SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

EPistles Reading of the Day: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11, verses 19-30. It is found in our books on pages 86-87.

The Apostle Paul, Hebrews 11, verses 19-30: In those days, apostles were sent out from Jerusalem by the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles. They began their ministry in the parishes of Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, proclaiming the good news of salvation to all. They encountered persecution and hostility but persisted in their mission, leading to the formation of the Christian church in Antioch and beyond.

Gospel Reading of the Day: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 4, Verses 4-52. It is found in our books on pages 175-181.

The Gospel Reading: In those days, Jesus was teaching in the Temple, and he said: “I am the bread of life. He who believes in me will have eternal life.”

Greetings and announcements:

- Today’s Mnemosyne: Today’s Memorial Service is being held for the repose of the soul of our brother Basile Mavroudis, who fell asleep in the Lord 23 years ago. Aionia 1 Mimen! Eternal Memory!
- Greek School/Sunday School: Greek School will meet, as scheduled, this Saturday, June 1. Last day of Greek School is Saturday, June 8. Meanwhile, the last day of our Sunday School is next Sunday, June 2. Please make it a point to be here for the end of the year program, in addition to your attendance at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.
- Stewardship: We thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, which now offersLiturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. The bottom line is: If you believe in Jesus Christ, and the mission of the Church, and if you are not already a Steward, we invite you to become one. For more information about what it means to be a Steward and how you can be involved in the life of the parish, in addition to your financial support, please pick up a card and related material as you exit the chapel, to your right.
- 100th Anniversary commemorative book: As part of our 100th anniversary, in 2021, a commemorative book will be published. A major part of the book will consist of photographs and history of the families and individuals, past and present, who make up the Cathedral parish. Jim Loukas is heading the book project. For further information about your participation and that of your family, please contact Jim Loukas, jim@loukas.com.
- Getting ready to launch our paver project: It began as an idea. To invite parishioners and friends of the Cathedral to laser inscribe their names and/or the names of loved ones in one of the pavers in the courtyard of the Cathedral in honor of loved ones is a very special way to modernize the idea of giving a memorial gift. The Cathedral of the Holy Cross is open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to support them on their journey. It also supports those who are new to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to participate in the readings. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from Scripture, the Church Father and our Ancestors, and that of your family, please contact Jim Loukas, jim@loukas.com.
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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. 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 great 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.”