EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISTLE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 25-27. It is found in our books on pages 257-259.

“...Our boast is in this: that we have such confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ, because we have this hope of yours in our Lord Jesus Christ, that we were there for you, even if we were不在itless in body. Moreover, we were there with you, in whatever Że was—doing, or in the midst of a crowd, in fear or in danger, in times of revisions and times of destruction, in open defiance and in secret, in honor and in esteem, in innumerable ways and circumstances, in order to win you over to the will of God...”

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: “...Que santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos 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: 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, 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 orthodoxsy-agkозак@gmail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered every Sunday. 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 this morning and on November 25.

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNON: This morning’s Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of our sister Popi Tarlson, who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago. Aionia I Maimai! Eternal Memory!

40 DAY BLESSING: This morning, we welcome 40-day-old Freda Lakshmi Dhawan, daughter of Brittany Henderson and Ani Dhawan. Na Man Zai! Long Life!

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, November 17, at 12 noon.

ELEVEN/ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: There will be basketball practice for our elementary and middle school children on Wednesday, November 14 and also on Thursday, November 15, beginning at 7 p.m.

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.

CURRENTLY, WE HAVE ELEVEN (11) RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL: The following individuals are running for Parish Council. Their names were either placed in nomination at the October 28, 2018 Parish Assembly, or else they are self-declared. The eleven are: George Ambadiotakis Ambus, D.D.S., Peter (Panagiotis) Cazanis, Alexandros Kozak, Christopher Kyriacou, Esq., John Lampros, Vassiliki Moulos, Dean Nicolacakis, Manoli Niris, James (Jim) Rakos, Christopher (Chris) Ramos, and Nick Rally. Currently, there are seven places on the Parish Council, for a two-year term. In order to become a candidate, you need to have been a Steward of the Cathedral for at least one year prior to the elections, and also attend a mandatory seminar. The seminar will take place today. It will begin at 12:30 p.m. Elections will take place on December 16.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November. There, you will be greeted by Annamarie Balian, Annette Chiapparri and Kalliopi Fouskis. 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: This week, you received 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 from now, 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 prior to December 31 of the present year.

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.
FAREWELL, YOUR GRACE: Following seven years of service to our Metropolis of San Francisco, His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medea will be leaving us to take up a new assignment, as Chief Secretary to the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, headquartered in New York. His Grace takes up his new duties on November 15.

Today, a farewell reception will take place, following the Divine Liturgy, which he is celebrating, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont. It will be an opportunity to bid His Grace well, and to receive his blessing, as His Grace is no stranger to us at the Cathedral.

His Grace has been in our Metropolis for exactly seven years, having served as Dean of St. Demetrios Cathedral in Astoria, L.I., New York. He came, initially, as an Archimandrite, serving in the capacity of Chancellor to Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, a post he continued to hold following his ordination as Bishop, four years ago. Εἰς πολλὰ ἔτη, Δέσποτα! God grant him many years!

“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.”