**EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 1-7:**

Timothy, my son, first of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, to bear the sins of many. 

**THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH:**

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, y ven a tu reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros débedores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos 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 Christian faith.

**BEGINNING OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR:**

Our Church year begins September 1st. Today is that day. As has been the custom for a number of years now, His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, declares this to be a day for the protection of the environment. His encyclicals, his symposia, usually held around the world’s major rivers and his other initiatives, have inspired religious and political leaders around the world.

**FESTIVAL BAKING:**

Pipers (Bell peppers) will be prepared this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 3, 4, and 5. 9 am to 5 pm. all three days. Do lend us a hand. We appreciate your assistance.

**COMEDIAN ANGELO TSAROUCHAS TO PERFORM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19:**

Come and join us for a memorable evening of laughter with internationally known comedian Angelo Tsarouchas. Angelo will be performing at the cathedral and proceeds will benefit the cathedral building fund. Tickets: $55/Individual, $90/couple.

**FESTIVAL AD BOOK:**

Thank you all for your support. Through this effort, were able to raise $70,000.00 as part of this year’s Food Festival efforts. Our Festival will take place, here on our grounds at 24th Valencia Street, on Friday, September 20 (noon to 10 pm); Saturday, September 21 (noon to 10 pm) and Sunday, September 22 (noon to 8 pm). We welcome your participation as a cook, prior to the festival (refer to the September Herald or view on line, [www.annunciation.org](http://www.annunciation.org)), as a volunteer, during the festival; or as an organizer (join our post-festival follow-up group).

**ADOPT A PAPER:**

The most recent issue of the Herald said something about “Adopt a Paper.” 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 papers 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 papers will be available for this purpose, all located in the courtyard. As of today, we have 27 papers “adopted.” We will begin inscribing as soon as we get 30 papers adopted.

**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 this 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 this 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, jlm@loukas.com.
PARKING: Recently, we ordered the Valencia Street gates and the installation of the granite along the lower walls, to 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.”