

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: November 9, 2014

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

NEKTARIOS OF PENTAPOLIS, ASCETIC IN AEGINA

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, chapter 6, verses 11-18. It is found in our books on page 122.

**Πρὸς Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 11-18:**  
Ἀδελφοί, ἴδετε πηλίκους ὑμῖν γράμμασιν ἔγραψα τῇ ἐμῇ χειρὶ. Ὅσοι θέλουσιν εὐπροσώπησαι ἐν σαρκί, οὗτοι ἀναγκάζουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωνται. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιτετμημένοι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσουσιν, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ ὑμετέρᾳ σαρκὶ καυχῶνται. Ἐμοὶ δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καυχᾶσθαι εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δι' οὗ ἐμοὶ κόσμος ἐσταύρωται, καὶ γὰρ τῷ κόσμῳ. Ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ οὔτε περιτομὴ τι ἰσχύει, οὔτε ἀκροβυστία, ἀλλὰ καινὴ κτίσις. Καὶ ὅσοι τῷ κανόνι τούτῳ στοιχήσουσιν, εἰρήνην ἔπ' αὐτούς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματί μου βασιτάζω. Ἡ χάρις τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετὰ τοῦ πνεύματος ὑμῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 8, verses 41-56. It is found in our books, pages 253-257.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 19 - 31, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 252-256.

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):**

Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠδύοκῆσε σαρκὶ ἀνελεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγειραὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**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.

**TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:** We are blessed today by the presence and message of **Monk Maximos (Constas)**. Father Maximos is Senior Research Scholar at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in Brookline, MA. He holds a Ph.D. in Patristics and Historical Theology from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was a Professor of Theology at Harvard Divinity School, after which he became a Monk at Simonopetra Monastery, Mt. Athos. Father Maximos will be speaking at a retreat of all Orthodox clergy which begins tomorrow at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center.

**FAMILY RETREAT/PARENTING EVENT TODAY:** You are all invited to remain in/return to the chapel, as we will be offering a **parenting event**, beginning at 12:30 p.m. and concluding at 2 p.m. **Dr. Katina Kostoulos, MFT**, is our presenter. She will be exploring the following theme: *Raising Teenagers in Difficult Times*. All are welcome (not just parents of parents). Refreshments will be served following the presentation.

**THIS MORNING'S COFFEE HOUR:** Is being offered by **Angie Leventis**, on the occasion of the Feast of the Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and all the bodiless heavenly powers, which we celebrated yesterday.

**2015 STEWARDSHIP MAILING HAS GONE OUT:** This year, in the interest of simplicity (i.e. cost-savings) our 2015 Stewardship Campaign is simple: PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH. The timing is critical. It's easy to put church on the back burner, so to speak, or to let others worry about it. Yet, every one of us has been called to be a Steward. Every one of us has been baptized into Christ. Every one of us has put on Christ. Every one of us has been called to proclaim Christ.

When you receive your stewardship letter (and the enclosed refrigerator magnet as a thank you from your Stewardship Committee, please read the letter. Read it aloud. Read it to your spouses and to your children. Then, pray about it and decide your level of support for 2015. Recall the words of St. Paul to the Church in Corinth: *Give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2 Cor. 9:7).

What we are asking for 2015 is that you also consider what you might be able to give *each month* to support your community and its ministries. This will greatly help the Cathedral with its budget management. On November 12, the Stewardship Committee will convene to further consider our stewardship goals for 2015 and to plan Stewardship **Sunday, December 7**, which will be offered through the generosity of **Gus and Georgia Vouchilas**.

**A thought:** 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.

**NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH:** As part of the program of our National Philoptochos, our Philoptochos chapter is making available fact sheets that everyone should know, including signals, preventative measures and treatments. Please pick up your fact sheets during the coffee hours in November.

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

**LIGHT THE PATH: A CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON:** The Luncheon, which is being held in support of the Bishop Anthony/Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund, will take place on Saturday, December 6 at the Church of St. Basil, Stockton. Register online at [sfphiloptochos.org](http://sfphiloptochos.org) or call 415 431-2600.

**WE MADE IT TO \$1 MILLION!** Together with the most recent gift to the Capital Campaign of our Ladies Philoptochos, we made it to \$1 million. That's a million dollars given and pledged since the October 17, 2013 issuance of our building permit—25 years to the day of Loma Prieta Wow! What an accomplishment. Go ahead and applaud yourselves. A job well done. If we keep doing this year after year, we will finish and pay off our building in no time.

Meanwhile, things are moving along and, now, quite rapidly. Tomorrow we will receive rebar steel as we will next Monday, November 10. The rebar will be laid over the deck forming, now that the mechanical, electrical and plumbing conduits are in place. This will take a few weeks. Then, on December 8 (God willing, and weather permitting) we will have the first of two pours of concrete. The parking structure ceiling (which is also the Cathedral floor deck) will now be complete and the vertical steel will start going up. In the November Herald you no doubt saw photos of the dome steel. We can't wait to get to that point. However, we you're your monetary support and we need your prayers. To date, we have just under 300 donors. This list needs to grow to at least 500. 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." Ask yourself, as you read this, is your name among them?

**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. As we rebuild the Cathedral to God's glory, to serve our faithful and all God's people in this blessed dynamic heart of San Francisco.



*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.*