The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the
soldiers guarding did watch over Your
unto the Lord 6 months ago. Αἰωνία ἡ Μνήµη! Eternal Memory!

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
overcoming the difficulties of this past year by holding classes virtually. Our Sunday
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RETURNING TO FULL WORSHIP: Following the guidance by State and local health officers and our
Metropolis, in light of the June 15, 2021 lifting of restrictions by the State of California, occupancy limits for in-
person worship have been suspended. Reservations for in-person worship, therefore, are no longer required. However,
mask wearing indoors continues to be required, both for those who are vaccinated and those who are not vaccinated.
While 20% of eligible San Franciscans have been vaccinated, there are some who have not been vaccinated. We care for
the health and well-being of all our parishioners. Sunday coffee hour will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. In
September, we hope to open Sunday School and Greek School to in-person learning, and to reopen other programs and
activities. Toward this end, we are reviewing the guidance from the State and City health departments. Announcements
concerning these will be made in the near future. We welcome you, as we return to full worship and plan to reopen other
pre-pandemic programs and activities.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: The last 16 months have been, as we know, challenging. Thankfully, we are
recovering and are engaged in the rebuilding of our parish life and its many ministries. It is of vital importance that you
continue to pledge and fulfill your support, through stewardship and, now that more and more people are being
vaccinated, by in-person worship. In spite of the pandemic, 2020 was a banner year for us: we ended the year with 323
stewards (which includes 7 new families!). This year, however, we are reporting only 259 stewards, as of June 15, 2021.
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sooner rather than later.

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CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. This week, the Parish Council, acting on the recommendation of the Building Committee, hired Joel Josehart as construction manager to coordinate and oversee the completion of the interior of the new cathedral. We are in the process of interviewing contractors for the work. Joel will help us transition from contractors who built the exterior and bring to a conclusion some pending matters, as the garage. Meanwhile, the Capital Campaign Committee has resumed its task of raising the funds to complete the project, estimated at $4 million. The Cathedral already has on hand the $1.5 million bequest by the late Sam George as well as money from the paver project... 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."