SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

MARTYRS CHRYSANTHOS, DARIA, & JASON

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 Verses 14 - Chapter 5 Verse 6: BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

Ό Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἐβραίους κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 14 - κεφ. 5 ἐδάφ. 6

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 8, Verses 34 – Chapter 9, Verse 1: The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

Ή σημεφινή εὐαγγελική πεφικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μᾶφκον Κεφ. 8 ἐδάφ. 34 – Κεφ. 9 εδάφ. 1 **MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Today's memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **John Sarikakis**, 21 years since his passing, and for **Dimitri Tsokas**, 3 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! $Ai\omega vi\alpha \eta \mu v \eta \mu \eta$!

LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK: This week we will celebrate **Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday at 9:30am** and we will celebrate **Great Vespers and the Fourth Stanza of Salutations this Friday at 6:00pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SAVE THE DATE: Annunciation Cathedral will be hosting its second Men's Fellowship meeting on Thursday March 23rd. The event will be begin with cocktails at 7:00, followed by dinner and a discussion.

STEWARDSHIP: We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! *"All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ." Mark* 9:23

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to **Alex Kozak** at <u>https://agkozak.com/intro</u> to learn more.

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PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is time to get more pavers inscribed in 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 email at <u>jim.vorrises@annunciation.org</u>

SPECIAL BULLETIN TODAY: Make sure you also pick up our Feast Day bulletin at the *pangari* today which details the schedule of services and events related to the Feast of Annunciation this coming Saturday. We look forward to welcoming you!



"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."