SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 3, Verses 9-17. It is found in our books on pages 103-104.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 14, Verses 22-34. It is found in our books on Pages 213-215.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY:** As it is the third Tuesday of the month, we will hold our Community Kitchen this Tuesday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. (5:30 p.m. set up), followed by our Young Adult gathering, at 8 p.m. We realize people go away during the summer, and, so, our volunteer turnout can be lower than usual. However, our guests still show up, expecting us to feed them. Here’s an opportunity for individuals who’ve not been part of Community Kitchen to step up and volunteer. Those who come to us will be grateful.

**FESTIVAL AD BOOK:** Each year, a souvenir book is published in connection with our Food Festival. The book is not only a useful guide, but is also our major fund raising tool. Every dollar made through this effort is vitally important to the support of the Cathedrals’ ministries. This year’s support will help fund our Pastoral Assistant, who will begin working with us September 1. Christo Pappademos is an outstanding young man, a recent graduate from our Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He will be great with our youth and will make an impact on our Stewardship and other programs. Please support the Ad Book effort.

**ADOPT A PAVER:** The most recent issue of the *Herald* said something about “Adopt a Paver.” It’s quite simple. For a gift of $2,000.00 to the Building Fund, parishioners and friends of the Cathedral may have their name(s) inscribed in one of the courtyard pavers. The pavers will accommodate up to 25 letters per line (depending upon the width of the letters and the spacing). Up to 3 lines may be inscribed. We are about to send out a mailing with the particulars. Initially, 750 pavers will be available for this purpose, all located in the courtyard.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very essence 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.

**ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BOOK:** This morning’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister Georgia Spanos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago Aionia 1 Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

**FESTIVAL BAKING:** The *Timopites* will be prepared today, following the Divine Liturgy. Tomorrow, we will make *Spanakopites*, beginning at 9 a.m. On Thursday, August 22, we will prepare *baklava*, also beginning at 9 a.m. Do lend us a hand. We appreciate your assistance.

**MASTER’S SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY:** This morning’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister Georgia Spanos, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago Aionia 1 Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

**THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH:** Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; dános hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y libranos del Mal.

**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-agnostiki@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.”