**SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Today the members of our Parish Council will meet following Divine Liturgy in the conference room to discuss ongoing matters and operations at the Cathedral.

**STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING:** Following the Parish Council meeting, the members will hold a separate Strategic Plan meeting to discuss, brainstorm, and ensure the cohesive future of our parish and community.

**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.

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**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 9, Verses 32-42: In those days, as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints that lived at Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord. Now there was at Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. In those days she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him entreating him, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter rose and went with them. And when he had come, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing tunics and other garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, rise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling the saints and widows he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John, Chapter 5 Verses 1-15: At that time, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water; for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water; whoever stepped in first after the troubling of the water was healed of whatever disease he had. One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Rise, take up your pallet, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, “It is the sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet.” But he answered them, “The man who healed me said to me, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk.’” They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Take up your pallet, and walk?’” Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you.” The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him.

**扞imentary ἔναγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην κεφ. 5 ἐδάφ. 1-15.**
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.”