

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: October 26, 2014

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF LUKE**

**DEMETRIOS THE GREAT MARTYR, EXUDER OF MYRRH**

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy, chapter 2, verses 1-10: TIMOTHY, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

**Πρὸς Τιμόθεον Δευτέρως Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 1-10:** Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, ἐνδυναμοῦ ἐν τῇ χάριτι τῇ ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Καὶ ἃ ἤκουσας παρ' ἐμοῦ διὰ πολλῶν μαρτύρων, ταῦτα παράθου πιστοῖς ἀνθρώποις, οἵτινες ἱκανοὶ ἔσονται καὶ ἐτέρους διδάξει. Σὺ οὖν κακοπάθησον ὡς καλὸς στρατιώτης Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Οὐδεὶς στρατεύομενος ἐμπλέκεται ταῖς τοῦ βίου πραγματείαις, ἵνα τῷ στρατολογήσαντι ἀρέσῃ. Ἐὰν δὲ καὶ ἀθλή τις, οὐ στεφανοῦται ἐὰν μὴ νομίμως ἀθλήσῃ. Τὸν κοπιῶντα γεωργὸν δεῖ πρῶτον τῶν καρπῶν μεταλαμβάνειν. Νόει ἃ λέγω· δόξῃ γάρ σοι ὁ κύριος σύνεσιν ἐν πάσιν. Μνημόνευε Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν ἐγγεγραμμένον ἐκ νεκρῶν, ἐκ σπέρματος Δαυὶδ, κατὰ τὸ εὐαγγέλιόν μου· ἐν ᾧ κακοπαθῶ μέχρι δεσμῶν, ὡς κακοῦργος· ἀλλ' ὁ λόγος τοῦ θεοῦ οὐ δέδεται. Διὰ τοῦτο πάντα ὑπομένω διὰ τοὺς ἐκλεκτοὺς, ἵνα καὶ αὐτοὶ σωτηρίας τύχωσιν τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ, μετὰ δόξης αἰωνίου.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 15, verses 17 – chapter 16, verse 2. It is not found in our books.

**Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 17 - κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 2, δὲν εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας.**

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

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιτίας Ἄδου ἐρρύσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε 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.

**PARISH ASSEMBLY TODAY:** Our second Parish Assembly for 2014 will take place today, following the Divine Liturgy. Inasmuch as Sunday School is sponsoring a Halloween Party in our Korinthias Hall, the Assembly will convene in the chapel. It is scheduled to last well under an hour. 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 14, following the Divine Liturgy. Anyone who is a member in good standing and who would like to serve on the Parish Council should see Father Stephen, before November 30, to request a declaration of candidacy form and to learn about attending a seminar required of those who are considering running for Parish Council.

**START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 2015:** Our 2015 Stewardship Drive begins in a few weeks. Please 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. As the sign in the narthex suggests, please consider giving for the year what it costs the Cathedral to operate for one day, which is \$1,750., or about \$146 a month.

In their book on Orthodox Christian leadership, entitled *Oriented Leadership*, Williams and McKibben, the authors, define stewardship as the call of the faithful to share willingly the gifts that God has bestowed on them. It is not simply the giving of a monetary sum. Rather stewardship is our active commitment to use all our time, talent and treasure for the benefit of humankind in grateful acknowledgment of Christ's redeeming love.

**LAST SUNDAY WAS THE SECOND "SUNDAY STREETS IN THE MISSION":** Last Sunday was the second of two Sundays whereby Valencia Street was closed to automobile traffic. These street closures are now an annual occurrence. We have worked with the organizers to make sure that our parishioners are able to access the parking lot behind the Cathedral and that those who need to be dropped off by van, curbside, will be allowed to do so. We are sorry to learn that some of our parishioners needing assistance were denied access on Sunday. We have contacted the organizers.

**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](http://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.

**FAMILY RETREAT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:** The Cathedral will be offering a **parenting event** following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, November 9, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m. **Dr. Katina Kostoulos, MFT**, will be our presenter. The following theme will be explored: *Raising Teenagers in Difficult Times*. The event is open to all and is free of charge. Refreshments will be provided.

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD 2014:** Collection of names and donations for this year's Community Christmas Card will begin next Sunday. Please see **Annette Chiappari or Kalliope Fousekis**. As in the past, they have agreed to collect names and receive your donations. \$25. per line. Thank you for your support.

**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—280 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 soon be laid and concrete will be poured some time in November. Then, vertical (red-iron) steel for the Cathedral will begin to be put into place.

**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 280 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.*