

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul's Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 11, Verses 33-40, Chapter 12, Verses 1-2: Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Ἑβραίους κεφ. 11 ἐδάφ. 33-40, κεφ. 12 ἐδάφ. 1-2.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 10 Verses 32-33; 37-38; Chapter 19, Verses 27-30: The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Ἡ σημερινή εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαῖον κεφ. 7 ἐδάφ. 37-52, κεφ. 8 ἐδάφ. 12.

THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL: San Francisco's Only Greek Food Festival is back and in person in 2022! Mark your calendars for **September 16th, 17th and 18th** for our annual festival at the Annunciation Cathedral. Our cooking schedule will be released soon on social media and we're looking for new volunteers to come help cook this summer. If you would like to volunteer for any aspect of the festival, please contact festival@annunciation.org as soon as possible. We can't wait to see everyone in September!

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity or who are just interested in learning more about it. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at <https://agkozak.com/intro> to learn more.

JOIN OUR GREEK SCHOOL: Greek School enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open!! We offer a well-rounded curriculum focused on Greek language learning as well as Greek history, culture, traditions and customs. Classes are open to both children and adults! For more information or to enroll, please reach out to our Director, Shu Yeung at 415-518-8750

SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY ICON: An Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration. The icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, as shown in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral, originally named St. Sophia. It also features the Golden Gate Bridge, representing San Francisco. A limited edition of 150 Icons will be produced. Each Icon will be numbered and dedicated to the person or family purchasing it. The price of the icon is \$1,250 and pre-orders are being accepted now. Please contact **Paul Sogotis** at paul.sogotis@annunciation.org for more details.

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