

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: December 15, 2013

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

ELEUTHERIOS THE HIEROMARTYR & HIS MOTHER ANTHIA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's

Second Letter to Timothy, chapter 1, verses 8-18: TIMOTHY, my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygelos and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphoros, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me - may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesos.

Πρὸς Τιμόθεον δευτέρας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 14-22: Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, μὴ οὖν ἐπαισχυνθῆς τὸ μαρτύριον τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν, μηδὲ ἐμὲ τὸν δέσμιον αὐτοῦ· ἀλλὰ συγκακοπάθησον τῷ εὐαγγελίῳ κατὰ δύναμιν θεοῦ, τοῦ σώσαντος ἡμᾶς καὶ κατέσαντος κλήσει ἁγία, οὐ κατὰ τὰ ἔργα ἡμῶν, ἀλλὰ κατ' ἰδίαν πρόθεσιν καὶ χάριν τὴν δοθεῖσαν ἡμῖν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ πρὸ χρόνων αἰωνίων, φανερωθεῖσαν δὲ νῦν διὰ τῆς ἐπιφανείας τοῦ σωτήρος ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καταργήσαντος μὲν τὸν θάνατον, φωτίσαντος δὲ ζωὴν καὶ ἀφθαρσίαν διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου, εἰς ὃ ἐτέθη ἐγὼ κήρυξ καὶ ἀπόστολος καὶ διδάσκαλος ἐθνῶν. Δι' ἦν αἰτίαν καὶ ταῦτα πάσχω, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐπαισχύνομαι· οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι πεπίστευκα, καὶ πέπεισμαι ὅτι δυνατὸς ἐστὶν τὴν παραθήκην μου φυλάξαι εἰς ἐκείνην τὴν ἡμέραν. Ὑποτύπωσιν ἔχε ὑγιαίνοντων λόγων ὧν παρ' ἐμοῦ ἤκουσας, ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὴν καλὴν παραθήκην φύλαξον διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου τοῦ ἐνοικοῦντος ἐν ἡμῖν. Οἶδας τοῦτο, ὅτι ἀπεστράφησάν με πάντες οἱ ἐν τῇ Ἀσίᾳ, ὧν ἐστὶν Φύγελος καὶ Ἑρμογένης. Δῶν ἔλεος ὁ κύριος τῷ Ὀνησιφόρου οἴκῳ· ὅτι πολλάκις με ἀνέψυξεν, καὶ τὴν ἄλυσίν μου οὐκ ἐπαισχύνθη, ἀλλὰ γενόμενος ἐν Ῥώμῃ, σπουδαιότερον ἐζήτησέν με καὶ εὔρεν - δῶν αὐτῷ ὁ κύριος εὔρεϊν ἔλεος παρὰ κυρίου ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ - καὶ ὅσα ἐν Ἐφέσῳ διεκόνησεν, βέλτιον σὺ γινώσκεις.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 16-24. It is found in our books on pp. 263-265.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 16-24 εὑρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 262-264.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες, ὁ Εὐσπλαχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

MNEMOSYNA Today's Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the souls of: **Georgia Karas, Steven Karas,** and **John Karas,** who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years, 10 years, and 25 years, respectively.

THIS MORNING'S ARTOKLASIA BY THE ZAKYNTHIAN BROTHERHOOD The *Artoklasia* is being offered on the occasion of the Feast of St. Dionysios, whose remains repose in the church by that name on Zakynthos.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TODAY Our Sunday School will present its Christmas program following this morning's Divine Liturgy, and will offer lunch, following the program. Please join us.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT TODAY Parish Council elections will take place following today's Divine Liturgy. 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. Anthony Ambus, Annette Chiappari** and **Basil Tonas** will oversee the elections, as the Board of Elections.

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.

DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FEAST OF SAINT DIONYSIOS, PHILOPTOCHOS PRE-CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON FOLLOWING Tuesday, December 17 is the Feast of St. Dionysios. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Following the Liturgy, the pre-Christmas luncheon of the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will take place at Nick's of Rockaway Beach.

2013 CHRISTMAS CARD We thank **Annamarie Balian Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis,** and **Mary Tonas** for overseeing this year's Christmas Card effort. The cards are being printed and will be sent out shortly.

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: ANNUNCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT 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. A few Sundays ago, 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. Last week, our Sunday School children—the *Annunciation Sunday School Building Project*—helped sponsor the coffee hour. 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. Our children are scheduled to speak again next Sunday, December 22.

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION Park your cars in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14th Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their Parking Pass; the Cathedral will pick up the additional parking charge of \$7. For your convenience, an attendant is on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone on front of the Cathedral, along Valencia Street, and to direct parking to the parking lot. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities.

BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOUR HOMES: A

building update, featuring our children on the cover, and a narrative of our building project on the inside, is about to be received by the Cathedral's parishioners and friends, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that *construction has begun!* We started construction 24 years (to the day) of Loma Prieta, the earthquake which claimed the old Cathedral. We're building, *because God has asked us to!*

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 ἁγίασμα, 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 has asked us to.* In His infinite wisdom, the Lord knows what he has in store for us and for the future of our Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco's inner city.

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

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$4.75 million (This does not include the Mountanos bequest, prior to the start of the Campaign). Of the \$4.75 raised, \$3.62 has been received; \$1.3 million is receivable (from parishioners who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) The total cost for completion, inside and out, is just over \$12 million. However, the contract we signed with McNely Construction is a not-to-exceed \$10.7 million. This gets us the parking structure and a complete exterior. However, when you open up the doors, you will see that we will need to complete the interior, down to the pews and the iconography. We have faith that we will get there and that the new Cathedral will be consecrated to the glory of God. You will see it. You will be a part of it. Through your prayers, your faith, and your giving.



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