

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: November 17, 2013

NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

GREGORY OF NEOCAESAREA & GENNADIOS PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians, chapter 2, verses 16-20. It is found in our books on p. 148.

Πρὸς Γαλάτας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20:

Ἀδελφοί, εἰδότες ὅτι οὐ δικαιοῦται ἄνθρωπος ἐξ ἔργων νόμου, ἐὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμεῖς εἰς Χριστὸν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαμεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν ἐκ πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων νόμου· διότι οὐ δικαιωθήσεται ἐξ ἔργων νόμου πᾶσα σὰρξ. Εἰ δέ, ζητοῦντες δικαιωθῆναι ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐρέθημεν καὶ αὐτοὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ, ἄρα Χριστὸς ἁμαρτίας διάκονος; Μὴ γένοιτο. Εἰ γὰρ ἂ κατέλυσα, ταῦτα πάλιν οἰκοδομῶ, παραβάτην ἑμαυτὸν συνίστημι. Ἐγὼ γὰρ διὰ νόμου νόμῳ ἀπέθανον, ἵνα θεῶ ζήσω. Χριστῷ συνεσταύρωμαι· ζῶ δέ, οὐκέτι ἐγώ, ζῆ δὲ ἐν ἐμοὶ Χριστός· ὁ δὲ νῦν ζῶ ἐν σαρκί, ἐν πίστει ζῶ τῆ τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ ἀγαπήσαντός με καὶ παραδόντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 12, verses 16-21. It is found in our books on pp. 259-261.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 16-21, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 258-260.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Four:

When the tidings of the Resurrection from the glorious angel was proclaimed unto the women disciples, and our ancestral sentence also had been abolished, to the Apostles with boasting did they proclaim that death is vanquished evermore, and Christ our God has risen from the dead, and granted to the world His great mercy.

Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς Αναστάσεως κήρυγμα ἐκ τοῦ Ἀγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου μαθήτριά, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπορρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον· Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION: Parking for up to 70 cars is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14th Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their; the Cathedral will pay \$7 of the parking cost for Stewards. To pick up a parking pass or to discuss your stewardship, please see **Gus Vouchilas**, who will be manning the stewardship table. Street parking is also available on Sundays, especially along the 217' construction zone in front of the Cathedral. For your convenience, an attendant will be on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone and direct parking to the Zenanli lot behind the Cathedral. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities, giving them parking preference in the spaces on Valencia Street.

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICES

Today's *Mnemosyna* are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother **Gregory Pantages**, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and for the repose of the soul of our sister **Helen Marks**, who also fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR

This morning's coffee hour is being offered by the Annunciation Cathedral Choir, in memory of **Gregory Pantages**.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEETING FOLLOWING TODAY'S LITURGY

The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will meet today in the second floor conference room. The meeting will take place following the Divine Liturgy and, in addition to approving the minutes of October 24, reviewing correspondence, and considering the treasurer's report, the Ladies will discuss a number of programs and events, namely, the Thanksgiving luncheon on November 24, which coincides with Stewardship Sunday, the Christmas Tree Project, the Light the Patth Christmas Luncheon on December 7 in Novato, the Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon on December 17, the Vasilopita on January 12, 2014, the Crab Feed on January 31, 2014 and Hospital/Shut-in Visitations in tandem with Community Link.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK

On November 21, the Church celebrates the feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple. Known as *Eisodia tis Theotokou*, the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m., to be preceded by Orthros at 9 a.m.

OUR CHILDREN ARE TALKING

One of the most wonderful things that has happened as a result of the start of construction is that our children are expressing their feelings about building our new church, in pictures and in words. About a month ago, young people came up at the end of the Divine Liturgy and shared their "amazement," their "joy" and their "sense of blessing," to use their words, that we are building a church to God's glory. Two Sundays ago, the same children addressed themselves to His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, who celebrated the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the departure of His Excellency Ambassador Ioannis Andreades from San Francisco. We will hear more from the children next Sunday, November 24, as part of a Sunday School project.

STEWARDSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP 2014

We are but weeks away from the beginning of a new year. As we plan for the new year, we are invited to consider our support for the ministries of the Cathedral, through Stewardship. Stewardship materials for 2014 were recently mailed to each addressee on the Cathedral's mailing list. These included a descriptive brochure, a letter by our Stewardship Committee, a Stewardship Pledge Card for 2014, and a self-addressed return envelope. We are confident that our parishioners will be very supportive, especially in this critical year of building. Indeed, it is our goal to *grow* during this time of construction, exactly as we note it in our mission statement: through Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism, and Philanthropy. Toward this end, our Stewardship Committee members have enlisted the assistance of team members, effectively making our Stewardship Committee 100 strong!

Next Sunday, November 24, parishioners are invited to **bring to church your completed 2014 Stewardship Pledge Cards** and place them in the special tray which will be passed at the conclusion of the Liturgy. This is a very powerful way of your saying, "We are dedicated Orthodox Christians, members and supporters of the Annunciation Cathedral parish, and we support its mission, which is the Mission of the Church, through our stewardship. Then, with the gracious consent of the Ladies Philoptochos, we will sit down to a pre-Thanksgiving luncheon.

BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON NEXT SUNDAY, SPONSORED BY THE LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS

A fabulous luncheon is in store. The donation is only \$20 per person (\$10 for children 10 and under). Join us as we gather to give thanks.

2013 CHRISTMAS CARD

Annamarie Balian Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Mary Tonas will be on hand following today's Divine Liturgy to greet you and take your name(s) for this year's community Christmas card. The donation is \$25 per entry.

OYAA BASKETBALL PRACTICE FOR GIRLS AND BOYS 8-14 YEARS OLD HAS BEGUN

If you are interested in joining a team (and we hope you all do) please take with you the appropriate materials at the *pangari*, or speak with our basketball coaches, Tom Nuris, Chris Kallas, or Deno Konstantinidis.

GOOD NEWS: CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATHEDRAL HAS

BEGUN: Look outside and see what's going on. Our buildings and the sidewalks on Valencia and Stevenson Streets have been shored up, in preparation for Excavation for the underground garage. It will take a number of months to put down the rebar steel, install the drainage and lay down the floor slab, which will serve as the ground level of the parking structure, as well as the ground level slab, over which the Cathedral will be built. Every week you will see more and more progress. But, now, in order to proceed, we need to have everyone on board, everybody contributing.

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: *Και ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). We've quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign. And we can't stress it enough: we're building this because God is telling us to!

A few weeks ago, we sent materials to you and ask that you give prayerful consideration to your gift, which may be made over 5 years. We also told you which member of the Capital Campaign Committee would be calling you to discuss your participation. We hope the Committee members have made their contacts and that you've pretty much decided what to do, this year, next year, and so on, until 2018 or 2019, as the Cathedral gets ready to celebrate its 100th anniversary. .

We are pleased to inform you that, since this phase of the Campaign, we have raised an additional \$214,000 from among 27 more pledges. Remember, our goal is to include everyone. If you have not pledged/given to the Capital Campaign yet, our goal is to include YOU! This was the theme echoed at last Sunday's Parish Assembly from our Stewardship Chairman, **Gus Vouchilas**, and our Parish Council President, **Dean Nicolacakis**.

We are also pleased to inform you that we are planning to hold a gala event during 2014, open to parishioners and friends of the Cathedral alike, with a view to raising \$1 million for the Capital Campaign.



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