

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1, Verse 21- Chapter 2, Verse 4: Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me - it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 6, Verses 31-36: The Lord said, "As you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

SAVE THE DATE: for our 35th Anniversary Commemoration of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, which will take place on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**, with a free luncheon immediately following Divine Liturgy. 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.

LOOKING FOR PHOTOS FROM THE OLD CATHEDRAL - Help us celebrate our history by sharing photos of the old Cathedral. Whether from weddings, baptisms, or other cherished moments, your photos are a valuable part of our community's story. These memories will be displayed on a digital screen during the anniversary luncheon for all to enjoy.

If you have photos you'd like to contribute, please bring them to the church by October 13th to be scanned, or email them to photos@annunciation.org. Together, let's reflect on our past as we continue building our future!

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/realm 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 October the 6th and November the 24th. 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 will be held on **October 15**. If you are interested in volunteering please visit www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-signup. You can also support this ministry by making a financial donation at <https://www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-donate>

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS: Save the dates:

Dec 12, 2024-Philoptochos Christmas Party at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant

Jan 31, 2025-Annual Crab Feed

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

