

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's second letter to the Colossians Chapter 3, Verse 4-11: Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 17, Verses 12-19: At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus's feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him: "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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**NEXT MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Our next men's fellowship gathering will be this **Thursday, January 23, 2025**. Our Social Hour will begin at 6pm followed by our Program at 7pm. All men of the community are invited to come enjoy a wonderful meal and hear a great presentation from our Resident Speaker **George Papageorge**. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to **Jim Rakos** at [jim.rakos@annunciation.org](mailto:jim.rakos@annunciation.org)

**STEWARDSHIP:** Stewardship is the foundation of everything we do as a parish. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Your commitment is not only vital to sustaining our work but also to building a stronger future for our community. Please visit <https://www.annunciation.org/pledge>. If you prefer, you can still complete a Stewardship card for 2025 at the Cathedral, and we continue to accept cash and check donations. Your support makes everything we do possible, and together we can continue to build a parish that honors our faith, supports our families, and serves as a beacon of Orthodoxy for the San Francisco Bay Area.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Today following Divine Liturgy our Parish Council will gather for their first meeting of 2025. Καλή Αρχή! A good beginning to them!

**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 new 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 months of February (9<sup>th</sup>) and March (1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<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. **Our next gathering will take place this Tuesday, January 21.** If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up at [www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-signup](http://www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-signup). If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support this important ministry, please consider making a financial donation at <https://www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-donate>

**PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Christmas Bake Sale-**Philoptochos will be selling premade boxes of pastries after church. \$25/box. No preorders.

**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. Pick up a flyer near the pangari or place your reservation after church at the Philoptochos table.