EPISTLE READING: This morning’s Apostolic reading is from St. Paul’s first letter to the Romans, Chapter 13, Verse 11 - Chapter 14, Verse 4. It is found in our books on page 137.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 14-21. It is found in our Books, on page 285.

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 Kozák at orthodoxo-agkozak@mac.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a year. This year it meets in the second-floor conference-room, beginning at 9 a.m. This month, the class will meet this morning, Sunday, March 10 and also next Sunday, March 24, at 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019

COUNTING DOWN TO MARCH 25th: March 25th marks the day when “the word became flesh” (John 1:14). It is the Name Day of this Cathedral parish. It is also Greek Independence Day. We will hold a series of celebrations, beginning Friday, March 22, with the Second Salutations, at 7 p.m. We continue on Saturday, March 23, with a Building Fund benefit concert, at 4 p.m., followed by a champagne reception (see the announcement below). On Sunday, March 24, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, the Cathedral’s Greek School will offer its Independence Day program, which will include a play entitled To Krifo Scholio (the Secret School). The evening of March 24, Great Vespers will be celebrated at 7 p.m., preceded by Metropolitan Nikitas. Following Vespers, a dinner will take place, the offering of Angelo Kououlas. 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. Do plan on attending the luncheon on March 25.

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY: Boys Middle School St. Gregory 1 and Resurrection will play today at 2:30 p.m.; Boys Middle School St. Gregory 2 and Holy Cross will play today at 3:30 p.m., and Boys Elementary School Annunciation and Holy Cross will play at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY STREETS: Valencia Street is closed to thru traffic today. However, you may access our parking and then turn left, and onto 14th Street, when leaving the Cathedral.

SERVICES THIS WEEK: As Great Lent begins tomorrow, March 11, the service of First Salutations will take place this Friday, March 15, beginning at 7 p.m. The service will be preceded over by His Eminence, Metropolitan Gerasimos. Meanwhile the Divine Liturgy and psalmody services will take place at the Cathedral as well as at the Cemetery chapel this Saturday, March 16, (Feast of St. Theodore Tyro), beginning at 10 a.m.

CHURCH BASKETBALL: Elementary and Middle school basketball practice will take place this week on Wednesday, March 13 and on Thursday, March 14, both at 7 p.m. Practice will take place in our Korinthis Gym. Meanwhile, High School basketball is practicing Thursdays at Jefferson High School Gymnasium, located at 6996 Mission Street, Daly City. For further information about the high school basketball program, please contact coaches Tom Nitis at (650) 520 -6963 / tmontrius@gmail.com or Nick Kонтонис at (415) 706-1547 / 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 Desby and Tikey Zes. Champagne reception to follow. Additional information, please see Nick Tarlson, nicksttarlson.com. Tickets may also be obtained online: https://annunciationfundraiser.bpt.me.

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.

100th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK: For further information about your participation and that of your family, please contact Jim Loukas, jim@loukas.com.
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.

“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.”