

## ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: NOVEMBER 13, 2016

### EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews, Chapter 7, Verses 26-28, Chapter 8, Verses 1-2: Brethren, it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the sanctuary and the true tent which is set up not by man but by the Lord.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 26-28, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 1-2

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 25-37. It is found in our books on pages 257-259.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 25-37. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 256-258.

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

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμενοι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

**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.

**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).

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOTOM, PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

**DIVINE LITURGIES COMING UP:** Next Monday, November 21, is the Feast of the Entry of the Theotokos to the Temple. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m. As for the Divine Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, we will have Divine Liturgy that day, also at 10 a.m. Originally, Father Stephen was due to be in Constantinople over the Thanksgiving Day holiday. However, a travel advisory issued by the State Department has changed these travel plans.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD:** Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis and Annamarie Balian will be on hand from now until December 1<sup>st</sup> to invite you to participate in this year's community Christmas card. The donation is \$25. The card is sent to some 1,000 parishioners and friends of the Cathedral, conveying your collective greetings and best wishes.

**OIKOS LECTURE TODAY:** There will be an OIKOS lecture this morning, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Dr. Katina Kostoulas will be our speaker. She will be speaking on *The Orthodox Christian Family: Helping our Children to Grow Spiritually*.

**THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON POSTPONED:** Today was the day set for the Philoptochos-sponsored Thanksgiving Luncheon, which is always a big hit. However, in part due to Pat Aleck's illness (and we pray for her speedy recovery), today's luncheon is being postponed. Instead, Philoptochos will sponsor a "holiday" brunch on Sunday, December 4.

**HAPS MEETING TODAY:** A meeting of HAPS (Hellenic American Professional Society) will be taking place in the Kytherian Room today, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. HAPS will be honoring **Tikey Zes**, renown church musician and one-time choir director at the Annunciation Cathedral. Dr. Zes "wrote" the Divine Liturgy which we heard as we entered the Cathedral the night of the gala, produced by Capella Romana.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY:** Without advertising, 30 to 60 people will automatically show up this Tuesday (and every third Tuesday of every month), because they know they will receive a home-cooked meal in a friendly, welcoming environment. Let's be there for them. Cooking will take place during the day. Set-up will take place at about 5 p.m. or so and service will take place 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Won't you come down and help.

**YOUNG ADULTS EXPRESS THEIR THANKS:** The Community Kitchen would like to say thank you for your love and support at the coffee hour which the Young Adults sponsored on October 30. Your generosity helped us raise \$200 toward our mission to share God's love to those in need through food and fellowship. As Father mentioned that day this is not a ministry just for Young Adults. We hope you felt inspired to get involved by either donating canned food or volunteering! We're especially looking for chefs to volunteer and share their talents with us so please sign up today for one of our upcoming kitchens : <http://ow.ly/6fMX305LniA>! If you have any questions, please email us at [CommunityKitchenSF@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityKitchenSF@gmail.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS DECEMBER 11; PRE-ELECTION SEMINAR NOVEMBER 15:** As announced, we will be holding Parish Council elections on Sunday, December 11, following the Divine Liturgy. There are seven (7) openings for Parish Council this year (the other eight (8) were elected last year, for a total of fifteen (15) lay people and the Dean of the Cathedral. Those elected this year will serve a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2017. If you are interested in serving your community in this way, please see Father Stephen for a declaration form and plan on attending the required seminar this Tuesday, November 15.

**THE TILE ROOF IS ALL UP:** Now that the stucco is complete, along with the painting and the installation of the stone window sills, the clay tile roof has been laid. Scaffolding comes down beginning tomorrow, November 14. Meanwhile, mechanical work continues in the garage. The elevator, which leads from the garage, has arrived and will be installed in the next few days, so we can begin using the garage by March of 2017.

To mark this achievement, and to celebrate our 95<sup>th</sup> year as a community, we held a **Gala event last Saturday evening—by all counts, a smashing success!** As for the interior of the Cathedral: with God’s help, and your generosity, we hope to complete it by the end of 2017. We look forward to consecrating the new Cathedral 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. It is the gift of this generation to future generations.

May God continue to inspire you and those who will come after us. The new Cathedral, in the heart of this great City of San Francisco, is shaping up to be a landmark house of worship. You are building it to glorify the Holy Name of God, who spoke to Moses, 3,000 years ago, and is speaking to us today, saying: *“Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.”* (Translated from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). Indeed, He appears among us, in the person of every child, every senior, every human heart, who calls upon the Name of the Lord



*“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)