

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to Titus Chapter 3, Verses 8-15: Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicos to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 8, Verses 5-15: The Lord said this parable: "A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell along the path, and was trodden under foot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns grew with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold." And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy; but these have no root, they believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." As he said these things, he cried out "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Angie (Angeliki) Leventis**, 1 year since her passing. May her memory be eternal! Αιώνια η μνήμη!

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/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 November the 24th and December 1st. 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