

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First letter to the Corinthians Chapter 16, Verses 13-24: Brethren, be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. Now, brethren, you know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints; I urge you to be subject to such men and to every fellow worker and laborer. I rejoice at the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicos, because they have made up for your absence; for they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such men. The churches of Asia send greetings. Aquila and Prisca, together with the church in their house, send you hearty greetings in the Lord. All the brethren send greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. If any one has no love for the Lord, let him be accursed. Our Lord, come! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 5, Verses 1-11: At that time, as Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

FESTIVAL HOURS FOR SERVICES SUNDAY 9/22: Orthros 8:30 am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am

SAVE THE DATE: SAVE THE DATE for our 35th Anniversary Commemoration of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, which will take place on Sunday, October 20, 2024, with a luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy. Further details will follow. We are also seeking sponsors for this important event. If you or your business are interested in donating or sponsoring, please contact Tasso Mavroudis at tasso.mavroudis@annunciation.org, or reach out to the church office at (415) 864-8000. Additionally, we ask that anyone with photos from the old Cathedral bring them to church or email them to photos@annunciation.org. These memories are an important part of our history, and we hope to include them in our commemoration.

STEWARDSHIP / REALM – We have revolutionized how we manage donations and finances at The Cathedral. Already securely processing thousands of dollars in gifts, Realm offers convenience and transparency in your stewardship and giving journey. For those preferring traditional methods, stewardship cards are still available. Sign up for Realm at www.annunciation.org/realms to set your annual pledge and explore the benefits of this innovative system. For Realm inquiries, please contact realmhelp@annunciation.org. Join us as we embrace this new era of faith and community stewardship together.

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 September the 29th and October the 6th. 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. The next Community Kitchen is held on **October 21**. If you are interested in volunteering please contact **Maria Polyzos** at community.kitchen@annunciation.org

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Ladies Philoptochos Society is offering scholarships for graduating senior high school students and college students. Should you have any questions, contact christo.pappademos@annunciation.org

NEXT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Thursday, October 3rd. Social hour begins at 6pm, program/dinner at 7pm. RSVP to **Jim Rakos** jim.rakos@annunciation.org

