

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

PELAGIA THE NUN-MARTYR OF TARSUS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles **Chapter 6, Verses 1-7:** In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, "it is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaos, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands upon them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark **Chapter 15, Verses 43-47, Chapter 16, Verses 1-8:** At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today’s Memorial Service is being prayed for the repose of the soul of **George Asimos**, 40 days since his passing, and **Athanasios Spyridis**, 1 year since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αἰωνία η μνήμη!

COFFEE HOUR: Today’s Coffee Hour is sponsored by the family of **George Asimos** in his memory. Αἰωνία η μνήμη!

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP – Save the Date: Our next Men’s Fellowship gathering will take place on **Thursday May 15th**. Social hour will begin at **6:30 PM**. Dinner and program will follow at **7:00 PM**. These meetings provide a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our friends, our community, and our faith. If you plan to attend our next gathering, please email **Jim Rakos** at jim.rakos@annunciation.org to RSVP.

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 vital to sustaining our work. Pledge cards are available to complete a Stewardship card for 2025 TODAY. 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.

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, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). We’re currently seeking hosts for the month of May (18th). 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 **Tuesday, May 20**. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at www.annunciation.org/ck-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/ck-donate

PHILOPTOCHOS MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON: The 63rd annual luncheon and fashion show will be held Saturday, May 10th at Annunciation Cathedral. Please join us for this time honored event as we navigate the wonders of the grecian isles and celebrate Momma Mia: A Journey Through Greece. For reservations or information contact: grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org