cross. We think that will be April 8! We will keep you posted.

The large cross, which will go over the dome, measures 9 feet and weighs 470 pounds. The smaller cross, which will go over the entrance, above the Narthex, is 4'10" and weighs less. We are planning to light the cross over the dome for Pascha, God willing. Meanwhile, some one out there may want the privilege of placing the cross above the dome, or above the narthex, thus essentially donating the dome or the narthex. Father Stephen is looking for a donation of \$1 million and is confident one of you will step up for this honor. Now, we've projected a timetable for completion of the exterior, to be marked by our **Gala event November 5, 2016**. This also marks our 95<sup>th</sup> year as a community. As for the interior of the Cathedral, with God's help, we hope to be able to complete it by the end of 2017, and to consecrate it to the glory of God to coincide with our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if it is His Will that His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God's glory in 2021!

May God enable our undertaking, and may God continue to inspire you and generations to come through this landmark house of worship, which you are building to glorify His holy Name.



*"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)