EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 7-13. It is found in our books on page 155.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: Today’s Sunday Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 4, Verses 12-17. It is found in our pages 323.

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Todavía el himno de despedida: él es el que teve de nosotros a Dios y tevió de tu nombre, kthoás, etc. Eπίστας kai tῆς ἐπιγνώσεως τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ θεοῦ, εἰς ἄνδρα τέλειον, εἰς µέτρον ἡλικίας τοῦ πληρώτατος ἁγίων, εἰς ἔργον διακονίας, εἰς οἰκοδοµὴν τοῦ σώµατος τοῦ Χριστοῦ· µέχρι καταντήσωµεν οἱ πάντες εἰς τὴν ἑνότητα τῆς γῆς; Ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβὰς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν ἑκάστῳ ἡµῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ µέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. Διὸ λέγει, Ἀναβὰς εἰς ὕψος ἀιχµαλώτευσεν τοὺς τῶν αὐτοῦ καταντήσωµεν εἰς τὴν ἑνότητα τῆς γῆς; ὁ καταβάς, αὐτός ἐστιν καὶ ὁ ἀναβὰς ὑπεράνω πάντων τῶν οὐρανῶν, ἵνα πληρώσῃ τὰ πάντα. Καὶ αὐτὸς ἔδωκεν ἑκάστῳ ἡµῶν ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις κατὰ τὸ µέτρον τῆς δωρεᾶς τοῦ Χριστοῦ. EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 7-13. It is found in our books on page 155.

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Today’s Apostolic Reading is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1): Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh did He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-powerful Resurrection.

The Lord’s Prayer in Spanish: 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 día; perdona nuestros deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y santificado sea tu nombre, que venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestros deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y santificado sea tu nombre, que venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestros deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, and we pray, Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. The Amen.

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If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodox-agkoza@skreakmail.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. In January, the group meeting this morning will and also meet next Sunday, January 19.

APPROACH A PAYER: As of today, we have 87 pavers “adopted.” We are trying to schedule the inscription of the new pavers and a re-do of the old ones over a weekend when no rain is expected, as the paint cannot adhere to wet surfaces. Tentatively, the work is scheduled to take place February 7-9.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETS, ELECTS OFFICERS: Following last Sunday’s Divine Liturgy and the administration of the oath of office to the newly elected members of the Parish Council, the entire Parish Council met and elected officers for 2020. The officers are as follows: President: Chris Kyrizou; Vice-President: Peter Cazanis; Secretary: Deno Konstantinidis; Treasurer: Jim Vorrioses; Assistant Treasurer: Jim Rakos. The Parish Council also named chairs of its various committees, as follows: 100th Anniversary: Paul Sogotis; Stewardship: Dean Nicolacakis; Technology: John Lampros; Protocol: Paul Sogotis; Youth: Andrew Miltiades; School Relations (Millennium, Waldorf): Deno Konstantinidis; Buildings and Grounds: Mike Sariakis; Campaign: Parish Council; Construction: Executive Committee; Education Committee (Greek School, Sunday School, Religious Education: Peter Cazanis; Hall Management/Rentals: Jim Vorrioses & John Lampros; City and State Relations (Assembly and other permits: Business License, Secretary of State filings, White Zone, Regulatory Matters): Tasso Mavroadis; Insurance: Nick Svetcoff. The Parish Council also signed disclosure policy statements and designated the third Sunday of every month (except for February: FDF; April: Pascha; and September: Food Festival) as Parish Council meeting dates. For the aforementioned three months, the Parish Council meetings will take place on the fourth Sunday.

BASKETBALL GAMES TODAY: 4 pm GES Holy Cross and Annunciation 5 pm BES Holy Cross and Annunciation 6 pm BMS Holy Cross and Annunciation

CALLING EVERYBODY TO OUR 100TH-ANNIVERSARY KICKOFF MEETING TODAY: The meeting will take place in the conference room following today’s Divine Liturgy. We will review a proposal and further define the scope of events to appropriately celebrate this milestone in the life of our community. We are pleased to inform you that Archon Paul Sogotis is General Chairman of the 100th anniversary celebrations, and our Ladies Philoptochos are Co-chairs of the 100th anniversary celebrations.

CRAB FEED: This sell out event, organized by our Ladies Philoptochos, will take place on Friday, January 24 (just 2 weeks away): Cocktail reception at 6 pm, followed by Dinner at 7 pm. The cost is $65 per person. Please RSVP by January 15. The Crab Feed is the largest money making event organized by our Philoptochos and supports the various ministries of the Philoptochos.

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS: In anticipation of the arrival of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, we will be having a brief Altar Boy Training Session for all of our existing Altar Boys as well as any new Altar Boy recruits. This session will take place today, following the Divine Liturgy.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice for Middle School will take this Wednesday, January 15. Grade School practice will take place this Thursday, January 16, both practices at 7 pm.

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PARKING: At long last! Our Final Fire and Electrical Inspections took place Tuesday, December 3. We passed inspection! However, the holdup is in the Building Department. It needs to grant its approval so that we may take the final step—a hearing at our local Police Department. This will allow us to begin running our lot per our Conditional Use Permit agreement. The Building Department is insisting we get the final doors and gates installed and also sheet rock the other side of the upper lobby so as to satisfy the 1 hour fire rating requirement. We installed the sheet rock this past Tuesday. Now we are waiting for the gates and the doors to come in. It will be a great day when this is done and we finally get the ok for the parking, so that we can go on to address completion of the interior. As we go forward, let’s stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, 3200 years ago, in our own day we hear God speaking, telling 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 have it all. Don’t sell yourselves short. You are accomplishing something extraordinary. For, 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! May God remember you always, in His heavenly Kingdom.

“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.”