

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: April 12, 2015

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: Today's Epistle Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 1, verses 1-8, is found in our books on pages 80-81.

Πράξεων τῶν Αποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 1-8: Τὸν μὲν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποίησάμην περὶ πάντων, ᾧ Θεόφιλε, ὡν ἤρξατο ὁ Ἰησοῦς ποιεῖν τε καὶ διδάσκειν, ἄχρι ἧς ἡμέρας, ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου οὗς ἐξελέξατο, ἀνελήφθη· οἷς καὶ παρέστησεν ἑαυτὸν ζῶντα μετὰ τὸ παθεῖν αὐτὸν ἐν πολλοῖς τεκμηρίοις, δι' ἡμερῶν τεσσαράκοντα ὀπτανόμενος αὐτοῖς, καὶ λέγων τὰ περὶ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ θεοῦ. Καὶ συναλιζόμενος παρήγγειλεν αὐτοῖς ἀπὸ Ἱερουσολύμων μὴ χωρίζεσθαι, ἀλλὰ περιμένειν τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ πατρὸς, Ἥν ἠκούσατέ μου· ὅτι Ἰωάννης μὲν ἐβάπτισεν ὕδατι, ὑμεῖς δὲ βαπτισθήσεσθε ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ οὐ μετὰ πολλὰς ταύτας ἡμέρας. Οἱ μὲν οὖν συνεληθόντες ἐπηρώτων αὐτὸν λέγοντες, Κύριε, εἰ ἐν τῷ χρόνῳ τούτῳ ἀποκαθιστάνεις τὴν βασιλείαν τῷ Ἰσραήλ; Εἶπεν δὲ πρὸς αὐτούς, Οὐχ ὑμῶν ἐστὶν γινῶναι χρόνους ἢ καιροὺς οὗς ὁ πατὴρ ἔθετο ἐν τῇ ἰδίᾳ ἐξουσίᾳ. Ἀλλὰ λήψεσθε δύναμιν, ἐπεληθόντος τοῦ ἁγίου πνεύματος ἐφ' ὑμᾶς· καὶ ἔσσεθί μοι μάρτυρες ἐν τῇ Ἱερουσαλήμ, καὶ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Σαμαρείᾳ, καὶ ἕως ἐσχάτου τῆς γῆς.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according John, chapter 1, verses 1-17. It is found in our books on pages 163-165.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 1-17, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 162-164.

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος.

Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

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@sneakmail.com. The class will not convene in this morning, but will resume on April 19.

WELCOME TO ALL: CHRIST IS RISEN! FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY, PLEASE JOIN US IN THE KORINTHIAS HALL: A light fellowship meal, consisting of soup, some meat and potatoes is the offering of Alpha Catering, while the eggs and *koulourakia* are the offering of the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos.

SERVICES THIS WEEK:

IN THE MORNING: A service, known as "Agape Vespers," will be celebrated in the morning, beginning at 11 a.m. (As it is not a Divine Liturgy, Holy Communion will not be offered.)

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 17: Friday of Bright Week, as this week is called, is dedicated to the Theotokos, the Life-Giving Spring. Orthros will be celebrated, beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY: As an ongoing component to our monthly soup kitchen, the Cathedral has begun gathering non-perishable foods on a year-round basis. We invite everyone to participate in this beautiful ministry by remembering to bring any cans, boxes, or jars of food and leaving them in the marked bins by the main entrance. If you have any questions, please contact **Maryann Boosalis** at maryann.boosalis@gmail.com.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD: PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 17: As mandated by the Archdiocese Regulations, the Parish is required to hold two Parish Assemblies each year. These afford input from all the parishioners in the management of the affairs of the Parish. They are also vehicles for information. The first Parish Assembly for 2015 will take place on Sunday, May 17, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda consists of:

Opening Prayer: Father Stephen

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2014 Parish Assembly: Gus Vouchilas
3. Treasurer's Report: Philippos Athanasiades
4. Reports on: Stewardship (Gus Vouchilas), the 2015 Festival (Angie Leventis), Youth (Father Niko), the Metropolis Clergy Laity (Father Niko) (The Clergy Laity is being held at St. Nicholas Ranch April 27-28)
5. Report on Phase Two: Construction of the Cathedral/Capital Campaign (Ken Katen, Tom Nuris)
- Election of Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 13)
6. Old Business
7. New Business

Closing Prayer

Members in good standing, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, are invited to attend and participate in the Parish Assembly.

LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note the dates on your calendars. **Angie Leventis** is the coordinator. Meanwhile, we are looking for general chairs (in addition to individual area chairmen) to share the responsibility of running the festival. Please call Angie at 650 878-2855.

THE 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 and it’s safe (we’ll let you know when—probably in September) 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.

In terms of priorities, our goal is to complete the exterior and also have a fully-operational parking structure, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, the work on the interior, including iconography and furnishings, could take about a year.

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 out there. And 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 ἅγίασμα, και 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.*