

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 Verses 10-17:** Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispos and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

**This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 14, Verses 14-22:** At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

**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 Cathedral 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.annunciation.org/ck-donate)

**PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS:** No-Host luncheon will be held after services on August 15, 2025. Tickets are \$30 and will be sold at the door.

Festival Baking – Philoptochos ladies will be baking on Wednesday 8/20/25 starting at 10:30am (koulourakia) and on 8/27/25 at 10:30am (kourabiedes). No experience needed. Please come and join us!