

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians Chapter 11, Verse 31 - Chapter 12, Verse 9: Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven -- whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise --whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows -- and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 16, Verses 19-31: The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.'"

ELPIDA SUNDAY: Today is an Elpida Sunday so we ask that the first three pews on the south 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.

MEMORIAL SERVICES TODAY: Today's Memorial Services are being held for the repose of the soul of **Tom G. Spyridis**, 6 months since his passing and for **Jim Poulos**, 2 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

TODAY'S LUNCHEON: We would like to thank Despina Poulos for hosting a luncheon today following Divine Liturgy in memory of her husband Jim. All are invited into the hall for the luncheon today following Divine Liturgy. May Jim's memory be eternal!

ELPIDA GRANDPARENTS SUNDAY: On Sunday, November 10th we will enjoy a Grandparents Sunday consisting of a luncheon and program following Divine Liturgy. We encourage all grandparents to attend church with their families that day! Please RSVP at <https://www.annunciation.org/elpida-grandparents-day>

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 the month of December (1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th). 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. 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:

Hurricane Relief Fund-In the wake of hurricanes Helene and Milton's devastation the National Philoptochos is supporting the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese to address the urgent needs of those affected in the impacted areas. Ladies Philoptochos will pass the collection trays with the monies earmarked for this relief effort. Additional information can be found at: www.goarch.org/donate/hurricane

Member Meeting-Today's meeting will be held in the conference room beginning at 1pm. Please join us.

Christmas Party-December 12th. We will be holding our Christmas Party at Nick's Rockaway Beach Restaurant in Pacifica. The cost will be \$75/person. For more information contact Foula Vasilogiorgis at 415-378-7200 or see flyer near the pangari.

Crab Feed-Our annual crab feed will be held Friday, Jan 31, 2025. An Early Bird special price of \$90/person during the month of December 2024 is being offered. The price will jump to \$100/person beginning January 1, 2025.