EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verses 10-17. It is found in our books on page 102.

Ο Απόστολος, Πρὸς Κορινθιάδος Πρώτης Ἐπιστολής Πάυλου τὸ ἀνέγγυσμα, κεφ. 1, ἐδάφ. 10-17: Αδελφοί, παρακαλῶ, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὁνόματός τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, ἵνα τὸ αὐτὸ λέγητε πάντες, καὶ μη ἐν ἑων σχίσματα, ἤτε δι’ ἀρχαίων ἀναγινώσκων, εἰς τὸν αὐτὸ νοῦ καὶ εἰς τὴν αὐτὴ γνώμην. Ἐπηλθὼ δὲ γιὰ μοι περὶ ἑων, ἀδελφοί μου, ὑπὸ τῶν ἡλίου, ὅτι ἐρέδε ἐν ἑων εἰσιν. Λέγον δὲ τοῦτο, ὅτι ἐκκλησίας ἑων λέγει, Ἐγώ μὲν εἰμι Πάυλου, Ἐγὼ δὲ Ἀπολλόων, Ἐγὼ δὲ Κηρά, Ἐγὼ δὲ Χριστοῦ. Μεμεριάζεται ὁ Χριστός; Μὴ Πάυλου ἑσταυρώθη ὑπὲρ ἑων, ἵνα εἰς τὸ ὄνομα Πάυλου ἐβαπτίσθητε; Ἐνυχρισθῆ ὁ θεὸς ὅτι οὐδὲν ἑων ἐβαπτίσα. Ἐρέδε µεν ἀπέστειλεν Ἰησοῦν Χριστὸν, ἀλλ’ ἐν τῷ αὐτῷ νοῒ καὶ ἐν τῇ αὐτῇ γνώμῃ. Ἐδηλώθη γάρ µοι περὶ ὑµῶν, Ἀδελφοί, παρακαλῶ δὲ ὑµᾶς, ἀδελφοί, διὰ τοῦ ὀνόµατος τοῦ κυρίου ἡµῶν Χριστοῦ, εἰς τὸ πέμπτην, 15 Ἀυγούστου, τὴν Παρακλήσιν. Θα επακολουθήσει γεύμα περί σου, ἀντικειµένων τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας. Μὴ ἄχρητες ἑων µη κενοθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 14, Verses 14-22. It is found in our books on Pages 211-213.

Της σημερινής εὐαγγελικής περιοχής ἕκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίου, κεφ. 14, ἐδάφ. 14-22. Αναφέρεται εἰς τὰ βιβλιά μας, σελ. 210-212.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):

Ὁ Λόρδος, ὑπὸ τοῦ σακράτου Τεθυρεότας, τοῦ ὁμοόμορφου Παράκλητος, τοῦ ἐκολοσσοῦντος, τοῦ ἑπτάετῶν, τοῦ ἀναστατούμενον Χριστοῦ Ἱεροσόλυμαν οἴκον. Τὰς ἑορτὰς ἡ σερπιλλῆς τῶν ἱερεῶν ἐκείνα ἔπεταξε Χριστὸς Ἱσραήλ ἁγιασμόν. Της ἀποδέκτης διὰ τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἃνέστης, Μὴ ἔστη στὸ πέμπτην, αὐριο, τῆς 15 Ἀυγούστου, τῆς Παρακλήσις. Θα επακολουθήσει γεύμα περί σου, ἀντικειµένων τῆς Θείας Λειτουργίας. Μὴ ἄχρητες ἑων µη κενοθῇ ὁ σταυρὸς τοῦ Χριστοῦ.

This morning we welcome 40 day old Demeta Helena, daughter of Jesse & Georgina Dunning. Na Mas Zisii! Long Life!

SUNDAY SCHOOL/GREEK SCHOOL: Sunday School is out for the summer. It will resume Sunday, September 29 (one week after our Festival). Meanwhile, Greek School is also out for the summer. It resumes Saturday, September 7. An adult Greek class will be added this year.

STEWARDSHIP: 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. 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.

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 orthodoxy-agkokazak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. It meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m. The class will meet next on September 15 and September 29. Introduction to Orthodoxy Students, meanwhile, are welcome to attend Orthros and participate in the readings.
PARKING: We’re slowly getting there. This week, we ordered the Valencia Street gates and the installation of the granite along the lower walls. This will allow for the completion of the pavers along the walkway. Meanwhile, we are completing the elevator lobbies, with a view to getting final inspection on our elevator. We have also completed the requirements for the Fire Department. This should enable us, at long last, to receive our occupancy permit for the parking component, so that we may formally engage Golden State Parking to run it. Meanwhile, we’re about to launch our “Adopt a Paver” program, affording parishioners and friends to inscribe their name(s) on one of 750 courtyard pavers. We are moving ahead. As we go forward, let’s stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, then, in our day 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, our 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.”