EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11: 

Alexander, the bishop of the Holy Church of Cephalonia, said this morning's Apolytikon (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One: The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and thesoldiers guarding it did watch over Your Pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavens powerfully did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all the heavens powerfully did proclaim that You are the giver of life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Hesten, las personas que están esperando en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga 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 deudores; no los 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 Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxagglozak@aol.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 Sunday, October 27.

TODAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICES: This morning's mnemosyna are being offered for the repose of our brothers and sisters: Stanley Cocoles, 40 days; Peter Haramis, 1 year; Georgia Vouchilas, 1 year; and Evangelos Joseph, 6 years, and Androulla Joseph, 4 years. Αἰωνία ἡ µνήµη! Eternal Memory!

Gospel Reading of the day: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 8, Verses 26-39. It is found in our books on pages 249-253.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS SATURDAY: October 26 is the Feast of St. Demetrios the Great Martyr, Exou of Myrrh. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10 a.m.

CHURCH BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Practice for elementary and middle school boys and girls will take place this Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 24, beginning at 7 p.m.

GREEK FILM FESTIVAL THIS WEEK: The Greek Film Festival begins today. A schedule of showings is available at the pangari. We wish the organizers every success.

DANCE SYMPOSIUM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26: Our dance group board is hosting a dance symposium this Saturday, October 26, culminating in a gala in the evening. We wish them every success.

NICKEL AND A NAIL....40 YEARS LATER: The St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center is marking its 40th anniversary with a dinner at the Ascension Cathedral on Saturday, October 26, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. dinner. As we are all beneficiaries of the ministries of the Ranch, it is incumbent upon us to attend. The Cathedral should be represented at least by two tables. For reservations, and for more information, please call 415 753-3075.

PHISHING: This is what they call it when someone disguises themselves, and uses bona fide e mails to solicit donations on line. Someone used Father Stephen's contact list for this purpose. If you receive or have received such an e mail, please flag the e mail as spam and DO NOT respond. It is not the Cathedral's policy to solicit funds, for any reason, through e mails. For reference, Father Stephen's valid e mail address is fatherstephen@annunciation.org. Please do not reply to any other address that appears to have come from him.
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 worshippers.

“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.”