

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

### THE ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS INTO THE TEMPLE

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 9, Verses 1-7: BRETHREN, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πρὸς Ἑβραίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1-7.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 10 verses 38-42, and Chapter 11 verses 27-28:

At that time, Jesus entered a village; and a woman called Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve you alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her." As he said this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that nursed you!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 10, ἐδάφ. 38-42, κεφ. 11, ἐδάφ. 27-28

**Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):**

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν· ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE TODAY:** Today's Memorial Service or *Mnemosynon* will be offered for the repose of the soul of Mary Mitchel, 3 years since her passing, and Jim Mitchel, 33 years since his passing. May their memories be eternal!

**ANNUNCIATION PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS WREATH & PASTRY SALE:** The holidays are here! Get into the holiday spirit by purchasing one of our custom made holiday wreaths for your home or order some of our delicious and mouth watering Greek holiday pastries prepared by our Philoptochos ladies. Please see the attached flyers, also found in this month's herald and our church website. To order online, please click on the square site link below. **Please place your orders by Friday, November 26th.** Orders will be available for pickup the weekend of December 4th and 5th 11am-3pm, and Sunday, December 12th from 11am-2pm. For any questions, please contact **Sophia Makras** at (650) 784-1775. Philoptochos appreciates your support!

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**A CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR:** Philoptochos will be hosting a special Christmas coffee hour on Sunday, December 12th following liturgy for our community. Please see our church website for additional information. We hope you can join us!

**ANNUAL ANNUNCIATION COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD:** We will be sending out our annual Christmas card and encourage you all to support the Cathedral while sending out Christmas greetings to our community. The suggested donation is \$25, but please feel free to increase your family's contribution to help support our church. Members listed in last year's card, who participate this year, will be listed the same, unless otherwise communicated. If you are new to participating in our card, please include the names as you would like them to appear on a note (if sending in payment to the church) or in the memo line if paying online by PayPal. Please contact **Irene Kyriacou** at [irenemyriacou@gmail.com](mailto:irenemyriacou@gmail.com) or **Kalliope Fousekis** at [KalliopeF@aol.com](mailto:KalliopeF@aol.com) with any questions or changes. Payments can be made on the church's donate page by clicking on the Christmas card link. Payments can also be mailed to the church office, Attention: Christmas Card 245 Valencia Street San Francisco, CA 94103. Please write "Christmas Card" in the memo line, if paying by check. **We must receive your payment by December 10th.** Thank you!

**CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED.** Recently, the Parish Council, acting on the recommendation of the Building Committee, hired Joel Josehart as construction manager to coordinate and oversee the completion of the interior of the new cathedral. We are in the process of interviewing contractors for the work. Joel will help us transition from contractors who built the exterior and bring to a conclusion some pending matters, as the garage. Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign Committee has resumed its task of raising the funds to complete the project. The Cathedral already has on hand the \$1.5 million bequest by the late Sam George as well as money from the paver project... As a community, we've been through much, especially when we lost everything to the earthquake, back in 1989. But, we've bounced back. It wasn't easy, but we did it, because we have faith, we have hope, and we have unity. So, too, we will weather this pandemic and return to a so called "new normal," – i.e. a community where we may do things a little differently, but with the same strong faith in God. After all, it is for Him, in Him, and through Him that we continue to exist at all. Praise God for the Gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are given the faith and the vision 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."*