

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: June 15, 2014

### THE SUNDAY OF ALL SAINTS

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11, verses 33-40; and chapter 12, verses 1-2. It is found in our books on page 93.

**Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:33-40; 12:1-2:** Ἀδελφοί, οἱ Ἅγιοι πάντες διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἔκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πείραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιήλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἔκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν. Τοιγαροῦν καὶ ἡμεῖς, τοσοῦτον ἔχοντες περικείμενον ἡμῖν νέφος μαρτύρων, ὄγκον ἀποθέμενοι πάντα καὶ τὴν εὐπερίστατον ἁμαρτίαν, δι' ὑπομονῆς τρέχωμεν τὸν προκείμενον ἡμῖν ἀγῶνα, ἀφορῶντες εἰς τὸν τῆς πίστεως ἀρχηγὸν καὶ τελειωτὴν Ἰησοῦν.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 10, verses 32-33 and 37-38; and chapter 19, verses 27-30. It is found in our books on pages 197-199.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 32-33 καὶ 37-38; καὶ κεφ. 19, ἐδάφ. 27-30, εὕρισκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 196-198.

**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, ταφήν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

**MEMORIALS:** Memorial prayers are offered this morning for the souls of the servants of God **George Tsagaris** and **Hariklia Frangos**, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year and 12 years ago respectively. *Aionia i mnimi.*

**JOY POOL PARTY THIS SATURDAY:** Our Cathedral JOY group will hold a pool party at the Monolakis home this Saturday, June 21, at 2:30 pm. It will be the last JOY event of the school year, and we'll resume again in September. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth grades 3-6 who were not able to make a weeknight JOY meeting during the school year to attend a JOY event! All are welcome and we'd love to have you. For more information, please contact Father Niko at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@annunciation.org)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS:** An Introduction to the Orthodox Church class meets each Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., under the direction of **Alexander Kozak**. Mr. Kozak presents topics which are of interest both to those seeking to become members of the Church and those whom one may call "cradle Orthodox," and facilitates the discussion. The group meets in the smaller, second-floor conference room, located adjacent the elevator.

**FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014:** As announced, this year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location. 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](http://www.annunciation.org), on the Cathedral's Facebook page, on the Twitter feed to our web site, and the Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. **Angie Leventis** and **Pat Aleck** are this year's Co-Chairs. Next meeting is June 25.

**THE CATHEDRAL BENEFITS FROM YOUR PURCHASES FROM AMAZON:** The Cathedral is enrolled in the AmazonSmile program, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to charitable organizations selected by Amazon.com customers. When making online purchases from Amazon, select "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral" as your charity of choice.

**SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS:** This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.gosfyouth.org)

**ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:**

The June building update, with the theme *JOIN US* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, including testimonials about WHY people are giving and a list of pledges/donations to date, is in the process of being sent to all of you.

The great news is that *the first layer of the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane going between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and with the wall formation for the south wall beginning tomorrow.* (Admittedly, it’s taken us a little while to get to this point, because of the dual easement agreement with our neighbors.) We’re now moving full-steam ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral. *What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking—a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, as our Sunday School children so movingly reminded us last Sunday.*

**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 are keeping this “immovable before our eyes,” Deut. 6:8. This commandment from Scripture is our vision statement. We can’t stress it enough: *we’re building the Cathedral because God has told us to do so, that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox 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 (nearly \$1 million of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.1 has been received; \$1.3 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 240 donors, so far. Our goal is to engage 100% of God’s people in the sacred work of building His Sanctuary.



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will grow*

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