EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 21-24, Chapter 2, Verses 1-4. It is found in our books on page 112.

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. 

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. 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 by reading selections from 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) why we belong in the Church.
WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY: Spontaneous! Without much fanfare, two weeks ago, we “spilled out” onto the courtyard, most of us for the first time, to get a feel for the outdoor space, which we will be using for this year’s Festival and afterwards. Although we have a little way to go to complete the fountain and the landscaping, and much more of a way to go to complete the interior of the new Cathedral, you can all take great pride reflecting on what, with your faith, determination, and vision, you have accomplished so far, in faithful response to our God, when he told Moses: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις ὡς ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Don’t take it lightly: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, where we will be gathering for prayer and for the glorification of God’s Holy Name. Where? In the heart of one of the world’s premier cities, where the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation, given the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century, and the second century of our existence as a community.