## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON

LEO, BISHOP OF CATANIA

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 12-20:** Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" — and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

Ό Ἀπόστολος, Ποὸς Κορινθίους α' 6:12-2 έπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6 ἐδάφ. 12-20.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 15, Verses 11-42: The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

Ή σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 11-42.

**TODAY'S MNEMOSYNON:** Memorial services will be conducted at the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgy for the repose of the soul of our brother **Manuel Nuris**, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

**SATURDAY OF SOULS SERVICES SATURDAY:** The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated for this  $\Psi \nu \chi o \sigma \acute{\alpha} \beta \beta \alpha \tau o \nu$ , beginning at 10 am, followed by a *mnemosynon* for all who have fallen asleep in the Lord. Kollyva may be brought for the service, which will be streamed.

**PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING TDAY:** The meeting will take place in the conference room, immediately following today's Divine Liturgy.

**ALL THE BEST AT FDF:** We are rooting for our young people who are participating in the Metropolis Folk Dance Festival this weekend in Phoenix, AZ.

MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS: We look forward to celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation with in-person services this year, with Great Vespers on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am preceded by Orthros at 9am. In light of current COVID 19 restrictions and guidelines, instead of full meals, we will be serving refreshments following Vespers on Thursday as well as on Friday following the Liturgy. As for masking, the City and County continues to require it, given that our congregants are made up of vaccinated and unvaccinated alike.

*MAN OF GOD*: This acclaimed film on the life of St. Nektarios will be opening in select theaters on March 21, 2022. We urge you to see the film. The trailer is found on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcgnbVlQ7Tc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcgnbVlQ7Tc</a>

SPECIAL 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ICON: An Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration. The icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, as shown in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral, originally named St. Sophia. It also features the Golden Gate Bridge, which represents San Francisco. A limited edition of 150 Icons will be produced. Each Icon will be numbered and dedicated to the person or family purchasing it. The price of the icon is \$1,250 and pre-orders are being accepted. Please contact Paul Sogotis at paul.sogotis@annunciation.org for more details.

**PAVER PROJECT UPDATE:** Let's go full steam ahead and get more pavers inscribed on our courtyard. Join our "adopt a paver" program. To learn more, pick up a brochure at the *pangari*, call **Jim Vorrises**, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or speak with Dr. **George Ambus** or with **Nick Svetcoff**. The donation is \$2,000 per paver, payable in 1 contribution of \$2,000.00, 2 instalments of \$1,000.00 payable over 1 year, or 4 installments of \$500.00 payable over 1 year.

TCO OBTAINED: For the better part of two years, we have all been waiting and praying for our garage to finally be open for proper usage. Thanks to the hard work of our Construction Committee led by Chairman Tasso Mavroudis and our Construction Managers Joel Josehart and Rob Bernstein, we have obtained all the necessary signatures from the proper city authorities in order to receive our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy! This certificate allows for Golden State Parking, the company that used to run our valet services on Sundays, to operate and run our garage fulltime. This will result in much more convenient access to the garage on Sundays and particularly during the week. This is a tremendous step for our Cathedral and we and we applaud the work of our Construction Committee for seeing it through!



"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."