

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: December 1, 2013

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

NAHUM THE PROPHET; PHILARETOS THE MERCIFUL

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 4-10. It is found in our books on page 123.

Πρὸς Ἐφεσίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 4-10: Προκειμένον. Ἦχος πλ β'.
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 27,9,1

Σῶσον, Κύριε τὸν λαὸν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου. Στίχ. Πρὸς σέ, Κύριε, κεκράξομαι ὁ Θεός μου.

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεός, πλούσιος ὢν ἐν ἐλέει, διὰ τὴν πολλὴν ἀγάπην αὐτοῦ ἦν ἠγάπησεν ἡμᾶς, καὶ ὄντας ἡμᾶς νεκροὺς τοῖς παραπτώμασιν συνεζωοποίησεν τῷ Χριστῷ - χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι - καὶ συνήγειρεν, καὶ συνεκάθισεν ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· ἵνα ἐνδείξηται ἐν τοῖς αἰῶσιν τοῖς ἐπερχομένοις τὸν ὑπερβάλλοντα πλοῦτον τῆς χάριτος αὐτοῦ ἐν χρηστότητι ἐφ' ἡμᾶς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ· τῇ γὰρ χάριτί ἐστε σεσωσμένοι διὰ τῆς πίστεως, καὶ τούτο οὐκ ἐξ ὑμῶν· θεοῦ τὸ δῶρον· οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων, ἵνα μὴ τις καυχῆσθῃται. Αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἔσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς, οἷς προητοιμάσεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 35-43. It is found in our books on p. 269.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 35-43, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 268.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and, uncorrupted by its touch, You came unto the Virgin bestowing the gift of life. From the dead You arose, O Lord: we give glory to You.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνημᾶ σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου Σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄδην, μὴ περιασθεῖς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωροῦμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

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

MNEMOSYNON

Today's Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister **Angela Vavuris**, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago.

WELCOME, YOUR EMINENCE. WELCOME PAUL GIKAS.

We welcome His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, who is worshipping with us this morning. We also welcome Paul Gikas, a 2000 graduate of our Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and Director of our Metropolis Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Paul is our homilist this morning.

COFFEE HOUR/LUNCHEON TODAY

Today's Coffee Hour/Luncheon is being offered by **Emily Bagatelos**, in memory of **Angie Vavuris**, and also in memory of **Father Theophilos P. Theophilos** and of **Mary Bonatis**, both of whom fell asleep in the Lord two years ago.

DIVINE LITURGY ON THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS

Friday, December 6 is the Feast of St. Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra, the Wonderworker. As has been our custom for a number of years now, we concelebrate the feast with our brothers and sisters of the Antiochian Orthodox Church of Saint Nicholas, located at 5200 Diamond Heights Boulevard, San Francisco. The Divine Liturgy, which will begin at 11:00 a.m., preceded by Orthros at 10:30 a.m., will be followed by a luncheon. All are cordially invited to attend.

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. We recall the first time, about eight weeks ago, when our 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. About a month ago, one of these children addressed himself 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. Last Sunday, children from our pre-school and kindergarten came down the aisle singing, *yes we can build Annunciation*, as they waved banners and an icon of the Annunciation, which they had colored. We have been sharing the children's compositions with you, by means of the *Herald*, as well as by means of the monthly *Building Update*. Our children are scheduled to speak next on December 22.

LIGHT THE PATH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON THIS SATURDAY. The Light the Path Christmas Luncheon, in support of the Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund, will take place this coming Saturday, December 7, 2013 at the Nativity Church of Christ in Novato, CA. Limited seating is available. If you have not yet made your reservation, please call 415 431-2600 or e mail, office@sfphiloptochos.org. sponsored by the Metropoli

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE BEGINS TODAY

Please help us fill our food bins by donating cans or dry foods to benefit those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

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, and Excavation has begun 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.

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 ἄγίασμα, 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 the Cathedral because God is telling us to!*

GOOD NEWS: OVER \$4.5 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total on hand is \$7 million (additional monies from the Mountanos Estate, prior to the start of the Campaign). We also have \$1.1 million in receivables (from parishioners who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years. We need \$10.7 to finish this phase, which includes the complete exterior. We will then need about \$2 million to finish the interior, complete with pews and iconography.

We hope you are among those who have already given to the Campaign. If not, we invite you to make your gift. Please consider what you can give over five years. You may well be surprised that, giving what it costs to get a cup of coffee at Starbuck's, over five years amounts to over \$5,000! Some people can give more. We note that a few people who've already made their gift are now considering increasing it to a six-figure gift, so as to join the "Dean's List," a benefit of which will be naming opportunities. Please know that, whether large or small, your gift is equally welcome. Eventually, a donor wall will be placed in the Narthex of the new Cathedral (\$1,000 minimum). Will your name be on it?



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Cathedral
will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith
in San Francisco through:
Stewardship, Worship,
Education, Evangelism and
Philanthropic Outreach*