

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 4, Verses 6-15:** Brethren, it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you. Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, "I believed, and so I spoke," we too believe, and so we speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 7, Verses 11-16:** At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!"

**Greek Historical Society:** On Saturday, October 12th, from 10 to 11 am, the Greek Historical Society of the San Francisco Bay Area will present "The Tsakopoulos Hellenic Collection: A 20-Year Retrospective". The curator of the Collection, Mr. George Paganelis, will be our speaker.

**FESTIVAL APPRECIATION DINNER:** On **Thursday, October 10th**, we will host a Festival Appreciation Dinner at the Cathedral for all of our volunteers. Appetizers and refreshments at 5, dinner to follow at 6:45. We will also enjoy the 49er game on Thursday Night Football.

**ELPIDA SUNDAY:** Today is an Elpida Sunday so we ask that the first three pews on the north side of the church stay open for our kids to sit. We also ask that you allow the children to come forward first to receive Holy Communion before they go to their class.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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 November the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to Irene Melitas ([irene.melitas@annunciation.org](mailto: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](http://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