EPISTERLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11. It is found in our books on Page 117.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 6, Verses 31-36. It is found in our books on pages 242-243.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 6, Verses 31-36. It is found in our books on pages 242-243.

40 DAY BLESSING: We welcome 40 day old Miro Izaiah Walker-Phelps, son of Andreas Phelps and Genevieve Walker. Να μας ζίζει Μακάμ ζήσει!

OUR FOOD FESTIVAL: A HUGE SUCCESS, UNDER THE HARVEST MOON: Efharisto. Thank you to all. It was spectacular seeing the whole community turn out, working harmoniously together. It was an amazing community-building effort. It was the first time our Courtyard was used, auguring well for its use in the future, as we proceed to landscape, and to get the fountain running. Our main immediate goal is to get our parking lot ready for day to day use. So, thank you, amazing people! Thank you for making this community what it is—a most special place, where we meet and greet one another and where, together, we meet the Lord.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet today, 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. We pause to thank all our groups for their outstanding performances during last weekend’s Food Festival.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGAN A FEW WEEKS AGO, ON SEPTEMBER 9: Sunday School (better yet, “Classes in Christian Formation”) resumed September 9, and continues each Sunday, except as noted, at 10:30 a.m. It is gratifying to see so many young children come to church, where they are taught the fundamentals of the Faith. We recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits and activities. However, the Faith—taught in the home and is reinforced in the church—is paramount. We thank you, the parents, for encouraging and for bringing for children. We are gratified, as well, with the addition of new teachers this year. We put out a simple call, and several of you stepped up. We are grateful for you.

GREEK SCHOOL BEGAN YESTERDAY: Greek School resumed yesterday, September 29, with an agiasmo service. 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 shub_eyoung@yahoo.com or at 415-518-8750.

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP: We have partnered with the Alzheimer’s Association and will be offering meeting space to a caregiver support group the first Tuesday of every month, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The group will meet this Tuesday, October 2. Please help us get the word out. For more information, please contact Heather Gray, Family Program Manager, at 800 272-3900 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.

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL?: Please see Kathy Dermitzakis, Irene Poukaidiki, or Anthony Ambus. As the Nominating Committee, they will place names in nomination at Parish Assembly on October 28. A few names will be placed on the floor conference (or rediscover) why we belong in the Church.
WHAT A GLORIOUS FESTIVAL: Last weekend was amazing, as we made full use of the courtyard during our Food Festival. 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 μοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Be proud: 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.”