SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9 Verses 32 – 42: In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed." And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, rise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 15, Verses 43-47, Chapter 16, Verses 1-8: At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, 'Take up your pallet, and walk.' "They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

ELPIDA DAY: Today we will hold our final Elpida day of the school year. Please allow our children to be dismissed first for Holy Communion so they can make their way to their classrooms. We thank all our students and teachers for a wonderful first year of this amazing program. We will begin again in September!

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: We would like to thank the Mycenean-Navarino Society, as well as Despina Poulos, in memory of her husband Jim Poulos, for offering today's coffee hour. They look forward to welcoming everyone following Divine Liturgy to enjoy refreshments.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON: Please join us in celebrating our 61st annual Philoptochos Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show Saturday, May 13, 2023. This year, we'll be transporting you back to the 1800's in London, where the Bridgerton family lives, and the Royal family rules. This promises to be the event of the season! Additional details to follow soon. Contact Foula Vasilogiorgis at (415) 378-7200 for more information and to make a reservation as seating will be limited!

METROPOLIS PHILOPTOCHOS KIDS 'N' CANCER: Please join us virtually for "Agape, A Celebration of Love," on Sunday, May 7th, benefitting Philoptochos' Kids "N" Cancer ministry. Visit www.sfphiloptochos.org to learn more, register for the virtual event, donate, or purchase a ticket for the opportunity drawing – a Louis Vuitton tote.

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! Cards are available at the pangari and information wall. "All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ." Mark 9:23

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is a great time to honor your Family for years with a 576 square inch paver inscribed in our Central Courtyard, which include up to 75 Characters inscribed in 3 lines. Your family will join the other 150 families with inscribed pavers currently in the courtyard. You will receive a Tax Deduction and your donation will benefit our Annunciation Cathedral Building Program. There are 3 flexible donation options. Please pick up a brochure at the "Pangari", or contact Jim Vorrises, Chair, at 650-464-1616, jim.vorrises@annunciation.org



"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."