EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 1, Verses 11-19. It is found in our books on page 120.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy an

GREETINGS: Padre nuestro, que estás 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

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Today’s MNEMOSYNA: This morning’s Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the souls of our brothers and sisters: Mary Mitchel, who fell asleep in the Lord 1 year ago; Emily Bagatelos, who fell asleep in the Lord 3 years ago; Dr. Anthony Bagatelos, who fell asleep 40 years ago; and Nick Varamis, who fell asleep 10 years ago. Aionia I Mni! Eternal Memory!

CHRISMATION: Tyler James Wilson, formerly a member of the Episcopal Church, is being received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. His Sponsor is Alexis Marinos Bender. Na mas zisi! Long Life!

COFFEE HOUR: Today’s Coffee Hour is being sponsored by Terpsi Varamis.

PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD: The Philoptochos Board will meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Conference room.

DEMENTIA CARE GIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: The group will meet this Tuesday, November 5, beginning at 11 a.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE: Middle School practice will take place on Wednesday, November 6, beginning at 7pm. Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, November 7, beginning at 7 pm. If your child or someone you know is in 4th-8th grade and would like to play, please contact Deno Konstantindis via cell or email. 415-867-8055 / denocon@hotmail.com

DIVINE LITURGY THIS FRIDAY: November 8 is the Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel and of all the bodiless heavenly powers. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m.

ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS TO VISIT CATHEDRAL: His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America is coming Sunday, January 26th 2020 for his first visit to our Annunciation Cathedral. This is sure to be a memorable day for our community. His Eminence will celebrate the Divine Liturgy that day. A luncheon will follow. Please join us in welcoming his Eminence on this historic day.

ADOPT A PAVER: As of today, we have 62 pavers “adopted.” The first 44 pavers were inscribed in September. Unfortunately, the color used is too pale. The inscriptions will be re-colored when the company comes out to inscribe the next 75 pavers. Do consider adopting a paver. A great way to “connect.” Forms are available at the pangari.

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. Stewardship packets for 2020 will be mailed mid-November. Again, we thank you for making Stewardship a priority, as this is the major source of funding for the Cathedral. If you would like more information about Stewardship, drop us a line, or see Dean Nicolaciakis, Stewardship Chair, after the Liturgy.

100th ANNIVERSARY: In 2021, the Cathedral turns 100. Let us hear from you as to how you think we should best celebrate this milestone event. Take the survey, at www.annunciation.org/100th
PARKING: At long last! Just this week, our Architects and Contractors met with the City to address some remaining issues, including the capacity of the new Cathedral. (The City was arguing that the external alarm was insufficient for the occupancy, which they calculated was in excess of 1000. The truth is, the occupancy is below 1000, and the alarm was deemed sufficient.) This paves the way for the Fire Inspector to sign off on the Sprinkler System. The next approval, by the Police Department, is expected to be issued subsequently. Meanwhile, we are about to receive the new Valencia Street gates and the lobby doors, so that we can complete the clear path of travel requirement and begin utilizing the garage on a regular basis, and in accordance with the Conditional Use Permit, which was granted to us some time ago. It will be a great day when we finally get the ok, so that we can begin addressing completion of the interior. 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.”