

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to Timothy Chapter 2 Verses 1-10: Timothy, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him. An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. It is the hardworking farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. Think over what I say, for the Lord will grant you understanding in everything. Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel, the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 9, Verses 27-32: At that time, as Jesus passed by, two blind men followed him, crying aloud, "Have mercy on us, Son of David." When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord." Then he touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you." And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly charged them, "See that no one knows it." But they went away and spread his fame through all that district. As they were going away, behold, a dumb demoniac was brought to him. And when the demon had been cast out, the dumb man spoke; and the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." But the Pharisees said, "He casts out demons by the prince of demons." And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the souls of **Georgia Kouropoulos** (40 days), **Peter Kouropoulos** (14 years), and **Hariklia Papakonstantinou** (24 years). Αιώνία η μνήμη! May their memory be eternal!

40 DAY BABY BLESSING: We welcome baby **Ilias James Haras** and his family to the Cathedral today for his 40 day blessing. Να ζήσει το παιδί! Long life to the child!

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: is being hosted by the family of **Georgia & Peter Kouropoulos** in loving memory of their passing. Αιώνία η μνήμη τους!

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is the foundation of everything we do as a parish. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Most importantly, it supports our NEW DEAN at the Cathedral and Liturgical expenses. We have an aggressive goal this year and now more than ever it is important that each parishioner step forward and pledge. We are 2/3's of the way to our goal and your commitment is vital for our success! Please join in and help us move forward!

AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR: As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. Our next gathering will take place **Tuesday, August 19**. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at www.annunciation.org/ck-signup. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support this important ministry, please consider making a financial donation at www.annunciation.org/ck-donate