EPISODE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 1-10. It is found in our books, on page 114-115.

Ο Απόστολος, Πρός Κορίνθιοις Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολή Παύλου τοῦ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, εἴδηρ. 1-10: Αδικοίς, συνεργάζεσθε δὲ καὶ παρακολούθημεν μὴ εἰς κενόν τὴν χάριν τοῦ Θεοῦ δεδώρων εἰμι: ἀγεληθία, Καὶ ἐκείνω ἐπιφέρεσθε σοι, καὶ εἰ ἡμῖν σωτηρίας ἐφέρθη σοι, ἴσως καὶ εὐσεβείας, ἵσως, ἴσως σωτηρίας: ἢ μὴ καθημερινὰς ἡ διδασκαλίας αὐτῶν ἕως ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότητι, ἐν πνεύματι ἀγίῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας ἀναπερατέσεις, ἐν ὕπνωσις ἀλλ’ ἐννοίαις, ἐν συνεννοίαις ἐπίπλοις ἐς ὅτι διδάσκων, ἐν ὑπόμονῃ πολλή, ἐν θλίψεις, ἐν ἀνάγκαις, ἐν στενοχώρειας, ἐν πληγέσει, ἐν φθορᾷ, ἐν αἰκαταστασίας, ἐν κόσμῳ, ἐν αἰγαντίας, ἐν νηστείαις, ἐν ἀγνοίᾳ, ἐν γνώσεις, ἐν μαρτυρίαις, ἐν χρηστότηty.
WHAT NEXT? As you can see, we’re winding down Phase 1 of construction. We have a little way to go, however, in order to complete the fountain, the gates along Valencia Street, the exterior doors, etc. This takes time, especially in this challenging building climate and, of course, money. In order to complete these tasks and begin working on Phase 2 (the interior), we will need to embark upon a renewed Capital Campaign. Let’s stay positive and focused. 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). Building also takes vision, 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!

“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.”