

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: NOVEMBER 1, 2015

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

THE HOLY UNMERCENARIES, COSMAS AND DAMIAN

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 27 through chapter 13, verse 8: Brethren, you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, then healers, helpers, administrators, speakers in various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Κορινθίους Πρώτης Ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 27–κεφ. 13, ἐδάφ. 8.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 16, verses 19-31; it is found in our books, pages 247-249.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 16, ἐδάφ. 19-31. εὕρσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 246-248.

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.

2015 Philoptochos Angel Tree Project to Benefit Foster Children

This Christmas season the Philoptochos is supporting the "Sleep Train Foster Kids" charitable program. This program provides a positive impact on the lives of thousands of foster children by providing them with everyday essential items. We are looking to provide gifts of pajamas and or winter coats to at least 50 foster children between the ages of 5 to 17.

These items will be distributed to foster children in the San Francisco and San Mateo areas. The Christmas tree with gift tags will be ready to go this Sunday, November 1st. Choose a tag for a specific age and gender. All unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by December 6th. Thank you for the generosity you have given over the past years. Contact Vivian Curd at 650-873-6055 with any questions.

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: Today's *mnemosynon* is being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother **Demetrius George Rally**, who fell asleep in the Lord 6 months ago.

FATHER NIKO NAMED PASTOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, CASTRO VALLEY: This is a bittersweet moment for the Annunciation Cathedral community, where Father Niko and Presbytera Stella have served for the last seven years. In addition to mentoring our youth and, especially, our young adults, Father Niko began the Soup Kitchen and other urban church ministries. He has been a seminal part of our Capital Campaign, and was influential in the rebuilding of the Cathedral on our present site. While we will feel the loss, we nevertheless wish Father Niko Godspeed as he takes up his new pastoral duties. Axios! Next Sunday, when we welcome Father Metropoulos, the new President of Hellenic College/Holy Cross, we will also have the opportunity to congratulate and extend best wishes to Father Niko and Presbytera Stella. A luncheon will be held following the Divine Liturgy, to which all are invited. The donation is \$20 per person, \$10 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will go to the Building Fund, in honor of **Father Niko, Presbytera Stella and Baby Christo**. To indicate your attendance, please call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

LUNCHEON, BOOK SIGNING TODAY: Immediately following today's Divine Liturgy, we will have a lunch in our community center, followed by a talk by **Her Excellency Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis** who served as U.S. Ambassador to Hungary. Following her talk, she will sign her new book, *Madam Ambassador*. Proceeds will go to the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund. Do join us. The presentation should be very informative. The Cathedral is very proud to present **Ambassador Eleni Tsakopoulos Kounalakis**, the first Greek-American U.S. Ambassador, ever! And one of the very few Americans of Greek descent to have been named U.S. Ambassador. Recall, Her Excellency presided over the Cathedral's 85th anniversary gala, which was held under the rotunda of San Francisco's City Hall in 2006. We are very proud of her accomplishments!

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7: HONORING THE TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN GERASIMOS WITH A DINNER: A dinner will take place at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont. The donation is \$75 per person. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center. Vespers at 5, Reception & Fellowship at 6; Dinner & Presentations at 7. To reserve, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000. We note the Cathedral has already fulfilled one table and is in the process of filling a second table.

WELCOME OUR NEW HELLENIC COLLEGE/HOLY CROSS SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PRESIDENT: Next Sunday, the Very Reverend Christopher T. Metropoulos, D.Min., newly named President of HC/HC, will concelebrate the Divine Liturgy with us and offer the homily. The Divine Liturgy that day will be celebrated by **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco**. 9:00 a.m. Orthros; 10:30 a.m. Liturgy; Luncheon to follow.

IOCC REMEMBERING HOME FUND RAISER NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: The event will take place at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. The donation is \$65 per person. This is a unique opportunity to show your support of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), and their work at home and abroad, especially in war-torn countries, those hit by famine or any number of natural disasters. For reservations, please call 510 531-3400.

2015 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: **Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Annamarie Balian** will be on hand beginning today, collecting names for this year's Christmas Card. No doubt, you will want to be listed, as the community extends greetings and best wishes to one another on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. The donation is, as it has been for years, \$25.

DONE: THE EXTERIOR WALL: It seems like only yesterday that we began and, here we are, putting up the exterior wall, to be followed by the windows, the gutters, downspouts, the dome metal, and the clay tile roof. Then, the stucco will be applied; pavers, stonework, and doors will be installed. The outside will be virtually complete. The fountain will be working and we will have plants.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, as it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. 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 raised \$6 million towards this project, with another \$4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. (For specific information, please refer to the recent issues of the *Herald*.) Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project: completion of the exterior by summer of 2016; this includes the normal functioning of the garage. At that point, we are planning to hold a **Gala event**, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we turn to phase two, the completion of the interior. Work on the interior, including appointments and iconography, should take another year or so. Certainly, we hope to be able to plan for its consecration, in 2017, four years before our 100th anniversary. All this, of course, 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: Και ποιήσεις μοι άγίασμα, και όφθήσομαι έν ύμιν**). (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us to rebuild His Church.



"The 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."

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