

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 20, Verses 16-28, 28-36: IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesos, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' " And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 17, Verse 1-13: At that time, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Apolytikion of the Feast:

Ανελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: Please join us for a special coffee hour in honor of **Father's Day!** We wish all the fathers in our community (and fathers at heart!) a very blessed day. Καὶ τοῦ χρόνου!

CONGRATS GRADS: Today following Divine Liturgy, Father Angelo will present our graduating high school seniors with Orthodox Study Bibles and well wishes. Congratulations to our graduates!

YOUTH MINISTRIES DONATION: The **Navarino Messinian Society** is proud to present a check today to the Annunciation Cathedral to support the Youth Groups of the Church! Our Goya, Jr. Goya, and Hope programs are thriving and growing and the donation will help fund activities.

RETURN OF YOUTH MINISTRIES: We are happy to announce that GOYA, JR. GOYA, and HOPE have returned to the Cathedral! If your child or children are interested in joining our programs, please contact **Vicky Spachis** (GOYA) vicky.spachis@annunciation.org, **Mia Fanourgiakis** (JR. GOYA) mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org, or **Natalia Mavroudis** (HOPE) natalia.mavroudis@annunciation.org

STEWARDSHIP CALL: We are all blessed with certain gifts. It is important to develop these gifts, multiply them and offer them back to God. Please take a moment to fill out your annual Pledge card and don't forget to fill out the back offering your skills and talents!

REALM UPDATE: Exciting news is on the horizon as we implement REALM Church Management Software to revolutionize the way we donate and manage the Cathedral's finances. We're thrilled to announce that our transition to this powerful tool is fully underway and we have already securely processed thousands of dollars in gifts received through this system. We're excited to share the many benefits this innovative tool will bring to our community. Go to <https://www.annunciation.org/realm> to sign up.

AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR: As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels & cream cheese, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). We're currently seeking hosts for the following Sundays in June: the 23rd, and the 30th, and the full month of July (7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. Our next Community Kitchen will be **Tuesday, June 18**. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Maria Polyzos** at community.kitchen@annunciation.org or sign up at <https://www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-signup>

PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS: June 23 General Meeting-Welcoming all members to our end of year wrap up meeting. Please join Philoptochos in the conference room, 2nd floor after the conclusion of liturgy.

