EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul’s Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 1-10: Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, “At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation.” Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Ο Απόστολος, Πρός Κορινθίους δευτέρας ἐπιστολής Παύλου τῷ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 1-10.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-16: At that time, Jesus went to a city called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a large crowd from the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” And he came and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. Fear seized them all; and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”

Ἡ σημερινή εὐαγγελικὴ περιοχή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 11-16.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave): O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished death and granted to the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers Today’s St. Vladimir’s Day: We welcome all who have come and those that are entering 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 https://apkozak.com/intro. Alex will extend an invite to the meetings, currently taking place via zoom.

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 https://apkozak.com/intro. Alex will extend an invite to the meetings, currently taking place via zoom.

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNA: This morning’s Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of: Vasilia Papasoma, 6 months; Cathy Makras King, 1 year, Toulia Georgatos, 1 year; and Michael Georgatos, 25 years. Αἰώνια ἐπὶ Μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

40 DAY BLESSING: Today we welcome 40 day old Nicholas, child of Konstantinos and Niki Myrto. Να μάς ὑποτρέψει Λόγιο ζωή!

PHILOTOCHOS GENERAL MEETING TODAY: Philochoths will hold a General Meeting of its Members following this morning’s Divine Liturgy.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE 32ND ANNIVERSARY OF LOMA PRIETA: October 17, 1989 was a defining date for San Francisco, in general, and for the Annunciation Cathedral, in particular. Ours was the only house of worship to have been demolished as a result of the earthquake. We have been rebuilding ever since. At the conclusion of the next Sunday’s Divine Liturgy, the bell will toll in remembrance of the loss of our Cathedral. Then, the bells will ring joyfully, as we celebrate the rebuilding of phase one (all our ancillary facilities), as well as the completion of the Cathedral’s exterior. Now, we need to finish what we’ve begun. Bids to complete the work have been coming in at around $10 million (yes, yikes!), but complete this work we must. This will be the topic of discussion and strategizing at our November 14 Parish Assembly.

SAN JOSE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT: After a 1 year hiatus during COVID, the San Jose Volleyball tournament is back! Happening the weekend of October 23rd and 24th, it is sure to be a fun time for both players and parents alike. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Christo at christo.pappademos@annunciation.org for more information and the necessary forms.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Sorry about the mix up. Yes, coffee fellowship hour will resume today, following the Divine Liturgy.

STEWARDSHIP AND YOU: The last 18 months have been 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 your support through Stewardship. Let us match what we did last year in terms of level of support. If you need a stewardship card, we will be happy to mail one to you. Cards are also available at the paregori. Take one for yourselves and one for each of your children, 18 years and older, whether they live at home with you, or whether they’re living on their own.

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: To date, 100 pavers have been adopted and inscribed along the courtyard walk of honor. An additional 25 pavers have been adopted and are awaiting inscription. What a wonderful way to be a part of our ongoing efforts to complete the Cathedral. The donation is $2,000 per paver (up to 3 lines, 25 letters and spaces per line). For your convenience, descriptive brochures are located just outside the narthex. Or, see Jim Vorries (jim.vorries@annunciation.org) or Dr. George Ambus, george.ambus@annunciation.org.
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR PHASE 2 HIRED. Recently, 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. 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 mankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”