ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: AUGUST 9, 2015

TENTH SUNDAY OF MATTHEW

MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE; PSOES OF EGYPT

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the first Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, verses 9-16. It is found in our books on page 105.

Ποὸς Κορινθίους Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 9-16: Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἀτιμοι. Ἁχρι τῆς ἄρτι ιο ἀρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἱδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίψημα ἔως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἑὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 17, verses 14-23. It is found in our books on pages 215-217.

Η σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον, κεφ. 17, ἐδάφ. 14-23, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 214-216.

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 Σωτήρ, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὴν ζωήν. Διὰ τοῦτο αἱ Δυνάμεις τῶν οὐρανῶν ἐβόων σοι, Ζωοδότα-Δόξα τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, Χριστέ· δόξα τῇ Βασιλεία σου· δόξα τῷ οἰκονομία σου, μόνε Φιλάνθρωπε.

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@sneakemail.com.

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: This morning's Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister **Dimitra Kintis**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and for the repose of the soul of our brother **Gus Franco**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.

AUGUST FAST SERVICES: Services will take place at the Cathedral this week, as follows:

Monday, August 10, Paraklesis at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 12, Paraklesis at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, August 15 (Dormition of the Ever-Virgin Mary), Orthros at 9 a.m., Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS: The Philoptochos Board will convene following this morning's Divine Liturgy for the purpose of electing officers.

SAVE THE DATE CHANGE: In the June and July/August *Herald*, we printed the following: "SAVE THE DATE!! Sunday, November 1 of this year, a banquet will be held in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos' tenth anniversary as Metropolitan of San Francisco, to be held a the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall. Proceeds will go to the building fund. Stay tuned for more information!" The date has been changed to Saturday, November 7 and the venue will be the reception Hall of the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont. Additional information will be forthcoming.

CATHEDRAL FOOD PANTRY: We welcome donations for the Cathedral's food pantry, which runs in conjunction with our Soup Kitchen, on the third Tuesday of each month. Items most appreciated are: grocery bags, peanut butter, crackers, canned/pouched tuna, canned beans, granola bars, canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned baby food, raisins and oatmeal packets. Only sealed, unopened boxes/packages, please. For your convenience, there are two receptacles, found in the gallery (the area outside the gym). For questions/additional information, please contact Maryann Boosalis at maryann.boosalis@gmail.com.

DO YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF OUR GROUND BREAKING?: Back in 1997, November 6th, to be exact, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew broke ground for the Cathedral. You may recall what he said: "Today we break ground for the building of the Cathedral Church itself. This Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified." These words have reverberated in our hearts ever since, becoming our Mission Statement and our Vision Statement as we rebuild God's house "in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified." We would like to put together a video incorporating photos of that glorious day, for use in the future, and we are reaching out to you, asking you to look through your photo albums and locate photos you may have taken on that historic day. We don't want to keep your photos, but we would like to scan them. If you should locate photos/videos of that day in 1997, and would let us scan them, please let Father Stephen know. We thank you in advance. We thank Alma Papingu, Denise Yeilding, Zeta Ambus, and Gus Vouchilas, who have already provided us with photos and memorabilia in their possession.

STILL LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note it on your calendars. As stated in the *Herald*, our coordinator and chairs are in place and the dates are set. This year's Festival will take place on our grounds, similar to last year, Friday through Sunday, September 18 through 20. The festival is about making money to support the Cathedral's ministries but, even more importantly, about building community, both our own faith community, and the community at large. When we went before the Planning Department to submit our plans to rebuild the Cathedral, and the hearings that followed, we still recall how some neighbors just showed up in support of the project, saying things like "we love the Cathedral, which we got to know through its Food Festival, and we're here to speak in favor of its rebuilding." Talk about community building! The next meeting of the Food Festival Committee will take place **Tuesday, August 18** in the second floor conference room, 7 p.m.

PLACEMENT OF SCAFFOLDING, STEEL STUDS HAS BEGUN, WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER, 2015

At long last, we are finished with the installation of the red iron steel and the steel decking (the steel which will support the clay tile roof and the dome metal). This past week, the installation of scaffolding and steel studs continued. The windows, doors and exterior walls will be affixed to the studs.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, for it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians, striving to attain *theosis*, that is, union with God. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come.

We've noted on a number of occasions that we have reached the \$10 million mark. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what, as well as how much we have to go in order to complete the Cathedral. (For more information about this, please refer to the July-August *Herald.*) Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project: we're looking at completing the exterior by summer of 2016; this includes the normal functioning of the garage. And, we're looking at beginning work on the interior at that time; this should take another year, so that the Cathedral should be completely finished in 2017. All this will depend upon your prayers and continued support.

May God bless our undertaking, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι έν ὑμῖν). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us.



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(Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Ground breaking, November 6, 1997)