

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: April 6, 2014

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT: MARY OF EGYPT EUTYCHIOS PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; PLATONIS THE RIGHTEOUS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 11-14. It is found in our books on pages 145.

Ὁ Απόστολος, πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 11-14: Ἀδελφοί, Χριστὸς δὲ παραγενόμενος ἀρχιερεὺς τῶν μελλόντων ἀγαθῶν, διὰ τῆς μείζονος καὶ τελειοτέρας σκηνῆς, οὐ χειροποιήτου, τοῦτ' ἔστιν, οὐ ταύτης τῆς κτίσεως, οὐδὲ δι' αἵματος τράγων καὶ μόσχων, διὰ δὲ τοῦ ἰδίου αἵματος εἰσηλθὲν ἐφάπαξ εἰς τὰ ἅγια, αἰώνιαν λύτρωσιν εὐράμενος. Εἰ γὰρ τὸ αἶμα ταύρων καὶ τράγων, καὶ σποδὸς δαμάλεως ὀρνίθουσα τοὺς κεκοινωμένους, ἀγιάζει πρὸς τὴν τῆς σαρκὸς καθαρότητα, πόσω μᾶλλον τὸ αἶμα τοῦ Χριστοῦ, ὃς διὰ πνεύματος αἰωνίου ἑαυτὸν προσήνεγκεν ἄμωμον τῷ θεῷ, καθαριεῖ τὴν συνείδησιν ὑμῶν ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, εἰς τὸ λατρεύειν θεῷ ζῶντι;

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 10, verses 32-45. It is found in our books on pp. 299-301.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκον, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 32-45, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 298-300.

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.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS: This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3rd grade in the fall) to 18 years of age (or graduating from high school this year). There will be three sessions this year. Session I: July 6-12; Session II: July 13-19; and Session III: July 26-26. The cost is \$450 for those who register during March (March 1-March 31). For those who register in April (April 1-April 30) the cost is \$475. And, for those who register late (May 1-May 31) the registration is \$500. (All siblings receive a \$25 discount). You are invited to take advantage of early registration pricing by going to www.gosfyouth.org asap

ELLINIKO HORIO: A wonderful Greek Language immersion camp will be held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, for young people ages 7-15, June 21-28. For an application and further information, please go to www.ourgreekvillage.org

GODPARENTS SUNDAY: Today is "Godparent's Sunday." A wonderful parish tradition, it affords us the opportunity to renew our Baptismal vows and our Orthodox Christian Faith, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, in Holy Communion, as we prepare to enter Holy Week and to observe the Crucifixion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. We especially welcome Godparents and Godchildren on this "Godparent's Sunday." (So, what if your Godparent has fallen asleep in the Lord, or lives far away and was not able to come? By all means, approach someone else in the congregation and ask that person whether he or she would like to be your "honorary" Godparent for the day. Chances are, they would be honored. In this way, everyone can worship together and receive Holy Communion together.) Following the reading of the pre-Communion prayers together, we will repeat our Baptismal vows (read during the service of Baptism at the very beginning, in the narthex), as follows:

1. Do you renounce Satan? R: I renounce Satan. Ἀποτάσῃ τῷ Στατανᾶ; Ἀποτάσσομαι.

2. Have you renounced Satan? R: I have renounced Satan. Ἀπετάξω τῷ Στατανᾶ; Ἀπεταξάμην.

3. Do you join yourself to Christ? R: I do. Συντάσῃ τῷ Χριστῷ; Συντάσσομαι.

4. Have you joined yourself to Christ? R: I have. Συνετάξω τῷ Χριστῷ; Συνεταξάμην.

5. And, do you believe in Him? R: I believe in Him as King and as God. Καὶ πιστεύεις Αὐτῷ; Πιστεύω Αὐτῷ ὡς Βασιλεῖ καὶ Θεῷ.

At the end of the service, everyone is invited to join in a communal meal in the Korinthias Hall, again lovingly offered by Mrs. Georgina Vouchilas.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF SALUTATIONS THIS TUESDAY: Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the meeting of Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras and Pope Paul VI, the service will take place on Tuesday, April 8 at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, at 7 p.m. All are invited. The service will be a Salutations Service of the Holy Cross. Metropolitan Gerasimos and Archbishop Cordelione will be joined by Bay Area clergy. A reception will follow.

PRESANCTIFIED SERVICES THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 11: The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is so called because the Gifts are consecrated as Body and Blood of Christ at the previous Sunday Divine Liturgy. (So, for this Friday, the Gifts will be consecrated as Body and Blood of Christ at today's Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.) Except for the Feast of the Annunciation, which we just celebrated on March 25, and on which the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is celebrated, the normal Liturgy is not celebrated during Great Lent. Instead, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated, underscoring solemnity and mournful character of the Great and Holy Lent. It has become a tradition for this Liturgy to be celebrated Friday evening, before the Saturday of Lazarus. Originally billed as the "Candlelight Liturgy" geared to Sunday School, it is now geared to Young Adults, who participate in the Liturgy and hold a pot luck get-together afterwards.

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS, DIVINE LITURGY AT 10, TO BE FOLLOWED BY PALM TYING: The day before Palm Sunday is known as "the Saturday of Lazarus. It commemorates the raising of Lazarus from the dead, just prior to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, where he was betrayed and crucified. Following the Liturgy, we will have an opportunity to fold the palms into crosses for distribution the following day during the Palm Sunday services.

ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:

The March building update, again featuring our children on the cover, and a narrative of our building project on the inside, has been sent to all of you, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that *the slab and walls, complete with waterproofing, will be poured soon! Estimated start time is April 17. We're moving ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, because God has told us to do so!*

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 told us to do so.* 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 \$5.3 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.3 million (Over \$700,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.3 raised, \$4.1 has been received; \$1.2 million is receivable (from those 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 (what we are building now) is a not-to-exceed \$10.7 million. This gets us the parking structure and a complete exterior, by year-end 2014 or the beginning of 2015. We are confident we will complete the interior in 2015, including iconography, pews and all interior appointments. This, at a projected cost of \$2 million. We have faith that we will get there, *with your help*, and that the new Cathedral will soon be consecrated to the glory of God.



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