

Annunciation Cathedral Sunday Bulletin: May 3, 2015

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

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

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 ἄνθρωπόν τινα Αἰνέαν ὀνόματι, ἐξ ἑτῶν ὀκτὼ κατακείμενον ἐπὶ κραιβάτῳ, ὃς ἦν παραλελυμένος. Καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος, Αἰνέα, ἰαταί σε Ἰησοῦς ὁ Χριστός· ἀνάστηθι καὶ στρώσον σεαυτῷ. Καὶ εὐθέως ἀνέστη. Καὶ εἶδον αὐτὸν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες Λύδδαν καὶ τὸν Ασάφωνα, οἵτινες ἐπέστρεψαν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον. Ἐν Ἰόππῃ δὲ τις ἦν μαθήτρια ὀνόματι Ταβηθά, ἡ διερμηνευομένη λέγεται Δορκάς· αὕτη ἦν πλήρης ἀγαθῶν ἔργων καὶ ἐλεημοσυνῶν 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 αὐτόν, παρακαλοῦντες μὴ ὀκνήσαι διελθεῖν ἕως αὐτῶν. Ἀναστὰς δὲ Πέτρος συνῆλθεν αὐτοῖς· ὃν παραγενόμενον ἀνήγαγον 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 θείσ τὰ γόνατα προσήξατο· καὶ ἐπιστρέψας πρὸς τὸ σῶμα, εἶπεν, Ταβηθά, ἀνάστηθι. Ἡ δὲ ἤνοιξεν τοὺς ὀφθαλμοὺς αὐτῆς· καὶ ἰδοῦσα τὸν Πέτρον, ἀνεκάθισεν. Δοὺς 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 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. 5, ἐδάφ. 1-15, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 170-173.

PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead, by death, trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs He has granted life.

Χριστὸς Ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζωὴν χαρισάμενος. Christos anesti ek nekron, thanato thanaton patisas, ke tis en tis mnimasi, zoin charisamenos.

Introduction to Orthodoxy (Sundays, 9.a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakmail.com.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

THE MARTYRS TIMOTHY & MAVRA; PETER OF ARGOS

ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE: The service will take place today, beginning at 2 p.m., at St. John Armenian Church, 275 Olympia Way, San Francisco. Join our Armenian brothers and sisters as we pray for the 1.5 million victims who lost their lives at the beginning of the 20th century and also in support for those who today are suffering from ethnic and religious persecution.

THIS COMING SATURDAY: ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL PHILOPTOCHOS 56TH ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW: TIMELESS ELEGANCE: This year, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be honoring **Annette Chiappari** and **Niki Kastoras** as the 2015 Mothers of the Year. Congratulations! The Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show will take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on **Saturday, May 9**, beginning with a Cocktail Reception at 12:00 noon and followed by Luncheon at 12:45 p.m. The donation is \$55 for adults, \$25 for children. Parking is available at the lot behind the Cathedral, at 14th and Stevenson Streets. For more information, please call **Foula Vasilogiorgis**, 415 378-7200, or contact **Irene Kyriacou**: sassygrk@aol.com; **Angie Leventis**: aleventis3@comcast.net; or **Foula Vasilogiorgis**: foulaki8@gmail.com.

SUNDAY STREETS; PLEASE NOTE THAT SUNDAY STREETS IN THE MISSION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10 AND ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: On these two Sundays, Valencia between McCoppin Street and 26th Street will be closed to through traffic. However, the organizers are aware of the need to access the Cathedral for worship and also of our special requirements to have handicap transport vehicles drop off congregants directly in front of the Cathedral entrance. The organizers at the Valencia and 14th Streets intersection will be informed of this, and we expect that they will accommodate. Meanwhile, to learn more about the program, please visit www.sundaystreetsf.com/mission-51015/ If you wish to serve as a volunteer, please refer to the pertinent flyers at the pangari or see Fr. Stephen or Fr. Niko.

LOOKING AHEAD: PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 17: As mandated by the Archdiocese Regulations, the Parish is required to hold two Parish Assemblies each year. These afford input from all the parishioners in the management of the affairs of the Parish. They are also vehicles for information. The first Parish Assembly for 2015 will take place on Sunday, May 17, following the Divine Liturgy. The agenda consists of:

Opening Prayer: Father Stephen

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Reading/Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2014 Parish Assembly: Gus Vouchilas
3. Treasurer's Report: Philippos Athanasiades
4. Reports on: Stewardship (Gus Vouchilas), the 2015 Festival (Angie Leventis), Youth (Father Niko), the Metropolis Clergy Laity (Father Niko) (The Clergy Laity is being held at St. Nicholas Ranch April 27-28)
5. Report on Phase Two: Construction of the Cathedral/Capital Campaign (Ken Katen, Tom Nuris)
- Election of Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 13)
6. Old Business
7. New Business
- Closing Prayer

Members in good standing, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, are invited to attend and participate.

STILL LOOKING AHEAD: FOOD FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 20: Please note it on your calendars. As noted, our coordinator and chairs are in place and the dates are set. This year's Festival will take place on our grounds, similar to last year, Friday through Sunday, September 18 through 20. The more volunteers we get the more we can save by not having to hire as many people. The festival is about making money to support the Cathedral's ministries but, even more importantly, about building community, both our own faith community, and the community at large. When we went before the Planning Department to submit our plans to rebuild the Cathedral, and the hearings that followed, we still recall how some neighbors just showed up in support of the project, saying things like "we love the Cathedral, which we got to know through its Food Festival, and we're here to speak in favor of its rebuilding." Talk about community building!

STEEL RISING AND RISING! You have only to look through the front gates or the gallery doors to see the Cathedral rising. We've been busy since March 25th laying the vertical or "red-iron steel" (called "red-iron" because of its protective orange-red coating, similar to that of the Golden Gate Bridge). Some 1,000 pieces of red iron steel will form the "skeleton" of the Cathedral. To date, we've erected the steel in the transepts and the apse, including the apse half-dome, and are now erecting the 50-foot diameter dome steel. By June 14 the towers (one of which will house the elevator), the choir loft and narthex steel will all be in place.

On Sunday June 14, 2015, a special "steel signing" will take place. On that day, following the Divine Liturgy, we will celebrate a Blessing of the Waters service (*agiasmos*), at noon, and process out to the construction site, where donors and everyone else will have an opportunity to sign your name on the steel! (We will provide the markers; you get to keep them.) What a blessing that day will be, forming a physical "connection" with the new Cathedral. A light reception will follow.

Our goal is to complete the exterior and also have a fully operational parking structure this time next year, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, the work on the interior, including iconography and furnishings, could take another year.

As for the money required to complete the project, surely there are people "out there" who have waited for this moment before making their contribution, be it \$1000 or be it \$1 million. We pray the Holy Spirit inspires you to put your hand to your checkbook, joyfully, for, as Scripture says, "let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

These are exciting times our community and for San Francisco. Imagine, amid the biggest building boom in the City in decades, a house of worship is rising, and a Greek Orthodox Cathedral at that! And to think that we, in our own way, are contributing to the growth of our City by offering a sacred house of worship, for the glory of God, the God who says, *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you. Και ποιήσεις μοι ἄγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν).*" (LXX, Exodus 25:8). Glory to



*The Church is here to heal,
To reconcile,
To connect with Christ,
To become partakers of the
divine glory,
To worship God,
To proclaim the Gospel, in the
original Christian way,
That the world may be saved.*