

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: April 5, 2015

PALM SUNDAY: BEGINNING OF PASSION WEEK, CULMINATING IN THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to Philippians, chapter 4, verse 4-9. It is found in our books on pages 146.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Φιλιππισίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 4-9: Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφρημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 12, verses 1-18. It is found in our books on pp. 303-305.

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.

Introduction to Orthodoxy (*Sundays, 9.a.m., upstairs*). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy@agkozak.com.

PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE: Our Philoptochos Ladies are happy to bake your *koulourakia* and *tsourekia* for Pascha and also to dye your Easter eggs. The donation is \$8 per dozen of *koulourakia*, \$15 for each *tsoureki* (Easter bread), and \$6 for red colored eggs per dozen. To place your order, please present the form that was mailed to you recently or let us know verbally. Today is the last day to place your order. Your items will be ready to be picked upon Holy Friday, April 10, 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS 56TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: TIMELESS ELEGANCE: This year, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring **Annette Chiappari** and **Niki Kastoras** as the 2015 Mothers of the Year. Congratulations! The Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on **Saturday, May 9**, beginning with a Cocktail Reception at 12:00 noon and followed by Luncheon at 12:45 p.m. The donation is \$55 for adults, \$25 for children. Parking is available at the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson Streets. For more information, please call **Foula Vasilogiorgis**, 415 378-7200, or contact **Irene Kyriacou**: sassygrk@aol.com; **Angie Leventis**: aleventis3@comcast.net; or **Foula Vasilogiorgis**: foulaki8@gmail.com.

40 DAY BLESSING: This morning we welcome **Robert Constantino Fisher**, son of Gary Fisher and Dr. Alex Zaphiris.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

Sunday, April 5

PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Orthros
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Monday, April 6

HOLY MONDAY

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Tuesday, April 7

HOLY TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. The Bridegroom

Wednesday, April 8

HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Holy Unction

Thursday, April 9

HOLY THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. The 12 Gospels

Friday, April 10

HOLY FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. The Great Hours
10:00 a.m. TGI Pascha
1:00 p.m. Descent from

*Services to be presided over by
His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos*

7:00 p.m. The Lamentations

Saturday, April 11

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 p.m. Paschal Vigil
Midnight ANASTASIS

Sunday, April 12

HOLY PASCHA

11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers

Friday, April 17

THE MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS

THE LIFE-GIVING SPRING

9:00 a.m. Orthros
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

PLEASE NOTE: Holy Confession will be administered on April 5, 6, and 7, following the evening services.

Holy Communion is served at every Divine Liturgy.

Our Sunday School is holding TGIF—a special program for children—on Great and Holy Friday. Permission forms asking schools to treat absences from school as “excused” are available at the *pangari*, as are prayer requests for the Holy Friday *Apokathylosis* service. Discounted parking for Cathedral stewards at 14th and Stevenson Streets. Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy, *magheritsa, etc.*, compliments of Alpha Catering, will be served in the Korinthias Hall. We look forward to welcoming you and wish you a blessed Pascha.

HE CATHEDRAL CHURCH, RISING! You have only to look out through the gates along Valencia Street or peer through the openings in the gallery to see the Cathedral rising. The crew installing the steel has been busy since March 25th, laying the vertical or “red-iron steel” (called “red-iron” because of its protective orange-red coating, similar to that of the Golden Gate Bridge. Just under 1,000 pieces of red iron steel will be put into place over the next few weeks, forming the “skeleton” of the Cathedral. We’ve begun with the north-eastern corner, proceeded to construct the apse, then the southern walls, the towers (one of which will house the elevator), then the 50-foot diameter dome and, finally, the choir loft and narthex.

As we near completion of the steel placement (we’ll let you know when—probably around Pentecost), we will schedule a special “signing” Sunday). On that day, following the Divine Liturgy, we will proceed out to the construction site, where everyone will have an opportunity to sign your name on a steel column! What a blessing that day will be, forming a physical “connection” with the rebuilding.

As noted, in terms of priorities, our goal is to complete the exterior and have a fully-operational parking structure, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, this could take a year or more.

Speaking about fund raising, surely there are people “out there” who have waited for this moment before making their contribution, be it \$1000 or be it \$1 million. You are there. And you know you have the wherewithal to do it. However, you must be moved by the Holy Spirit to act. We can make the case for the rebuilding of the Cathedral (and we believe we have), but it’s up to you to put your hand to your checkbook. Scripture says, “let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7)

These are exciting times for San Francisco. And, to think, we, in our own way, are contributing to the growth of our City by offering a sacred house of worship, for the glory of God, the God who says, *“Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you. Και ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν). .”* (Translated from the Septuagint, Exodus 25:8).



*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.*