

## Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: June 8, 2014

### HOLY PENTECOST

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2, verses 1-11. It is found in our books on pages 92.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, Πράξεων τῶν Ἀποστόλων, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 1-11: Ἐν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι τὴν ἡμέραν τῆς Πεντηκοστῆς, ἦσαν ἅπαντες ὁμοθυμαδὸν ἐπὶ τὸ αὐτό. Καὶ ἐγένετο ἄφνω ἐκ τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἦχος ὡσπερ φερομένης πνοῆς βιαίας, καὶ ἐπλήρωσεν ὅλον τὸν οἶκον οὗ ἦσαν καθήμενοι. Καὶ ὤφθησαν αὐτοῖς διαμεριζόμεναι γλώσσαι ὡσεὶ πυρός, ἐκάθισεν τε ἐφ' ἓνα ἕκαστον αὐτῶν. Καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν ἅπαντες πνεύματος ἁγίου, καὶ ἤρξαντο λαλεῖν ἑτέροις γλώσσαις, καθὼς τὸ πνεῦμα ἐδίδου αὐτοῖς ἀποφθέγγεσθαι. Ἦσαν δὲ ἐν Ἱερουσαλὴμ κατοικοῦντες Ἰουδαῖοι, ἄνδρες εὐλαβεῖς, ἀπὸ παντὸς ἔθνους τῶν ὑπὸ τὸν οὐρανόν. Γενομένης δὲ τῆς φωνῆς ταύτης, συνήλθεν τὸ πλῆθος καὶ συνεχύθη, ὅτι ἤκουον εἰς ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ λαλούντων αὐτῶν. Ἐξίσταντο δὲ πάντες καὶ εθαύμαζον, λέγοντες πρὸς ἀλλήλους, Οὐκ ἰδοῦ πάντες οὗτοί εἰσιν οἱ λαλοῦντες Γαλιλαῖοι; Καὶ πῶς ἡμεῖς ἀκούομεν ἕκαστος τῆ ἰδίᾳ διαλέκτῳ ἡμῶν ἐν ἡ γεννηθῆμεν; Πάρθοι καὶ Μῆδοι καὶ Ἐλαμίται, καὶ οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν Μεσοποταμίαν, Ἰουδαίαν τε καὶ Καππαδοκίαν, Πόντον καὶ τὴν Ἀσίαν, Φρυγίαν τε καὶ Παμφυλίαν, Αἴγυπτον καὶ τὰ μέρη τῆς Λιβύης τῆς κατὰ Κυρήνην, καὶ οἱ ἐπιδημοῦντες Ῥωμαῖοι, Ἰουδαῖοί τε καὶ προσηλύτοι, Κρήτες καὶ Ἀραβες, ἀκούομεν λαλούντων αὐτῶν ταῖς ἡμετέροις γλώσσαις τὰ μεγαλεῖα τοῦ θεοῦ.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 7, verses 37-52. It is found in our books on pages 191-193.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 37-52, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 190-192.

**Today's *Apolytikon* (Dismissal Hymn) is that of the feast of Pentecost:**

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν ὁ πανσόφος τοὺς ἀλείεις ἀναδείξας, καταπέψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνέυσας, φιλόανθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You made the fishermen all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them the world was drawn to you. O Lover of mankind, glory to You.

**SUMMER CAMP AT ST. NICHOLAS:** This exciting program is open to children 8 years of age (or entering 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.gosfyouth.org)

**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](http://www.ourgreekvillage.org)

**JOIN US FOR FATHER'S DAY (JUNE 15), AS WE HONOR ILIAS FRANGOS & NICK KONTONIS AS 2014 FATHERS OF THE YEAR:** A luncheon will follow the Divine Liturgy. The donation is \$15. Please RSVP to Nicoletta Ketchum, 415 334-6184 or e mail: [nicolettaketchum@prodigy.net](mailto:nicolettaketchum@prodigy.net)

**VESPERS "KNEELING SERVICE" TO FOLLOW THIS MORNING'S DIVINE LITURGY:** Prayers of Thanksgiving and Repentance as we recall the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Disciples and the sending of the Disciples into all the earth to preach the Gospel, as Apostles of Christ.

**SERVICES TOMORROW AT HOLY TRINITY:** Though Pentecost is the official Feast Day of our sister parish of the Holy Trinity, we join its parishioners in prayer and fellowship the next day for the Feast known as "Holy Spirit Monday." Orthros will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10:15 a.m. The community invites everyone to join it for luncheon, following the services. Holy Trinity is located at 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco.

**DANCE GROUPS PRACTICING TODAY AND ON THE SUNDAYS NOTED BELOW:** **Spithes** (10-14 year olds) and **Thisavri** (7-9 year olds) year olds) will be practicing today and on; Sunday, June 22, and Sunday, June 29. There are openings for dancers for both groups. For Spithes, children must be entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall; for Thisavri, children must be going into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the fall. **Lea Lyberopoulos** is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is [karthia808@yahoo.com](mailto:karthia808@yahoo.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR ADULTS:** An Introduction to the Orthodox Church class meets each Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., under the direction of **Alexander Kozak**. Mr. Kozak presents topics which are of interest both to those seeking to become members of the Church and those whom one may call "cradle Orthodox," and facilitates the discussion. The group meets in the smaller, second-floor conference room, located adjacent the elevator.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IN RECESS:** Sunday School is now in recess. It will resume on Sunday, September 7. The School invites all young people, ages pre-K through High School to enroll and attend regularly, learning the fundamentals of our Orthodox Christian faith, on the one hand, and serving in the altar as acolytes, on the other. While Sunday School is in recess, our young people are invited to worship regularly, together with their parents, siblings, and classmates.

**GREEK SCHOOL IN RECESS:** Greek School is now in recess. It will resume on Saturday, September 27, following the Food Festival. If you are not part of the Greek School and wish to enroll your child(ren) or wish additional information, please contact **Philippos Athanasiades**, [philippos1cy@yahoo.com](mailto:philippos1cy@yahoo.com).

**FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 19, 20, 21, 2014:** As announced, this year's Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location. 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](http://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. Next meeting is June 25.

**THE CATHEDRAL BENEFITS FROM YOUR PURCHASES FROM AMAZON:** The Cathedral is enrolled in the AmazonSmile program, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to charitable organizations selected by Amazon.com customers. When making online purchases from Amazon, select "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral" as your charity of choice.

**ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:**

The June building update, with the theme *JOIN US* and a narrative of our building project on the inside, including testimonials about WHY people are giving and a list of pledges/donations to date, is in the process of being sent to all of you.

The great news is that *the first layer of the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane going between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and with the wall formation for the south wall beginning tomorrow.* (Admittedly, it's taken us a little while to get to this point, because of the dual easement agreement with our neighbors.) We're now moving full-steam ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral. *What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking—a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, as our Sunday School children so movingly reminded us last Sunday.*

**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 ἅγιασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*).** We've quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign, and we are keeping this “immovable before our eyes,” Deut. 6:8. This commandment from Scripture is our vision statement. We can't stress it enough: *we're building the Cathedral because God has told us to do so, that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox 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 (nearly \$1 million of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the \$5.4 raised, \$4.1 has been received; \$1.3 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 240 donors, so far. Our goal is to engage 100% of God's people in the sacred work of building His Sanctuary.



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