

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 31-33; Chapter 12, Verses 1-9. It is found in our books on Pages 118-119.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 31-33, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-9: Ἀδελφοί, Ὁ θεὸς καὶ πατὴρ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ οἶδεν, ὃ ὦν εὐλογητὸς εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας, ὅτι οὐ ψεύδομαι. Ἐν Δαμασκῷ ὁ ἐθνάρχης Ἀρέτα τοῦ βασιλέως ἐφρούρει τὴν Δαμασκηνῶν πόλιν, πιάσαι με θέλων· καὶ διὰ θυρίδος ἐν σαργάνῃ ἐχαλάσθην διὰ τοῦ τείχους καὶ ἐξέφυγον τὰς χεῖρας αὐτοῦ. Καυχᾶσθαι δὴ οὐ συμφέρει μοι· ἐλεύσομαι γὰρ εἰς ὀπτασίας καὶ ἀποκαλύψεις κυρίου. Οἶδα ἄνθρωπον ἐν Χριστῷ πρὸ ἐτῶν δεκατεσσάρων - εἴτε ἐν σώματι οὐκ οἶδα· εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος οὐκ οἶδα· ὁ θεὸς οἶδεν - ἀρπαγέντα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἕως τρίτου οὐρανοῦ. Καὶ οἶδα τὸν τοιοῦτον ἄνθρωπον - εἴτε ἐν σώματι, εἴτε ἐκτὸς τοῦ σώματος, οὐκ οἶδα· ὁ θεὸς οἶδεν - ὅτι ἠρπάγη εἰς τὸν παράδεισον, καὶ ἤκουσεν ἄρρητα ῥήματα, ἃ οὐκ ἐξὸν ἀνθρώπῳ λαλῆσαι. Ὑπὲρ τοῦ τοιοῦτου καυχῆσομαι· ὑπὲρ δὲ ἑμαυτοῦ οὐ καυχῆσομαι, εἰ μὴ ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου· ἐὰν γὰρ θελήσω καυχῆσασθαι, οὐκ ἔσομαι ἄφρων· ἀλήθειαν γὰρ ἐρῶ· φείδομαι δέ, μή τις εἰς ἐμὲ λογισηται ὑπὲρ ὃ βλέπει με, ἢ ἀκούει τι ἐξ ἐμοῦ. Καὶ τῆ ὑπερβολῆ τῶν ἀποκαλύψεων ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι, ἐδόθη μοι σκόλοψ τῆ σαρκί, ἄγγελος Σατάν, ἵνα με κολαφίζῃ, ἵνα μὴ ὑπεραίρωμαι. Ὑπὲρ τούτου τρίς τὸν κύριον παρεκάλεσα ἵνα ἀποστῆ ἀπ' ἐμοῦ. Καὶ εἰρηκέν μοι, Ἀρκεῖ σοι ἡ χάρις μου· ἡ γὰρ δύναμις μου ἐν ἀσθενείᾳ τελειοῦται. Ἦδιστα οὖν μᾶλλον καυχῆσομαι ἐν ταῖς ἀσθενείαις μου, ἵνα ἐπισκηνώσῃ ἐπ' ἐμὲ ἡ δύναμις τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-16. It is found in our books on pages 243.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 11-16, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 242.

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. 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 by reading selections from 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) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. **Note:** The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. In October, the class will meet today, October 7, and on October 21.

PHILOPTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will hold a General Meeting next Sunday, beginning at 12:30 p.m. New members are welcome! Philoptochos' main purpose is to care for the poor. As such, it also is supportive of many programs, such as Community Kitchen, which feeds the poor and homeless, the Alzheimer's Support Group, and other ministries. If you are currently not a member, consider doing so. Please ask for **Janis Petrou**, our Philoptochos president, and become a part of our women united.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School (better yet, "Classes in Christian Formation") meets each Sunday, except as noted, beginning at 10:30 a.m. It is gratifying to see so many young children come to church, where they are taught the fundamentals of the Faith. We recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits and activities. However, the Faith—taught in the home and is reinforced in the church—is paramount. We thank you, the parents, for encouraging and for bringing for children. We are gratified, as well, with the addition of new teachers this year. We put out a simple call, and several of you stepped up. We are grateful for you.

GREEK SCHOOL: Greek School meets every Saturday, as noted, beginning at 10 a.m. We are pleased with the great turnout of students. We also note that **Shu Yeung** is the new director of our Greek School. A native of New York City, **Shu** is married to **Peter Kotsonis**; they have a daughter, **Sophia**. **Shu** looks forward to helping our Greek School grow, perhaps adding a class for adults. For more information about our Greek School program, please contact Shu at shuh_yeung@yahoo.com or at 415-518-8750.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: We have partnered with the Alzheimer's Association and will be offering meeting space to a caregiver support group the first Tuesday of every month, 11 am – 12:30 p.m. The group will meet next on Tuesday, November 6. Please help us get the word out. For more information, please contact **Heather Gray, Family Program Manager**, at 800 272-3900 or hgray1@alz.org

PARKING: Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third-party operator, in accordance with the terms of our conditional use permit) the valet will park our cars. We simply drop off and pick up our cars at the entrance. We do not go down into the garage ourselves. For this service, we will pay \$5 per car, to cover the cost of the attendants. The Cathedral will no longer subsidize parking in the lot behind the Cathedral.

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL? : Please see **Kathy Dermitzakis, Irene Poulakidas, or Anthony Ambus**. As the Nominating Committee, they will place names in nomination at Parish Assembly on October 28. A mandatory meeting for new candidates with Father Stephen will take place on **Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m.** In order to become a candidate, however, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to declaring your candidacy. The declaration form states more particulars. Together with the Dean, the elected lay members of the Parish Council administer the affairs of the parish, as delineated in the Parish Regulations of our Archdiocese.

BASKING IN THE SUCCESS OF OUR FOOD FESTIVAL, UNDER THE HARVEST MOON: *Efharisto*. Thank you to all. It was spectacular seeing the whole community turn out, working harmoniously together. It was an amazing community-building effort. It was the first time our Courtyard was used, auguring well for its use in the future, as we proceed to landscape, and to get the fountain running. Our main immediate goal is to get our parking lot ready for day to day use. So, thank you, amazing people! Thank you for making this community what it is—a most special place, where we meet and greet one another and where, together, we meet the Lord.

PUTTING THINGS IN ORDER AFTER THE FESTIVAL: We utilized the courtyard for the first time, during this year's Festival. When everything was picked up, we noticed the grime all over the courtyard. However, the pavers were all cleaned last week, in preparation for other outdoor events. We have a little way to go, to winding down this phase of construction (before we begin work on the interior). But, let's be positive. Consider what you have accomplished so far, in faithful response to our God, when he told Moses: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the **Septuagint: Και ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, και ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8).** This all takes vision; it also takes determination and faith. For you are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers. These are, indeed, exciting times!



"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."