EPISTLE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 8, Verses 8-13, Chapter 9, Verses 1-2. It is found in our books on page 136.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 25, Verses 31-46. It is found in our Books, on pages 281-283.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY: The Divine Liturgy, the Cathedral Philoptochos will offer its Independence Day program, which will include a play entitled To Kisle Scholio (the Secret School). The evening of March 24, Great Vespers will be celebrated at 7 p.m., preceded over by Metropolitan Nikitas. Following Vespers, a dinner will take place, the offering of Angelo Koutoulas. On Monday, March 25, Metropolitan Nikitas will celebrate the Divine Liturgy, which will begin at 10:15 a.m., and which will be preceded by Orthros, at 9 a.m. Following the Divine Liturgy, a luncheon will take place, for which the donation is $20. The proceeds will benefit the ministries of the Cathedral Philoptochos. During the luncheon, His Eminence will address us on how the Church responds to contemporary issues, including human trafficking and child slavery, including “creative” approaches in addressing these issues.

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY: Boys Middle School Holy Cross and St. Gregory 1 will play today at 2:30 pm; Boys Elementary School Annunciation and Holy Trinity will play today at 3:30 pm.

DENTIUM CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: The group will meet this Tuesday, March 5.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND: On Saturday, March 23, beginning at 4 p.m., a concert of sacred music will be held in our chapel. Directed by Tikey Zes, the concert will feature singers from throughout the Bay Area and will feature music by Theodore Bogdanos, Steve Cardiasmenos, Frank Desby and Theodore Bogdanos. For further information about the high school basketball program, please contact coaches Tom Nuris at (650) 520-6693, tomnuris@gmail.com or Nick Kontonis at (415) 706-1545, nickkontonis@gmail.com.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT THE BUILDING FUND: On Saturday, March 23, beginning at 4 p.m., a concert of sacred and also folk music will be held in our chapel. Directed by Tikey Zes, the concert will feature singers from throughout the Bay Area and will feature music by Theodore Bogdanos, Steve Cardiasmenos, Frank Deskby and Tikey Zes. Champagne reception to follow. Additional information, please see Nick Tarlson, nick@tarlson.com. Tickets may also be obtained online: http://announcementsfundraiser.hpt.net.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: We thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. We have thanked all 2019 Stewards (as of February 15) in the March Herald.
PARKING: We have signed a 6-month trial agreement with Golden State Parking so that, as soon as it obtains the necessary permits, it can operate our parking component. All permits but one have been obtained. We anticipate the permit by the fire department will be obtained as soon as the fire sprinklers and the hydrant have become operational, hopefully this week. Meanwhile, we’ve signed a contract with Albert Electric, to finalize the electrical work, finish the lobbies and install the necessary doors. However, we will need to install the final gates in order to satisfy the “clear path of travel” requirements, which includes the final inspection of the elevator. We’ve decided to embark upon a renewed Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise $1 million in 2019. As we go forward, 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.

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