

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians Chapter 8, Verse 8-18, Chapter 9, Verses 1-2: Brethren, food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. Only take care lest this liberty of yours somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if any one sees you, a man of knowledge, at table in an idol's temple, might he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak man is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of my brother's falling, I will never eat meat, lest I cause my brother to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 25, verses 31-46: The Lord said, "When the Son of man comes in his glory and all the holy angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of Helen Nicolas, 40 days since her passing and Michael Nicolas, 9 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αίωvία η μνήμη!

FDF POSTVIEW: Today following Divine Liturgy, our dancers from To Mellon and Revmata will present their medals won at FDF to the congregation.

-Revmata, our high school group, directed by Eleni Taptelis, Katerina Sarikakis and Kosta Lyberopoulos placed 4th in the Intermediate category. They danced two rounds - one from Crete and one from Western Attica.

-To Mellon, our 4th - 8th grade group, directed by Irene Kyriacou, Katerina Sarikakis, Penny Vardakastanis and Kallie Lyberopoulos placed third in the Junior category. They also danced two rounds - one from Macedonia and one from Epirus.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: is being hosted by our Dance Program ministry in celebration of its talented dance groups, dedicated directors, and supportive families, and their successful participation in FDF. Και του χρόνου! Here's to next year!

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. Visit www.annunciation.org/pledge or 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.

ELPIDA LENTEN RETREAT: We will be holding our annual Elpida Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 1st this year! For more information and to register, please email Elpida Director Mia Fanourgiakis at mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org

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 (16th and 23rd) and April (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th). 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, March 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 www.annunciation.org/community-kitchen-donate