

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: May 18, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

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EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 11, verse 19-30. It is found in our books on pages 86-87.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 19-30: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, διασπαρέντες οἱ Ἀπόστολοι ἀπὸ τῆς θλίψεως τῆς γενομένης ἐπὶ Στεφάνῳ διήλθον ἕως Φοινίκης καὶ Κύπρου καὶ Ἀντιοχείας, μηδενὶ λαλοῦντες τὸν λόγον εἰ μὴ μόνον Ἰουδαίῳ. Ἦσαν δὲ τινες ἐξ αὐτῶν ἄνδρες Κύπριοι καὶ Κυρηναῖοι, οἵτινες εἰσελθόντες εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν, ἐλάλουν πρὸς τοὺς Ἑλληνιστάς, εὐαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν. Καὶ ἦν χεὶρ κυρίου μετ' αὐτῶν· πολὺς τε ἀριθμὸς πιστεύσας ἐπέστρεψεν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἠκούσθη δὲ ὁ λόγος εἰς τὰ ὦτα τῆς ἐκκλησίας τῆς ἐν Ἱερουσολύμοις περὶ αὐτῶν· καὶ ἐξαπέστειλαν Βαρνάβαν διελθεῖν ἕως Ἀντιοχείας· ὃς παραγενόμενος καὶ ἰδὼν τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ ἐχάρη, καὶ παρεκάλει πάντας τῆ προθέσει τῆς καρδίας προσμένειν τῷ κυρίῳ· ὅτι ἦν ἀνὴρ ἀγαθὸς καὶ πλήρης πνεύματος ἁγίου καὶ πίστεως· καὶ προσετέθη ὄχλος ἰκανὸς τῷ κυρίῳ. Ἐγένετο δὲ αὐτοὺς ἐνιαυτὸν ὅλον συναχθῆναι τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ καὶ διδάξαι ὄχλον ἰκανόν, χρηματίζοντες τε πρῶτον ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ τοὺς μαθητὰς Χριστιανούς. Ἐν ταύταις δὲ ταῖς ἡμέραις κατήλθον ἀπὸ Ἱερουσολύμων προφῆται εἰς Ἀντιόχειαν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ εἰς ἐξ αὐτῶν ὀνόματι Ἀγαβὸς, ἐσήμανεν διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος λιμὸν μέγαν μέλλειν ἔσεσθαι ἐφ' ὅλην τὴν οἰκουμένην· ὅστις καὶ ἐγένετο ἐπὶ Κλαυδίου Καίσαρος. Τῶν δὲ μαθητῶν καθὼς εὐπορεῖτό τις, ὥρισαν ἕκαστος αὐτῶν εἰς διακονίαν πέμψαι τοῖς κατοικοῦσιν ἐν τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ ἀδελφοῖς· ὃ καὶ ἐποίησαν, ἀποστέλλαντες πρὸς τοὺς πρεσβυτέρους διὰ χειρὸς Βαρνάβαν καὶ Σαῦλον.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 4, verses 5-42. It is found in our books on pages 175-181.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 5-42, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 174-180.

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

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

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 \$500. (All siblings receive a \$25 discount). To register, visit www.gosfyouth.org

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 21-18. For an application and further information, please go to www.ourgreekvillage.org

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY: Parishioners of the Cathedral have received a notice inviting them to a special Parish Assembly, which will take place today, Sunday, May 18, following the Divine Liturgy. The purpose of the Assembly is to consider a motion to approve a Dual Easement Agreement between the United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation and the 380 14th Street Owners Association. The motion is as follows:

To approve the Dual Easement Agreement between the United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, the Annunciation and the 380-14th Street Owners Association (hereinafter the HOA), drafted by William H. McInerney, Jr. (McInerney & Dillon, P.C.), according to which the HOA grants the Cathedral an easement and right of way for construction and underpinning along its northern wall (which is the southern wall of the Cathedral's building project) and according to which the Cathedral grants the HOA an easement and right of way for the HOA's wall, which encroaches on the Cathedral's property.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will hold its regular meeting today in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SOUP KITCHEN ON MAY 20: As previously announced, the Cathedral has started a soup kitchen, which has been enthusiastically received. It was held last month. The second soup kitchen will be held this Tuesday, May 20 and, hopefully, monthly thereafter. Donations and volunteers are being sought to ensure that we can address the problem of hunger in the inner city, in a meaningful way. For more information, please contact **Christina Tsiatis**, c.tsiatis@gmail.com and/or visit Cathedral Facebook.

VESPERS AT SS. CONSTANTINE & HELEN, VALLEJO ON TUESDAY, BUT DIVINE LITURGY IN OUR CHAPEL WEDNESDAY, MAY 21: May 21 marks the Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen, Equal to the Apostles. As our church in Vallejo honors those saints, Vespers on Tuesday will take place there, beginning at 7 p.m. However, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, May 21, beginning at 10 a.m.

DANCE GROUPS PRACTICING TODAY, AND ALSO ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS: Two of the Cathedral's dance groups, namely **Spithes** (10-14 year olds) and **Thisavri** (7-9 year olds) will be practicing today, Sunday, May 18, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. and also on the following dates: Sunday, June 1, Sunday, June 8, Sunday, June 22 and Sunday, June 29.

There are openings for dancers for both groups. For Spithes, children must be entering 5th grade in the fall; for Thisavri, children must be going into 2nd grade in the fall. If you are interested in your child(ren)'s joining the groups, please speak with the respective directors, either before or after the practices. **Lea Lyberopoulos** is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is karthia808@yahoo.com.

FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014: As announced, this year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location, on the aforementioned dates. The emphasis will, of course, be on our food, which every year is a huge hit. Look at the monthly *Herald*, our web site, www.annunciation.org, on the Cathedral's Facebook page, on the Twitter feed to our web site, and in these Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. **Angie Leventis** and **Pat Aleck** are this year's Co-Chairs.

ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:

The May building update, with the theme *RISEN* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, is in the process of being sent to all of you in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that *the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and the wall formation for the south wall has been completed. The parking structure walls are next!* We're moving ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, because God has told us to do so! What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking. A once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

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 ἅγίασμα, 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 build the sanctuary that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox Faith, for generations to come.* 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 \$5.4 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.4 million (\$748,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.2 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.) All from 226 donors, so far.

Are you among those who have contributed or are contributing to help build the Cathedral? If you are, God bless you. You know the great joy of giving. You know that, ultimately, everything we have is from God and for the glory of God. Thank you and God bless you.



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