**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 8-15: Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way; see that they lack nothing. And let our people learn to apply themselves to good deeds, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not to be unfruitful. All who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 14-19: The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but it must shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. For the kingdom of heaven is like a man who is at a wedding feast who invites many guests. But at the time appointed he comes and says to his servant: ‘Go out to the roads and as many as you may find, invite to the wedding feast.’ What then is that kingdom like? What is the image of it? It is like a man who is at home and says to his servant: ‘Get ready, for I am going to be with you at a certain hour, which I do not know: between six and nine o’clock.’ What then is that man like? And how does he appear to his master when he comes? Or will he not be happy to receive him and offer him a seat at the table? And what servant is there who will be at the table when his master comes? When he comes and finds that the household is well provided in all things, the master will say to his servant: ‘Go out and make haste, bring in the guests that I may begin to eat with them.’ But what is that like? When the guest comes, he will say to his servant: ‘Bring in the coat for my servant who is in debt; and if he has nothing to pay, let him pay with his body.’ What, then, is the image of that servant? The master of the house, therefore, who went out and received the servants who were lost, will say to the master of the house: ‘Sir, here is the servant who has brought the money you gave him; he had nothing to pay with it.’ And his master will say to him: ‘Well done, my servant, because you were faithless with a little, you shall be over a great many. Make the accounts of the servants who are abroad, and bring in the gains that were made in their case.’ For I tell you that to everyone to whom much is given, much will be required; and to whom much is entrusted, much will be demanded.”

**Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) 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. The Resurrection. Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection. He is, and was, and is to come. Amen.

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** These very popular classes are taking place on a weekly basis, remotely, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Alex Kozak. If you are new to the parish or you are considering being received into the Church through baptism and/or chrismation, as an adult, we invite you to speak with Alex about your wishes and the possibility of joining the Introduction to Orthodoxy class. Please contact him at axgkzak@gmail.com.

**THE CATHEDRAL OFFICE THESE DAYS:** For your information, during the shelter in place order, the Cathedral office is open for essential work only (e.g., the processing of bulletins, documents and the like, bookkeeping and maintenance). All meetings, as Parish Council, Philoptochos, religious instruction, and youth are taking place remotely. We thank you for your understanding, for your perseverance, your prayers, and your patience.
THINGS BEGINNING TO MOVE: The present pandemic has put everything building-related on hold, but, now, things are beginning to move again. The granite which along the Valencia Street walls and the stone cap have been installed. The roofing and drainage issues are being addressed as we write this. The gate people came out this week. We’re now waiting for the lobby doors. As soon as we finish this and get our certificate of occupancy for the garage, we can open the garage to self-park. This is necessary if we are to open up the church, as the valet can guide us where to park, but can no longer park our cars for us. As a community, we’ve been through much, especially when we lost everything to the earthquake, back in 1989. But, we’ve bounced back. It wasn’t easy, but we did it, because we have faith, we have hope, and we have unity. So, too, we will weather this pandemic and return to a so called “new normal,” – i.e. a community where we may do things a little differently, but with the same strong faith in God. After all, it is for Him, in Him, and through Him that we continue to exist at all. Praise God for the Gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we are given the faith and the vision to rebuild His Church.

“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.”