

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 6, Verses 18-23: Brethren, having been set free from sin, you have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once yielded your members to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now yield your members to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But then what return did you get from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the return you get is sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 8, Verses 5-13: At that time, as Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, beseeching him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion answered him, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard him, he marveled, and said to those who followed him, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such faith. I tell you, many will come from east and west and sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth." And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; be it done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

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Grant us Your blessing, Lord our Savior, that we may always be faithful stewards, continuing to share the gifts You have given us, by the power of Your grace, mercy and love. May Your name be glorified forever.

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 July 28th and the entire month of August (4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

ELPIDA BACKPACK FUNDRAISER: Elpida, our vibrant new religious education program, is seeking 35 donors to give \$100 each. Can we count on you? The funds will go towards Elpida's next community service project on August 24 in which the children of our Metropolis will be filling high-quality backpacks with essential school supplies to be distributed to students in need in our surrounding Mission District. We have partnered with the amazing Sydney Paige Foundation to conduct this community service project. Please help us secure the necessary supplies and meet our goal of empowering students in school and in life by donating today: [@https://donate.sydney Paige.org/elpida](https://donate.sydney Paige.org/elpida)

