

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: May 25, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

THIRD FINDING OF THE HEAD OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 4, verse 6-15. (Epistle of the Feast.) It is found in our books on pages 113-114.

Ὁ Απόστολος, πρὸς Κορινθίους δευτέρας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 6-15: Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ὁ εἰπὼν ἐκ σκοτῶν φῶς λάμπει, ὃς ἔλαμψεν ἐν ταῖς καρδίαις ἡμῶν πρὸς φωτισμὸν τῆς γνώσεως τῆς δόξης τοῦ θεοῦ ἐν προσώπῳ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ. Ἐχομεν δὲ τὸν θησαυρὸν τοῦτον ἐν ὀσφράκινσι σκεύουσιν, ἵνα ἡ ὑπεροχὴ τῆς δυνάμεως ἢ τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ μὴ ἐξ ἡμῶν· ἐν παντὶ θλιβόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐ στενοχωρούμενοι· ἀπορούμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐξαπορούμενοι· διωκόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἐγκαταλειπόμενοι· καταβαλλόμενοι, ἀλλ' οὐκ ἀπολλύμενοι· πάντοτε τὴν νέκρωσιν τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι περιφέροντες, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώματι ἡμῶν φανερωθῇ. Αἰεὶ γὰρ ἡμεῖς οἱ ζῶντες εἰς θάνατον παραδιδόμεθα διὰ Ἰησοῦν, ἵνα καὶ ἡ ζωὴ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ φανερωθῇ ἐν τῇ θνητῇ σαρκὶ ἡμῶν. Ὅστε ὁ μὲν θάνατος ἐν ἡμῖν ἐνεργεῖται, ἡ δὲ ζωὴ ἐν ὑμῖν. Ἐχοντες δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ πνεῦμα τῆς πίστεως, κατὰ τὸ γεγραμμένον, Ἐπίστευσα, διὸ ἐλάλησα, καὶ ἡμεῖς πιστεύομεν, διὸ καὶ λαλοῦμεν· εἰδότες ὅτι ὁ ἐγείρας τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν καὶ ἡμᾶς διὰ Ἰησοῦ ἐγερεῖ, καὶ παραστήσει σὺν ὑμῖν. Τὰ γὰρ πάντα δι' ὑμᾶς, ἵνα ἡ χάρις πλεονάσασα διὰ τῶν πλεόνων τὴν εὐχαριστίαν περισσεύσῃ εἰς τὴν δόξαν τοῦ θεοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 9, verses 1-38. It is found in our books on pages 181-187.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1-38, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 180-186.

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 ἠδύοκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελεθῆναι ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS: This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3rd grade in the fall) to 18 years of age (or graduating from high school this year). There will be three sessions this year. Session I: July 6-12; Session II: July 13-19; and Session III: July 26-26. The cost is \$500. (All siblings receive a \$25 discount). To register, visit www.gosfyouth.org

ELLINIKO HORIO: A wonderful Greek Language immersion camp will be held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, for young people ages 7-15, June 21-18. For an application and further information, please go to www.ourgreekvillage.org

LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA: Wednesday, May 28 marks the *Apodosis*, or leave-taking of Pascha—the last day the Paschal canon is sung in its entirety. Since our church in Castro Valley is named for the Resurrection, the Divine Liturgy for the leave-taking will take place Tuesday evening, May 27, beginning at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Liturgy, and to the reception following.

VESPERS AT ASCENSION CATHEDRAL, OAKLAND ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28; DIVINE LITURGY IN OUR CHAPEL THURSDAY, MAY 29: May 29 marks the Feast of the Ascension. As our church in Oakland honors this major event in the history of our salvation, Vespers on Wednesday will take place there, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Vespers, and to the reception following. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in our chapel on Thursday, May 29, beginning at 10 a.m. The Divine Liturgy will also be celebrated at the Ascension Cathedral, beginning at 10 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL: Next Sunday, June 1, marks the end of the 2013-2014 Sunday School year. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, certificates of promotion and graduation will be awarded. Sunday School also invites everyone to share in an end-of-the-year barbeque following the exercises.

DANCE GROUPS NOT PRACTICING TODAY (BECAUSE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND), BUT WILL DO SO NEXT SUNDAY AND ON THE SUNDAYS NOTED BELOW: Two of the Cathedral's dance groups, namely **Spithes** (10-14 year olds) and **Thisavri** (7-9 year olds) will be practicing on the following dates:

Sunday, June 1,
Sunday, June 8,
Sunday, June 22, and
Sunday, June 29.

There are openings for dancers for both groups. For Spithes, children must be entering 5th grade in the fall; for Thisavri, children must be going into 2nd grade in the fall. If you are interested in your child(ren)'s joining the groups, please speak with the respective directors, either before or after the practices. **Lea Lyberopoulos** is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is karthia808@yahoo.com.

FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014: As announced, this year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location, on the aforementioned dates. The emphasis will, of course, be on our food, which every year is a huge hit. Look at the monthly *Herald*, our web site, www.annunciation.org, on the Cathedral's Facebook page, on the Twitter feed to our web site, and in these Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. **Angie Leventis** and **Pat Aleck** are this year's Co-Chairs.

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 27: In preparation for the Food Festival, September 19, 20, and 21, meetings will be taking place on a regular basis. The next meeting will take place this Tuesday, May 27. You are cordially invited to become a part of the "festival team." Please attend and offer to assist in this, largest of our parish fund raisers.

ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:

The June building update, with the theme *JOIN US* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, including testimonials about WHY people are giving and a list of pledges/donations to date, is in the process of being sent to all of you.

The great news is that *the first layer of the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane going between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and with the wall formation for the south wall beginning tomorrow.* (Admittedly, it's taken us a little while to get to this point, because of the dual easement agreement with our neighbors.) We're now moving full-steam ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral. *What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking—a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, as our Sunday School children so movingly reminded us last Sunday.*

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 ἅγίασμα, 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,” Deut. 6:8. This commandment from Scripture is our vision statement. We can't stress it enough: *we're building the Cathedral because God has told us to do so, that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco's inner city!*

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER \$5.4 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.4 million (nearly \$1 million of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.1 has been received; \$1.3 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 240 donors, so far. Our goal is to engage 100% of God's people in the sacred work of building His Sanctuary.



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Cathedral
will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith
in San Francisco through:
Stewardship, Worship,
Education, Evangelism and
Philanthropic Outreach*