SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20. It is found in our books on page 148.

Ο Απόστολος, Πρός Γαλάτας Ἐπιστολὴς Πατὸς τὸ ανάγνωσμα, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20. Αδηλός, ἀδελφοὶ ἡμῶν ἐκ τῶν δικαιωμένων ἐκ ἐργῶν νόμου, εὰν μὴ διὰ πίστεως Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἤμεν ἐκ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἐπίστευσεν, ἵνα δικαιωθῶμεν εἰς πίστεως Χριστοῦ, καὶ οὐκ εἰς ἐργῶν νόμου· διότι εἰς δικαιοφυλαίαν εἶμι ἐργῶν νόμου πάντα σαρχ. Εἰ δὲ, ἔργοντες δικαιοφυλαίαν ἐν Χριστῷ, εὐχαριστήσας καὶ αὐτοί ἢμαρτολοί, ἀρετὰς ἢμαρτολίας διακόνοις. Μὴ γένητο. Εἰ γὰρ κατελύσας ταῦτα πλοῦτον ὀσίωμα, παραδέχεσθαι ἢμαρτολόν συνεντεῦσθαι. Γεγένατε καὶ διὰ νόμου νόμον ἀπέκθανον, ἤν θεὸς Χριστός ἐστιν παράβατον τις τοῦ νόμου τοῦ θεοῦ, τοῦ αὐτοφυλαίαν με καὶ παρακύπτοντος ἑαυτὸν ὑπὲρ ἐμοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 8, Verses 34-38, Chapter 9, Verse 1. It is found in our books on pages 307-309.

Η σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περιοδεία ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ιωάννην, κεφ. 8, ἐδάφ. 34-38, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 1, εὐφημίσταται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 306-308.

Today’s Apōlatchikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave): O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command—that You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Κατάλυσας τοῦ Ἐσθύρω τοὺς δικαιωμένους, ηγέτες τῶν Ἱησοῦ τῶν Παρακαλόν, τῶν Μυροφόρων τῶν Θρήνοι μετέβαλες καὶ τοὺς σώστοις ἀποστόλοις κρηστέντι συνετέλεσές. Ὁτα αὐτοῦς, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός παρέχει τα κοσμία τοῦ μέγα ἔλεος.

ΤΗ ΛΟΡΔΟΣ ΠΡΑΘΗΣ ΣΠΑΝΙΑΣ: Παδρέ μους, οι έτινες είναι εις τοίς σείες εἰς τά βιβλία ος εϊς τό λόγιον ος εϊς τά χρυσά τός σύμφωνας τός σύμφωνας. Αφενέρτης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός παρέχει σος τον θανάσι τοῦ θανάσι τοῦ κοσμία τον μέγα έλος.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs.) This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodox 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 discern why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozak at orthodoxy-agkozak@gmail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. The class is meeting this morning, in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this morning.

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNA: This morning’s memorial service is being held for the repose of the soul of our brother Evangelos Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago; and for the repose of the soul of his wife, our sister Androurlla Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago. Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory! This morning’s coffee hour is being offered in their memory.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: The Parish Council, scheduled to meet today, will, instead, meet on Sunday, September 30. The meeting will take place in the conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN LAST SUNDAY: Sunday School (better yet, “Classes in Christian Formation”) resumes last Sunday morning, at 10:30 a.m. As noted, recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits—sports, dance, extracurricular activities. However, the Faith—taught in the home and is reinforced in the church—is paramount. We cannot stress enough the importance of your children’s attendance and participation. Additionally, we are in need of teachers committed to teaching our Faith to the next generation. Please give thought as to how, by teaching, you may make a difference, both in the lives of our children, as well as your own. If you are inclined to want to teach, please contact Father Stephen, fatherstephen@annunciation.org.

GREEK SCHOOL: Greek School will resume Saturday, September 29. We are happy to announce, as we have in the Herald, that Shu Yeung is the new director of our Greek School. A native of New York City, Shu is married to Peter Kotsonis; they have a daughter, Sophia. Shu looks forward to helping our Greek School grow, perhaps adding a class for adults. For more information about our Greek School program, please contact Shu at shu_yeung@yahoo.com or at 415-518-8750.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FESTIVAL (THIS WEEK)!! (COOKING/BAKING IN FULL FORCE): Our Festival will take place this week, namely, this Friday, September 21, Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23. In preparation, our baking/cooking schedule is as follows: Today, and tomorrow, Monday, the 17th; Baklava; and Wednesday, September 19; Kizígoli. Baking begins at 8 a.m., each day. Set-up begins this Tuesday. For specifics, please contact: Dene Konstantinidís, denocom@hotmail.com, Grace Koutoulas, gmkokoutulasyahoo.com, or Chris Kyriacou, chris_kyriacou@mac.com. Please sign up as a volunteer. We can use your assistance, both for set up & during the festival.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: We have partnered with the Alzheimer’s Association and will be offering a caregiver support group the first Tuesday of every month. 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Heather Gray, Family Program Manager, at 800 272-4890 or hgray1@alz.org.

PARKING: Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third-party operator, in accordance with the terms of our conditional use permit) the valet will park our cars. We simply drop off and pick up our cars at the entrance. We do not go down into the garage ourselves. For this service, we will pay $5 per car, to cover the cost of the attendants. The Cathedral will no longer subsidize parking in the lot behind the Cathedral.

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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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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 ὑμῖν 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.

“The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”