

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: January 26 2014

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE: ZACCHAEUS**

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verses 9-15. It is found in our books on p. 132.

**Πρὸς Τιμόθεον πρώτης ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 9-15:** Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, πιστὸς ὁ λόγος καὶ πάσης ἀποδοχῆς ἄξιος. Εἰς τοῦτο γὰρ καὶ κοπιῶμεν καὶ ὀνειδιζόμεθα, ὅτι ἠλπίκαμεν ἐπὶ θεῷ ζῶντι, ὃς ἐστὶν σωτὴρ πάντων ἀνθρώπων, μάλιστα πιστῶν. Παράγγελλε ταῦτα καὶ δίδασκε. Μηδεὶς σου τῆς νεότητος καταφρονεῖτω, ἀλλὰ τύπος γίνου τῶν πιστῶν ἐν λόγῳ, ἐν ἀναστροφῇ, ἐν ἀγάπῃ, ἐν πνεύματι, ἐν πίστει, ἐν ἀγνείᾳ. Ἔως ἔρχομαι, πρόσεχε τῇ ἀναγνώσει, τῇ παρακλήσει, τῇ διδασκαλίᾳ. Μὴ ἀμέλει τοῦ ἐν σοὶ χαρίσματος, ὃ ἐδόθη σοὶ διὰ προφητείας μετὰ ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν τοῦ πρεσβυτερίου. Ταῦτα μελέτα, ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι, ἵνα σου ἡ προκοπὴ φανερὰ ᾖ ἐν πᾶσιν.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 19, verses 1-10. It is found in our books on pp. 271.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 19, ἐδάφ. 1-10, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 270.**

**Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):**

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμᾳ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἀχραντὸν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ: ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**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. Three Sundays ago, our children spoke to us for the second time, and inspired us, yet again. "Out of the mouth of babes," the Scripture reminds us (Matthew 21:16). We featured a photo of the children on our latest *Building Update*, which was mailed to all households on the Cathedral's mailing list. We also included the most recent photos in our most recent update, along with photos of the excavation and construction. The most recent update is due to arrive in your homes this week. Thank God for our children! And God bless **Tessa Ambus**, who is coordinating all of this, on behalf of our Sunday School and our youth, in general. Thank you, Tessa.

**XENOPHON THE RIGHTEOUS; MARY, ARKADIOS & JOHN**

**MEMORIALS** Today's *Mnemosynon* is being offered for the repose of the souls of: **Frank Boone**, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; **Aliki Gellepis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 12 years ago; and **Demetri Gellepis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 26 years ago.

**TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR** Today's coffee hour/light luncheon is being offered by **Hariklia Boone**, in memory of her loved ones, above.

**DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK** Thursday, January 30 is the Feast of the Three Hierarchs: Sts. Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian and John Chrysostom. Orthros will be celebrated, beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10:00 a.m.

**DANCE PRACTICE TODAY** Our dance groups will be practicing today, following the Divine Liturgy, in preparation for FDF, which will take place in Anaheim February 14-17.

**BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY** Our Girls C team will play Ascension, at Annunciation, 2:30 p.m.; our Boys C team will play Resurrection, at Annunciation, 3:30 p.m.; our Boys B team will play St. Nicholas, at Annunciation, at 5:30 p.m. Also at Annunciation, St. Nicholas and Holy Trinity Boys C will play at 4:30p.m.

**CRAB FEED THIS FRIDAY** On Friday, January 31 the Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will hold its Crab Feed, one of the year's premier events. Reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The donation is \$55. per person. For reservations, please call the Cathedral, 415 864-8000. There may be a few spaces left.

**MAYOR CALLS FOR END TO SUNDAY METERED PARKING** As announced in the *Chronicle*, Mayor Lee has called for reversal of the City's recent policy of enforcing metered parking on Sundays. It's now up to SFMTA and whoever else has to make the decision to lift this law. As we tweeted to Annunciation's web site, [www.annunciation.org](http://www.annunciation.org), *Cathedral hails Mayor's reversal on Sunday metered parking. Year-long law has caused hardship for church-goers.* The "hardship" we refer to has to do with the issuance of parking tickets for worshipers, who are hit with hefty fines at the stroke of noon, when the metered parking takes effect and, the reality is, we are still in worship at noon. We pray the appropriate agencies support the Mayor's call to lift this ill-conceived law. We will keep you posted on this. Meanwhile, we encourage you to utilize the Zenanli lot on 14<sup>th</sup> street. Stewards of the Cathedral pay only \$5 to park in the Zenali lot.

**PHILOPTOCHOS TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR ON FEBRUARY 9: FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND "GO RED SUNDAY"** "Go Red Sunday" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness and help prevent heart disease, the number one killer of American women. This is a call for women by women to take charge of their wellbeing and live stronger, healthier lives. The National Philoptochos Society has designated February 9 as "Go Red Sunday" in support of this program. On this day, the Philoptochos women will be wearing red, and a fact sheet regarding heart disease will be made available. Meanwhile, the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos is conducting its annual membership drive, inviting all women to become a part of this most dynamic philanthropic organization of Orthodox Christian women.

**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, was sent to the Cathedral's parishioners and friends, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. (Another update is about to go out this week.) 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 \$5.2 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.2 million (Over \$600,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.2 raised, \$3.9 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. We are confident we will complete the interior, as well, iconography, pews and all. 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. Be excited...it's happening!



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