EPISTLE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s letter to the Galatians, Chapter 3, Verse 12–14, 17–18.

The Apostle Paul illustrates how the Law pointed to the coming of Christ and freedom for those in Christ. In verse 12, the Apostle Paul writes, “For the Law, that it might be sin in us who do not have a law, might be sanctified.”

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 Father Nick Rally.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Do stop by the Christmas card table, during the month of November. They are:闪烁的。您将收到您的朋友和朋友的圣诞卡, 扩展最好的祝愿给一个祝福的圣诞节和一个和平的新年, 2019。我们的三对将在手的全部一个期间, 开始于1月1日, 2019。为了成为一个合格的候选人, 您需要有在2018年10月28日星期五的Parish Assembly, 或者他们自己已声明。他们正在考虑。他们是: George Ambadiotakis Ambus, D.D., Peter (Panagiota) Cazanis, Alexandros Kozak, Christopher Kyriacou, Esq., John Lamos, Vassiliki Moulos, Dean Nicolaciakos, Mano Niuris, James (Jim) Rakos, Christopher (Chris) Ramos, and Nick Rally. Currently, there are seven places on the Parish Council, for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2019.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

PHILOPTOCHOS CHRISTMAS PAstry SALE: In case you missed it in the November Herald, you may pick up an order form on the Pangari. This special pastry sale will help raise funds for the charities and ministries of the Philoptochoes. Order today, and pick up your goods on Sunday, December 16.

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice will take place today, at 12 noon, and also on Saturday, December 1, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

ELEMEENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Basketball Practice will take place this week, on Wednesday, November 28 and on Thursday, November 29, 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.

WE HAVE ELEVEN (11) RUNNING FOR PARISH COUNCIL: The following individuals are running for Parish Council. Their names were either placed in nomination on the October 28, 2018 Parish Assembly, or else they are self-declared. The eleven are: George Ambadiotakis Ambus, D.D., Peter (Panagiota) Cazanis, Alexandros Kozak, Christopher Kyriacou, Esq., John Lamos, Vassiliki Moulos, Dean Nicolaciakos, Mano Niuris, James (Jim) Rakos, Christopher (Chris) Ramos, and Nick Rally. Currently, there are seven places on the Parish Council, for a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2019. 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 took place last Sunday. Elections will take place on December 16.
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, like our recent Young Adults dinner. 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!