

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: May 11, 2014

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

CYRIL AND METHODIOS, EQUALS TO THE APOSTLES

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9, verse 32-42. It is found in our books on pages 84-85.

Ὁ Απόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 32-42: Ἐν ταῖς ἡμεραῖς ἐκεῖναις, ἐγένετο Πέτρον διερχόμενον διὰ πάντων κατελθεῖν καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἁγίους τοὺς κατοικοῦντας Λύδδαν. Εὗρεν δὲ ἐκεῖ ἄνθρωπον τινα Αἰνέα ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἐτῶν ὀκτὼ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κρᾶββάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰάταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στρώσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ἀσάρον, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δὲ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἡ διερχομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυῶν ὧν ἐποίει. Ἐγένετο δὲ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ἐκεῖναις ἀσθενήσασαν αὐτὴν ἀποθανεῖν· λούσαντες δὲ αὐτὴν ἔθηκαν ἐν ὑπερῷῳ. Ἐγγὺς δὲ οὖσης Λύδδης τῇ Ἰόππῃ, οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσαντες ὅτι Πέτρος ἐστὶν ἐν αὐτῇ, ἀπέστειλαν πρὸς αὐτὸν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνησαί τι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνίγαγον εἰς τὸ ὑπερῷον, καὶ παρέστησαν αὐτῷ πᾶσαι αἱ χῆραι κλαίουσαι καὶ ἐπιδεικνύμεναι χιτῶνας καὶ ἱμάτια ὅσα ἐποίει μετ' αὐτῶν οὕσα ἡ Δορκάς. Ἐκβαλὼν δὲ ἕξω πάντας ὁ Πέτρος θείας τὰ γόνατα προσηύξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἦ δὲ ἤνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοῦς δὲ αὐτῇ χεῖρα, ἀνέστησεν αὐτήν· φωνήσας δὲ τοὺς ἁγίους καὶ τὰς χήρας, παρέστησεν αὐτὴν ζῶσαν. Γνωστὸν δὲ ἐγένετο καθ' ὅλης τῆς Ἰόππης, καὶ πολλοὶ ἐπίστευσαν ἐπὶ τὸν Κύριον.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 5, verses 1-15. It is found in our books on pages 171-173.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφ. 1-15, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 170-172.

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

Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy.

Εὐφραίνεσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ ὁ Κύριος· ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας Ἄδου ἐρρῶσατο ἡμᾶς καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS: This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3rd grade in the fall) to 18 years of age (or graduating from high school this year). There will be three sessions this year. Session I: July 6-12; Session II: July 13-19; and Session III: July 26-26. The cost is \$500. (All siblings receive a \$25 discount). To register, visit www.gosfyouth.org asap

ELLINIKO HORIO: A wonderful Greek Language immersion camp will be held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center, for young people ages 7-15, June 21-18. For an application and further information, please go to www.ourgreekvillage.org

MOTHER'S DAY: The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1912, Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrases "second Sunday in May" and "Mother's Day," and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers of the world." This is also the spelling used by President Woodrow Wilson in his 1914 presidential proclamation, by the Congress in relevant bills, and by various presidents in their proclamations concerning Mother's Day. Singular or plural, each one of us honors his/her own mother and, collectively, we honor all mothers. The Cathedral extends best wishes to all mothers, as it continues to hold in highest esteem the "Mother of all Mothers," who is the Most Holy Virgin, Theotokos, the Mother of our Lord, the Patron Saint of this Cathedral parish of the Annunciation.

HELEN PANOMITROS MOTHER OF THE YEAR: At its Mother's Day Luncheon, held yesterday, the Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos proclaimed **Helen Panomitros** Mother of the Year for 2014. The entire Cathedral family joins together in congratulating Helen, thanking her for all she had done, as a wife, mother and parishioner to enrich the lives and the faith of those around her. *Axial!*

SPECIAL PARISH ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY: Parishioners of the Cathedral have received a notice inviting them to a special Parish Assembly next Sunday, May 11, following the Divine Liturgy to consider a motion to approve a Dual Easement Agreement between the United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation and the 380 14th Street Owners Association.

SOUP KITCHEN ON MAY 20: As previously announced, the Cathedral has started a soup kitchen, which has been enthusiastically received. It was held last month. The second soup kitchen will be held on Tuesday, May 20 and, hopefully, monthly thereafter. Donations and volunteers are being sought to ensure that we can address the problem of hunger in the inner city, in a meaningful way. For more information, please contact **Christina Tsiatis**, c.tsiatis@gmail.com and/or visit Cathedral Facebook.

DANCE GROUPS PRACTICING NOT PRACTICING TODAY, BUT WILL NEXT SUNDAY: Two of the Cathedral's dance groups, namely **Spithes** (10-14 year olds) and **Thisavri** (7-9 year olds) will be practicing next Sunday, May 18, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. and also on the following dates:
Sunday, June 1, Sunday, June 8, Sunday, June 22 and Sunday, June 29.

There are openings for dancers for both groups. For Spithes, children must be entering 5th grade in the fall; for Thisavri, children must be going into 2nd grade in the fall. If you are interested in your child(ren)'s joining the groups, please speak with the respective directors, either before or after the practices. **Lea Lyberopoulos** is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is karthia808@yahoo.com.

FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014: As announced, this year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location, on the aforementioned dates. The emphasis will, of course, be on our food, which every year is a huge hit. Look at the monthly *Herald*, our web site, www.annunciation.org, on the Cathedral's Facebook page, on the Twitter feed to our web site, and in these Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. **Angie Leventis** and **Pat Aleck** are this year's Co-Chairs.

ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:

The May building update, with the theme *RISEN* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, is in the process of being sent to all of you in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that *the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and the wall formation for the south wall has been completed. The parking structure walls are next!* We're moving ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral, because God has told us to do so! What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking. A once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

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 ἅγίασμα, 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 has told us to build the sanctuary that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox Faith, for generations to come.* In His infinite wisdom, the Lord knows what he has in store for us and for the future of our Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco's inner city.

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER \$5.4 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds \$5.4 million (\$748,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.2 has been received; \$1.2 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 226 donors, so far.

Are you among those who have contributed or are contributing to help build the Cathedral? If you are, God bless you. You know the great joy of giving. You know that, ultimately, everything we have is from God and for the glory of God. Thank you and God bless you.



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The Orthodox Christian Faith
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Education, Evangelism and
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