

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: December 8, 2013

TENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

PATAPIOS THE RIGHTEOUS; SOSTHENES & APOLLO OF THE 70

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 14-22. It is found in our books on page 124.

**Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 14-22:** Ἀδελφοί, Χριστός ἐστιν ἡ εἰρήνη ἡμῶν, ὁ ποιήσας τὰ ἀμφότερα ἓν, καὶ τὸ μεσότοιχον τοῦ φραγμοῦ λύσας, τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν τῇ σαρκί αὐτοῦ, τὸν νόμον τῶν ἐντολῶν ἐν δόγμασιν, καταργήσας· ἵνα τοὺς δύο κτίση ἐν ἑαυτῷ εἰς ἓνα καινὸν ἄνθρωπον, ποιῶν εἰρήνην, καὶ ἀποκαταλλάξῃ τοὺς ἀμφοτέρους ἐν ἐνὶ σώματι τῷ θεῷ διὰ τοῦ σταυροῦ, ἀποκτείνας τὴν ἔχθραν ἐν αὐτῷ· καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς· ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφοτέροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκεῖοι τοῦ θεοῦ, ἐποικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὄντος ἀκρογωνιαίου αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα οἰκοδομὴ συναρμολογουμένη αὖξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν κυρίῳ, ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς κατοικητήριον τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 13, verses 10-17. It is found in our books on pp. 261-263

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 13, ἐδάφ. 10-17, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 260-262.**

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

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command — that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

### PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

Parking for up to 70 cars is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14<sup>th</sup> Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their; the Cathedral will pay \$7 of the parking cost for Stewards. To pick up a parking pass or to discuss your stewardship, please see **Gus Vouchilas**, who will be manning the stewardship table. Street parking is also available on Sundays, especially along the 217' construction zone in front of the Cathedral. For your convenience, an attendant will be on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone and direct parking to the Zenanli lot behind the Cathedral. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities, giving them parking preference in the spaces on Valencia Street.

**WELCOME, YOUR EMINENCE. WELCOME PAUL GIKAS**

We welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, who is worshiping with us this morning. We also welcome Paul Gikas, a 2000 graduate of our Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Director of our Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Paul is our homilist this morning.

**DANCE PRACTICE TODAY** Dance practice, in preparation for FDF, will take place following today's Divine Liturgy. Practice begins at 12 noon.

**2014 CALENDARS ARE ON THEIR WAY** We just received the 2014 calendars this week and have taken them to our mailing service for mailing. Look for them in the next few days.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT SUNDAY** Parish Council elections will take place next Sunday. We have eight (8) candidates for eight (8) positions on the Parish Council: **Philippos Athanasiades, Deno C. Konstantinidis, Angie Leventis, Thomas A. Nuris, Nicholas Svetcoff, George G. Vlahos, James D. Vorrises** and **Gus Vouchilas**.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEXT SUNDAY** Our Sunday School will present its Christmas program next Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy, and will offer lunch, following the program.

**DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FEAST OF THE CONCEPTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND SAINT SPYRIDON THE WONDER-WORKER**

Tomorrow, December 9 is the Feast of the Conception of the Theotokos and Thursday, December 12 is the Feast of St. Spyridon the Wonder-Worker. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated both days, beginning at 10 a.m.

**NAVARINO MESSINIAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** The Navarino Messinian Society will hold its pre-Christmas luncheon today following the Divine Liturgy.

**2013 CHRISTMAS CARD**

**Annamarie Balian Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Mary Tonas** will be on hand following today's Divine Liturgy to greet you and take your name(s) for this year's community Christmas card. The donation is \$25 per entry. Today is the last Sunday names are being taken for the community Christmas Card. It goes to the printer's on Tuesday.

**OYAA BASKETBALL PRACTICE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS 8-14 YEARS OLD HAS BEGUN**

If you are interested in joining a team (and we hope you all do) please take with you the appropriate materials at the *pangari*, or speak with our basketball coaches, Tom Nuris, Chris Kallas, or Deno Konstantinidis.

**OUR CHILDREN ARE TALKING**

One of the most wonderful things that has happened as a result of the start of construction is that our children are expressing their feelings about building our new church, in pictures and in words. We recall the first time, about eight weeks ago, when our young people came up at the end of the Divine Liturgy and shared their "amazement," their "joy" and their "sense of blessing," to use their words, that we are building a church to God's glory. About a month ago, one of these children addressed himself to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, who celebrated the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the departure of His Excellency Ambassador Ioannis Andreades from San Francisco. Last Sunday, children from our pre-school and kindergarten came down the aisle singing, *yes we can build Annunciation*, as they waved banners and an icon of the Annunciation, which they had colored. By the way, we featured a photo of the children on our latest *Building Update*, which is being mailed this week to all households on the Cathedral's mailing list. We have been sharing the children's compositions with you, by means of the *Herald*, as well as by means of the monthly *Building Update*. Our children our scheduled to speak next on December 22.

**GOOD NEWS: CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATHEDRAL HAS**

**BEGUN:** Look outside and see what's going on. Our buildings and the sidewalks on Valencia and Stevenson Streets have been shored up, and Excavation has begun for the underground garage. It will take a number of months to put down the rebar steel, install the drainage and lay down the floor slab, which will serve as the ground level of the parking structure, as well as the ground level slab, over which the Cathedral will be built. Every week you will see more and more progress.

**In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says:** *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (Translated from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). We've quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign. And we can't stress it enough: *we're building the Cathedral because God is telling us to!*

**GOOD NEWS: OVER \$4.75 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

The total on hand is \$7 million (includes monies from the Mountanos Estate, prior to the start of the Campaign). We also have \$1.1 million in receivables (from parishioners who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years. We need \$10.7 to finish this phase, which includes the complete exterior. We will then need about \$2 million to finish the interior, complete with pews and iconography.

We hope you are among those who have already given to the Campaign. If not, we invite you to make your gift. Please consider what you can give over five years. You may well be surprised that, giving what it costs to get a cup of coffee at Starbuck's, over five years this amounts to over \$5,000! Some people can give more. We note that a few people who've already made their gift are now considering increasing it to a six-figure gift, so as to join the "Dean's List," a benefit of which will include naming opportunities. Please know that, whether large or small, your gift is equally welcome. Eventually, a donor wall will be placed in the Narthex of the new Cathedral (\$1,000 minimum). Will your name be on it?



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Cathedral  
will grow  
The Orthodox Christian Faith  
in San Francisco through:  
Stewardship, Worship,  
Education, Evangelism and  
Philanthropic Outreach*