

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: October 12, 2014

FATHERS OF THE SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

SAINT SYMEON THE NEW THEOLOGIAN

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to Titus, chapter 3, verses 8-15: TITUS, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

Πρὸς Τίτον Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 8-15: Πιστὸς ὁ λόγος, καὶ περὶ τούτων βούλομαί σε διαβεβαιωθῆναι, ἵνα φροντίζῃς καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι οἱ πεπιστευκότες θεῷ. ταῦτά ἐστιν καλὰ καὶ ὠφέλιμα τοῖς ἀνθρώποις· μωρὰς δὲ ζητήσεις καὶ γενεαλογίας καὶ ἔριν καὶ μάχας νομικὰς περιῖστασο, εἰσὶν γὰρ ἀνωφελεῖς καὶ μάταιοι. αἰδέτικόν ἀνθρώπον μετὰ μίαν καὶ δευτέραν νοουθεσίαν παραιτοῦ, εἰδὼς ὅτι ἐξέστραπται ὁ τοιοῦτος καὶ ἀμαρτάνει, ὧν αὐτοκατάκριτος. Ὅταν πέμψω Ἀρτεμᾶν πρὸς σὲ ἢ Τυχικόν, σπούδασον ἐλθεῖν πρὸς με εἰς Νικόπολιν, ἐκεῖ γὰρ κέκρικα παραχειμάσαι. Ζηνᾶν τὸν νομικόν καὶ Ἀπολλῶν σπουδαίως πρόπεμψον, ἵνα μηδὲν αὐτοῖς λείπῃ. μανθανέτωσαν δὲ καὶ οἱ ἡμέτεροι καλῶν ἔργων προϊστασθαι εἰς τὰς ἀναγκαίας χρείας, ἵνα μὴ ὦσιν ἄκαρποι. Ἀσπάζονται σε οἱ μετ' ἐμοῦ πάντες. Ἀσπασαί τοὺς φιλοῦντας ἡμᾶς ἐν πίστει· ἡ χάρις μετὰ πάντων ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 8, verses 8-15. It is found in our books on pages 245-247.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 8-15 εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 244-246.

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

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

Τοῦ λίθου σφραγισθέντος ὑπὸ τῶν Ἰουδαίων, καὶ στρατιωτῶν φυλασσόντων τὸ ἄχραντον σου Σῶμα, ἀνέστης τριήμερος Σωτὴρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωὴν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα· Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῇ Βασιλείᾳ σου· δόξα τῇ οἰκονομίᾳ σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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.

AMAZING FESTIVAL: THANK YOU FESTIVAL WORKERS: 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. Following today's Divine Liturgy, Festival Volunteer Workers Lunch are invited to a luncheon, at which time we will formally say "thank you" to you for all you did to make this year's Festival a great success.*

COMMUNITY LINK THIS SATURDAY: Community Link will meet this Saturday, October 18, in the second floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. We invite you to join this ministry, whose aim it is to visit homebound parishioners, and keep them "connected."

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.

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.

PARISH ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26: Our second Parish Assembly for 2014 will take place on Sunday, October 26, following the Divine Liturgy. In addition to considering the March 30, 2014 minutes, the Assembly will hear the following reports: Treasurer's, Festival, Stewardship, Building, Auditors, and Nominating Committee. The terms of seven Parish Council members expire this year. Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December , following the Divine Liturgy.

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.

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.

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 top of the parking structure or, if you prefer, the base of the Cathedral itself (also known as the deck) is being formed. Rebar will be laid and the concrete will be poured some time in November.

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,” 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. We hope to grow this list to at least 500.



*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.*