

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's first letter to the Hebrews Chapter 7, Verse 7-17: BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke Chapter 2, Verses 22-40: At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Antonios Panagiotopoulos**, 40 days since his passing. Αιώνια η μνήμη! Memory Eternal!

ARTOKLASIA SERVICE: Today's Artoklasia Service is being sponsored by the **Navarino Messinian Society** in celebration of **Ypapanti**. Χρόνια Πολλά! Many years!

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. Go to www.annunciation.org/stewardship. 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.

COFFEE HOUR: Today's Coffee Hour is being hosted jointly by the **Navarino Messinian Society** and the family of **Antonios Panagiotopoulos** in memory of his passing. Αιώνια η μνήμη! Memory Eternal!

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 month of March (9th, 16th, and 23rd). 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. **Our next gathering will take place on Tuesday, February 18.** If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at 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>

DANCE PROGRAM FUNDRAISER – February 8th - Join us on **Saturday, February 8th**, for an evening of celebration and support as our Dance Programs host a **Dance Preview and Glendi!** This is a wonderful opportunity to cheer on our talented dancers as they prepare for FDF and enjoy an unforgettable evening with our community. 📺 **Tickets:** Dance Preview and Glendi tickets are available for purchase after church, or you can reserve your tables online at www.annunciation.org/glendi. 📺 **Raffle:** Raffle tickets will also be sold after church. You do not need to be present to win, so don't miss your chance to support our programs and win exciting prizes! We encourage everyone to attend and show your support for all of our dancers who proudly represent our community. Let's make this a night to remember!

Thank you for helping us celebrate our culture, talent, and unity. 📧 **For more information:** Contact events@annunciation.org. Mark your calendars—we can't wait to see you there!