**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022**

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN**

**EPISODE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the St. John’s First Universal Letter Chapter 1, Verses 1-7: THAT WHICH WAS from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, Chapter 15 Verses 42-47; Chapter 16 Verses 1-8: At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock; and he rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid. And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb that had been hewn out of the rock; and they came bringing spices to anoint him. And when they entered the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe; and they were amazed. And he said to them, “Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**40 DAY BLESSING:** Today we welcome the newly born Evangelos Vlasis, son of Spiros and Shareen Fousekis, for his 40 Day Blessing. Na ζηρει το παιδί! Long life to the child!

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY:** Please join our Annunciation Philoptochos today as they host the coffee hour to celebrate all women of the community. Additionally, at the end of Liturgy our Philoptochos ladies will continue with the tradition of reading the names of the women who have a played a formational role in our lives. We thank those of you that have sent your list of names of the women you would like to honor. Happy Mother’s Day to all the wonderful Mothers in the Cathedral community!

**COFFEE HOUR TODAY:** Today’s coffee hour is being sponsored by our Ladies Philoptochos and the Fousekis Family. We invite you to join us after Liturgy for some Mother’s Day refreshments!

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES:** We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity or who are just interested in learning more about it. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at https://agkozak.com/intro to learn more.

**JOIN OUR GREEK SCHOOL:** Greek School enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year is open!! We offer a well-rounded curriculum focused on Greek language learning as well as Greek history, culture, traditions and customs. Classes are open to both children and adults! For more information or to enroll, please reach out to our Director, Shu Yeung at 415-518-8750

**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.
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!

“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.”