This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 2, Verses 4-10. It is found in our books on page 123.

The class is meeting this morning. In November, the class will meet on two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this weekend. In November, the class will meet on November 11 and on November 25.

If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Annamarie Balian, Annette Chiappari, or Kailee Fousekis.

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. 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. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozak at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class is meeting this weekend. In November, the class will meet on November 11 and on November 25.

EPISODE READING: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 16, Verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 247-249.

Today’s Apostolikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. And, standing by your sepulcher was Mary, seeking your pure and sacred body. You did vanquish Hades and died a death that was not death: death for the sake of the living.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

IIOC DINNER TODAY: This year’s IIOC dinner, Remembering Home, will take place today, November 4 at the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. For additional information and for reservations, please use the following link: www.iocc.org/rememberinghome (It may still be possible there is room for one more.) Certainly, it is worth the effort to support the ministry of the International Orthodox Christian Charities, which brings relief to people across the globe, ranging from those affected by war, natural disasters, and famine.

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, November 10, at 12 noon.

ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: There will be basketball practice for our elementary and middle school children on Wednesday, November 7 and also on Thursday, November 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

PARKING: Until our parking component is up and running (following final inspections and the engagement of a third 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.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November. There, you will be greeted by Annamarie Balian, Annette Chiappari and Kailee Fousekis. They will take your name(s) down for inclusion in this year’s Community Christmas Card. The donation is $25. You will be joining your fellow parishioners and friends of the Cathedral, extending best wishes for a blessed Nativity and a joyous, peaceful New Year, 2019. Our trio will be on hand all during the month of November.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: In a few days, you will receive a letter thanking you for your 2018 Stewardship or, if you haven’t pledged in 2018, a letter saying how important you are as a part of the community, and, therefore, how vital your support is. A few days later, you will receive a packet containing a Stewardship pledge card for 2019, a return envelope, and a brochure with additional information about Stewardship. Please make your support for 2019 a priority, by completing and returning your 2019 Stewardship pledge card.

VASILOPITA/CRAB FEED: Though it’s only November, our parish Vasilopita and also the Crab Feed, both sponsored by our Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, are just around the corner. The Vasilopita will take place Sunday, January 6 (on Holy Theophany), while the Crab Feed will take place Friday, January 25.
DON'T YOU JUST LOVE THE COURTYARD? 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, like our Young Adults dinner last Friday evening. We have a little way to go to wind down this phase of construction: the fountain, gates, doors, etc.) This takes time, especially in this challenging building climate. Let’s stay 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 ὑµῖν) (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!