EPISTLE READING: 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 121.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: 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.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 26-39. It is found in our books on pages 249-253.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Anthony Ambus, 925-986-0876 or ambusca@sbcglobal.net. This class is being offered two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this morning. In November, the class will meet on November 11 and on November 25.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, October 20, at 12 noon.

DIVINE LITURGY/YOUNG ADULT PARAKLEISIS, DINNER THIS FRIDAY: Friday, October 26 marks the Feast of St. Demetrios the Martyr, Exeder of Myrth. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m. At 6:30 p.m., we will hold a special “Young Adult” Parakleisis, followed by dinner on the terrace.

HOLY KATHOLikon: Today’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20: Aδελφοί, εἰσέπεστε ἵνα ἀνακεῖσθε ἐν τῷ δόγματι καὶ αὐτῇ ἡμετέρῳ τῷ Χριστῷ. Συνέλθη μετά τοῦ ἐν τῇ παρακάσω, ἵνα διευκρινίζθητε ἐν τῷ δόγματι ἀπεστραφθῆτε ἐκ τῆς δικαιοσύνης ἀνθρώπου καὶ μετακαταλείπετε τὴν ὑπηκοότητα σάρκας.

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNON: Today’s Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother John B. Vlahos, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. Aonia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

HILARION THE GREAT: This is a great opportunity for host families to meet with some of the brightest students from Greece; among them are winners of a Challenge startup competition. Host families would provide housing only. No meals or transportation. If you are able to do so, please reply via the following link: https://goo.gl/forms/ipKL3eWnLIFE1H23

DANCE GROUP TO HOLD FUNDRAISER NEXT SUNDAY: The Greek dance groups will hold a fund raiser next Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy. For $10, they will serve you: a gyro, fries and a drink. We thank you for supporting this program of our youth, as they continue to prepare to participate in the upcoming Folk Dance Festival.

TO HOLD DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 6:30 p.m., at the Feast of St. Demetrios the Martyr, Exuder of Myrth. For $10, they will serve you: a gyro, fries and a drink. We thank you for supporting this program of our youth, as they prepare to participate in the upcoming Folk Dance Festival.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: It’s not too soon to think about the Community Christmas Card. Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November.

Housing for Students from Greece: The US Embassy in Athens, in tandem with the Metropolis of San Francisco, is looking for housing for 9 nights, November 2-10, for 19 college-age students from Greece. The students will be visiting greater Bay Area tech companies. This is a great opportunity for host families to meet with some of the brightest students from Greece; among them are winners of a Challenge startup competition. Host families would provide housing only. No meals or transportation. If you are able to do so, please reply via the following link: https://gog دورة خاصة اليوم هي طاعة وثنانية في عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات عيدات Unconditional Love: September 11.

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INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL? Please see Kathy Dermitzakis, Irene Poulakidas, or Anthony Ambus, members of the Nominating Committee, who will place names in nomination at Parish Assembly on October 20. In order to become a candidate, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to declaring your candidacy, and also attend a mandatory seminar. Elections will take place on December 16.

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IOCC DINNER NOVEMBER 4: This year’s IOCC dinner, Remembering Home, will take place on Sunday, November 4 at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. For additional information and for reservations, please use the following link: www.iocc.org/rememberinghome
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE COURYARD? We utilized the courtyard for the first time during this year’s Festival. When everything was picked up, we noticed the grime all over the courtyard. However, the pavers were all cleaned immediately afterwards, in preparation for other outdoor events. We have a little way to go to wind down this phase of construction, before we begin work on the interior. (We mean the fountain, some columns, doors, etc.) This takes time, especially in this challenging building climate, but, let’s be positive. Consider what you have accomplished so far. As with Moses, we hear God speaking to us: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµίν.) (Exodus 25:8). This takes vision; it also takes determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, right the heart of one of the world’s premier cities. Here, the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers!