SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

GOSPEL READING: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 3, Verses 13-17. It is found in our books on page 307.

Today’s Apostolic Hymn (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three: Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. With the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE TO OUR PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD: The oath of office will be administered to our Philoptochos Board at the conclusion of today’s Divine Liturgy. The Board will meet today in the conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY: September 14, is known as the “universal elevation of the Holy Cross.” The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 10 a.m. preceded by Orthros, at 9 a.m.

FESTIVAL BAKING: Dolmathes will be prepared this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, September 10, 11, and 12. 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. To purchase tickets or for more info contact event chair Jim Sogolis, (415) 361-1330, or email jcsogolis@comcast.net or call the cathedral office at 415-864-8000.

FESTIVAL AD BOOK: Thank you all for your support. Through this effort, were able to raise over $70,000.00 as part of this year’s Food Festival efforts. Our Festival will take place, here on our grounds at 24 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.sfghfestival.org, as a volunteer, during the festival.

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. No logos. Initially, 750 pavers will be available for this purpose, all located in the courtyard. As of today, we have 44 pavers “adopted.” We will begin inscribing on September 14.

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 resumed yesterday, 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. 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.
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.”