HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT/T.G.I. PASCHA: We are happy to finally be able to offer an in-person youth retreat at the Cathedral for our kids. On Holy Friday, April 22 we will be hosting a retreat for our middle school and grade school age kids. The day will begin at 11am with a discussion, followed by a Lenten meal at 12 noon, and will conclude with the kids attending the service of the Descent from the Cross at 1pm. If your child is interested please contact Christo at Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org

SALUTATIONS SERVICES: Each year, on the first four Fridays of Great Lent we celebrate the service of Salutations to the Theotokos, or Χαιρετισµοί της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, and on the fifth Friday we celebrate the service of the Akathist Hymn, or Ακάθιστος Υµνός. Please join us this Friday, March 25th at 7pm as we celebrate the third of the Salutations services.

MARCH 25TH CELEBRATIONS AND LUNCHEON: We look forward to celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation with in-person services this year, with Great Vespers on Thursday, March 24 at 7pm and Divine Liturgy on Friday, March 25 at 10am preceded by Orthros at 9am. Philoptochos will be hosting a Luncheon on the 25th following Liturgy. Tickets are $25. Please contact Janis Petrou or Sophia Makras to pre-register as space is sure to be limited.

SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY ICON: An Icon of the Annunciation is being commissioned on the occasion of our Centennial Celebration. The icon depicts Agia Sophia in Constantinople, our Mother Church, as shown in the 1921 seal of the Cathedral, originally named St. Sophia. It also features the Golden Gate Bridge, representing San Francisco. A limited edition of 150 Icons will be produced. Each Icon will be numbered and dedicated to the person or family purchasing it. The price of the icon is $1,250 and pre-orders are being accepted now. Please contact Paul Sogotis at paul.sogotis@annunciation.org for more details.

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: Let’s go full steam ahead and get more pavers inscribed in our courtyard. Join our “Adopt a Paver” program. To learn more, pick up a brochure at the pangari, call Jim Vorries, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or speak with Dr. George Ambus or with Nick Svetoff. The donation is $2,000 per paver, payable in 1 contribution of $2,000, 2 installments of $1,000 payable over 1 year, or 4 installments of $500 payable over 1 year.
TCO OBTAINED: For the better part of two years, we have all been waiting and praying for our garage to finally be open for proper usage. Thanks to the hard work of our Construction Committee led by Chairman Tasso Mavroudis and our Construction Managers Joel Josehart and Rob Bernstein, we have obtained all the necessary signatures from the proper city authorities in order to receive our Temporary Certificate of Occupancy! This certificate allows for Golden State Parking, the company that used to run our valet services on Sundays, to operate and run our garage fulltime. This will result in much more convenient access to the garage on Sundays and particularly during the week. This is a tremendous step for our Cathedral and we and we applaud the work of our Construction Committee for seeing it through!