EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Saint Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, Chapter 3, Verses 4-11: Brethren, when Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience. In these you once walked, when as slaves, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-things-working hard and will be putting on.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, Chapter 17 Verses 12-19: At that time, as Jesus entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said: “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” As they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell to the ground at his feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus: “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him: “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1):

Today’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the souls of Terpsi Varanis (1 year) and Nickolas Varanis (12 years) May their memory be eternal!

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: Today the Varanis and Vavuris families are sponsoring a special to-go lunch in memory of Nickolas and Terpsi Varanis. Please enjoy refreshments following Divine Liturgy as we honor Nickolas and Terpsi’s memory.

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CENTENNIAL BALL MEETING: Today following Divine Liturgy, our 100th Anniversary Committee will meet to resume the planning of our Centennial Ball scheduled for October 8-9th 2022. This meeting will be in-person and will go over a schedule of events and various fundraisers for that weekend. Committee assignments will also be appointed. If you would like to attend future meetings for the 100th Anniversary, please contact Paul Sogotis at paul.sogotis@annunciation.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS CRAB FEED: One of our hallmark events at the Cathedral has always been our famous Crab Feed. Due to the pandemic however, we have been unable to enjoy this fan-favorite event in recent years. Fortunately, this year our Crab Feed is back! Our Ladies Philoptochos has been working hard and will be putting on the Crab Feed in a “Grab & Go” format over the weekend of, February 11th & 12th, 2022. Stay tuned for more information regarding prices and payment options.

PARABLES AND PAREA: We have begun a new program at the Cathedral called “Parables and Parea”. Every month Christo Pappademos will host a virtual meeting with the youth of the parish to discuss parables from the Gospels and to allow our youth to enjoy fellowship with one another. The sessions will take place virtually for now, but as we continue we look forward to gathering our kids in person for future discussions and parea with their church friends as guidelines allow. For more information or if your children would be interested in attending these virtual sessions, please contact Christo at Christo.pappademos@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.”