The Lord’s Prayer in Spanish: τῇ τριήµερος Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You giv

Today’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s First Letter to Timothy, Chapter 4, Verses 9-15: Timothy, my son, the saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Counselor of all men, especially of those who believe. Command and teach these things. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Till I come, attend to the public reading of scripture, to preaching, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophetic utterance when the council of elders laid their hands upon you. Practice these duties, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

O Απόστολος, Πρὸς Τιμοθέου Πρῶτης Ἑπίσκοπος Παπόω το ἀντίγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 9-15.

Gospel Reading of the Day: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 19, Verses 1-10: At that time, Jesus was passing through Jericho. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must needs come in to your house this day.” So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.”

The Sunday closest to the Feast Day of the Presentation of our Lord, which is celebrated on February 2 (40 days following the Nativity) this year, however, due to the pandemic, the Artoklasia cannot be held. In its stead, a service of Paraklesis will be offered, for the protection and wellbeing of the members of the Society, but also for that of the entire Church, and for the world.

Thank you for your 2021 stewardship: As of today, we are two-thirds of the way toward reaching our goal for 2021. With your support, we can make 2021 a banner year for Stewardship. Please forward your 2021 stewardship pledge card, if you have not already done so. We also ask for your assistance in encouraging your children, age 18 and above, to also declare their support for the ministries of the Cathedral by submitting their own stewardship pledge card. A 2021 stewardship pledge card can be downloaded at https://annunciation.org/pledge-card.

A virtual candle: Thank you for lighting a virtual candle every Sunday, thus keeping hope alive. Whether you donate $1 or $1,000, your gift is one of faith. It helps keep the Cathedral solvent during this universal upheaval. More importantly, it connects us to Him who is the Light of the World (John 8:12) and reminds us of our calling to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). To light your virtual candles, please visit our website, www.annunciation.org, and click on the appropriate link, or enter https://annunciation.org/candle.

Philoptochos Crab Feed: Thank you for the support of the Philoptochos ministries by sending a donation this year in lieu of the crab feed (which was not held due to the pandemic). We pray all will bode well and that we will be able to resume our normal parish activities, including our well-known crab feed, in 2022.

Reopening of our Church for In-Person Worship: As San Francisco is currently under the Stay at Home order, churches are closed to in-person worship. It is still our goal to open as soon as it is safe to do so. Meanwhile, we invite you to continue to participate in the Sunday services and special weekday services, remotely, through streaming. Thank God for our Technology team, who are making this possible.

Certificate of Occupancy for the Garage: We had hoped we would have picked up our permit from the Building Department by now, but it’s not signed yet. Once it is signed, we will present it to our local police station, along with a copy of our lease with Golden Gate Parking, which we had hoped we would have picked up our permit from the Building Department by now, but it’s not signed yet. Once it is signed, we will present it to our local police station, along with a copy of our lease with Golden Gate Parking, which will manage the lot for us. It’s been a challenging role. One of these days it will happen, at long last.

Young Adult Book Club: Two weeks ago, we launched a virtual Young Adult Book Club in the interest of keeping our Young Adults connected during their time apart. The group will meet the third Tuesday of every month and will hold a discussion around a book which they have agreed to read. For the next meeting, on February 16, we will be discussing C. S. Lewis’ The Screwtape Letters, letters 1-10. For more information, please contact Andrew Miltiadis or Christo Pappademos. Andrew may be reached at Andrew.miltiadis@annunciation.org. Christo may be reached at Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org.

Other Youth Get-Togethers: We are pleased to inform you that various Youth Committees of the Parish Council met this week to schedule regular monthly meetings for our youth in each age group (includes Sunday School, Greek School, Dance, Athletics and Acolytes).
THE PANDEMIC HAS SLOWED US DOWN BUT NOT STOPPED US. The pandemic has slowed down everything building-related. Nevertheless, things are moving along. Granite along the Valencia Street walls and the stone cap have been installed. The roofing and drainage issues have been addressed. The gates are now virtually complete. The lobby doors are in. Stonecraft is laying the remaining pavers. Meanwhile, our permit for use of the garage has been issued but not yet signed. This week, the Architects have finalized the drawings, known as the bid set, for phase 2 (completion of the interior), at a cost of $3.8 million. 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.”