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TODAY’S MNEMOSYNON: Today’s Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of our sister Hariklia Frangos, who fell asleep in the Lord 19 years ago, and our brother Dimitrios Tsiligannis, who fell asleep in the Lord one week ago. Axiosas hē mētjētē! Eternal Memory!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The meeting will be held remotely, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

PHILOPTOCHOS EASTER BAKE: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos is pleased to announce it will hold its Easter bake this year. Easter breads (tourekia) are available (@$20) as are Kouloshakia ($10 a dozen). Orders must be placed by Thursday, April 22. Your order will be delivered to your home on Thursday, April 29. To place an order, please call Sophia Makras, at 650-784-1775.

WE HAVE REOPENED OUR CHURCH FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP: Now that we have officially reopened for in-person worship, we invite those of you that are comfortable doing so, to return to your spiritual home. We are currently allowed limited capacity at 40 congregants, so as to maintain social distancing guidelines. After so much time apart, it has been a joy to see each of you as you return one by one. Please visit https://www.annunciation.org/liturgypreservation to RSVP for upcoming services and https://annunciation.org/images/Reopening/Reopening_Guidelines.pdf to view our Reopening Guidelines. We look forward to seeing everyone in-person soon!

LIGHT A VIRTUAL CANDLE: Thank you for lighting a virtual candle, 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 the 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. During the past year, Father Stephen has been lighting your candles in real time. Going forward, now that we are open to person worship, the candles will be lit, instead, by a Parish Council member. Those attending services in person will be able to light their own candles at the pangaí.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER’S AND DEMENTIA: TUESDAY, MAY 4 11:00 AM -11:45 AM VIA ZOOM: An education program presented by the Alzheimer’s Association® and brought to you by the Annunciation Cathedral will take place on Tuesday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. via zoom. Join us for this informative session. As you may know, since June of 2018, the first Tuesday of every month, our Cathedral was hosting an in-person Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group for families that have been affected by Alzheimer’s. We are now offering our caregiver support groups online via Zoom. The May 4 session promises to be informative: Alzheimer’s disease is not a normal part of aging. Join us to learn about the impact of Alzheimer’s, the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available for some symptoms, and Alzheimer’s Association resources. There is no cost to join. However, registration is required. To register, please utilize the following: https://tinyurl.com/ANNCRUAD. For any additional information, please contact Tessie Calligeros, tcalligeros@alz.org or call, 408-372-8916.
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. Recently, the Architects have finalized the drawings, known as the bid set, for phase 2 (completion of the interior), for an estimated 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."