

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: October 5, 2014

SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE MARTYR CHARITINA; THE RIGHTEOUS METHODIA

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 6, verse 16 through chapter 7, verse 1. It is found in our books on page 116.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 16 – κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 1:

Ἀδελφοί, ὑμεῖς ἐστε ναὸς Θεοῦ ζῶντος, καθὼς εἶπεν ὁ Θεός ὅτι Ἐνοικήσω ἐν αὐτοῖς, καὶ ἐμπεριπατήσω καὶ ἔσομαι αὐτῶν Θεός, καὶ αὐτοὶ ἔσονται μοι λαός. Διὸ, Ἐξέλθετε ἐκ μέσου αὐτῶν καὶ ἀφορίσθητε, λέγει κύριος, καὶ ἀκαθάρτου μὴ ἄπτεσθε· κἀγὼ εἰσδέξομαι ὑμᾶς, καὶ ἔσομαι ὑμῖν εἰς πατέρα, καὶ ὑμεῖς ἔσεσθέ μοι εἰς υἱὸς καὶ θυγατέρας, λέγει κύριος παντοκράτωρ. Ταῦτας οὖν ἔχοντες τὰς ἐπαγγελίας, ἀγαπητοί, καθαρίσωμεν ἑαυτοὺς ἀπὸ παντὸς μολυσμοῦ σαρκὸς καὶ πνεύματος, ἐπιτελοῦντες ἀγιωσύνην ἐν φόβῳ Θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 6, verses 31-36. It is found in our books on pages 241-243.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 31-36 εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 240 - 242.

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

O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Αποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας. Ὅτι ἀνέστης, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

IOCC REMEMBERING HOME BANQUET NOVEMBER 2: This important Bay Area event, in support of the work of the International Orthodox Christian Charities, will be held this year at the Holy Archangel Michael Serbian Orthodox Church, 18870 Allendale Avenue, Saratoga, with Vespers at 4:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please visit: www.iocc.org/rememberinghome

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. NEKTARIOS SHRINE, COVINA, NOVEMBER 8-10 For additional information, please contact Father James Adams at 415-382-8091.

AMAZING FESTIVAL: The many e-mails received since the Festival attest to the success of this year's Festival. This shows what we can do when we are put to the test. With limited space, we, nevertheless, put on one of the most amazing festivals. As one of our guests put it: *"I felt in awe of the overflowing love and human kindness you all shared with your guests and each other. It says so much about your church and the leadership there. Father Stephen must be very proud. I feel lucky and blessed to have attended, and am already looking forward to the next festival. Could you do one next week, please?"* Our response: Well, while we thank you for your kind words, we cannot possibly have another festival next week. What we can do is have a **Festival Volunteer Workers Lunch next week, October 12**, following the Divine Liturgy. We invite you to join us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN ITS FOURTH WEEK: Now in its fourth week, Sunday School got off to a great start. Let's continue in this spirit, as we endeavor to share with our children and instruct them in the ways of the Lord.

FOLK DANCING ALSO CONTINUES TODAY: Spithes (10-14 year olds) and Thisavri (7-9 year olds) year olds) resume practice following this morning's Divine Liturgy. There are openings for dancers for both groups. For particulars, please see **Lea Lyberopoulos**.

GREEK SCHOOL HAS RESUMED: Off to a great start last week, we are still accepting new students. If you wish to enroll your child(ren), please contact **Philippos Athanasiades**, philippos1cy@yahoo.com.

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 2015: Our 2015 Stewardship Drive, which begins in a few weeks. Start giving consideration to your Stewardship support for next year. Instead of a single sum for the year, consider what you might be able to do *each month* to support your community and its ministries.

THE CATHEDRAL BENEFITS FROM YOUR PURCHASES FROM AMAZON: The Cathedral is enrolled in the Amazon Smile 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.

NEXT SUNDAY STREETS IN THE MISSION: OCTOBER 19: The last few Sunday Streets in the Mission (the last one was August 24) went off without a hitch. We would like to pay special attention to our parishioners who need to be dropped off by van, curbside. Please identify these by calling the Cathedral office, 415 864-8000 by October 12, so that we can inform the program organizers accordingly.

BUILDING UPDATE: IN ADDITION to a testimonial about WHY people are giving, the most recent building update, with the theme *Building a Legacy*, includes a list of donors to date—269 so far. We thank them for their “gifts of faith.” Their names will be inscribed on the dedication wall in the new Cathedral, where prayers will be constantly offered “for the blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this Holy Church.” Meanwhile, 1500 brochures, DVDs and CDs have gone out to potential donors around the country.

MORE GOOD NEWS: The garage walls have all been constructed. Next, the top of the parking structure or, if you prefer, the base of the Cathedral itself (also known as the deck) will be formed. This part of the construction will be going on into autumn.

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: *Kai ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, 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,” as Deut. 6:8 states. 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! Amazing!*

AS OF THIS WRITING, OVER \$5.5 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED, \$1 MILLION SINCE WE SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON OCTOBER 17, 2013!: The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.5 million . Of the \$5.5 raised, \$4.3 has already been received and \$1.2 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.). All from 269 donors, so far. Since you are reading this, let us ask you: Will your name be inscribed on the dedication wall in the new Cathedral, where prayers will be constantly offered “for the blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this Holy Church?” If not, what are you waiting for?



*The Church is here to heal,
To reconcile,
To connect with Christ,
To become partakers of the
divine glory,
To worship God,
To proclaim the Gospel, in the
original Christian way,
That the world may be saved.*