**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021**

**SUNDAY OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**TODAY SUNDAy IS THE 32nd ANNIVERSARY OF LOMA PRIETA:** At the conclusion of today’s Divine Liturgy, we will proceed to the courtyard where 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. 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. 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY:** Our Parish Council will meet today following Divine Liturgy in our Conference Room to discuss the various events, ministries, and programs of the Cathedral.

**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.

**PHILOPTOCHOS COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP HOUR:** We will enjoy coffee, refreshments, and each other’s company outdoors in the courtyard following the Divine Liturgy today thanks to our Ladies Philoptochos.

**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 pangari. 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 (jm.vorries@annunciation.org) or Dr. George Ambus, george.ambus@annunciation.org.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** As we work towards completing the interior of our Cathedral, Capital Campaign fundraising efforts are of utmost importance. We encourage any and all parishioners to join our Capital Campaign Committees. For more info contact Chairman Tom Nuris at tom.nuris@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.”