EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 2, Verses 16-20. It is found in our books on page 148.

The Apostolic Reading for Sunday, September 15, is the Epistle from Galatians 2:16-20, which states: “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but faith counting for righteousness.”

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O APÓSTEMOS, Άγιος Πάπας τοῦ Χριστού εἰς τὴν ἀνάγνωσιν, κεφ. 2, ἐδάφ. 16-20: Ἀδελφοί, εἴτε ὅτε ἂν δίακονος ἦσαν ἐκ τῶν νόμων, ἐὰν μὴ δία πίστεως Ἱησοῦ Χριστοῦ, καὶ ἡμῖν εἰς πίστιν Ἰησοῦν ἐπιστεύσαντες, ἢ διὰ πίστεως Ἱησοῦν μὴ ἐπιστεύσαντες, ἢ διὰ πίστεως Ἱησοῦν μὴ ἐκκαθάρισαν, τὰ τῆς κακίας ὑπάρχοντα παραδίδουσιν. Ημᾶς δὲ ἐκκαθάρισεν Χριστὸς καὶ ἐπεστάλλει αὐτόν τοῦ κατασκευασµὲνον τοῦ κοσµοῦ, τὸν ἔκκολον, καὶ ἐκεῖ ἐν τῷ κόσµῳ ἦσαν ἐκκαθαρισµένοι. Εἰ δὲ καταλύσεις τὰ τῆς κακίας παραδίδους, παραδίδουσιν τῇ ἐκκαθάρισµῇ τῶν κακίων, ἐν τῷ τῶν κακίων εἰς τὸ πάντα ἐκκαθάρισµα, ἐν τῷ τῶν κακίων εἰς τὸ πάντα ἐκκαθάρισµα.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de hoy.

THE PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room.

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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.

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