EPISTLE BEFORE NATIVITY

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 11, Verses 9-10, 32-40: BRETHREN, by faith Abraham sojourned in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city which has foundation, whose builder and maker is God. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets - who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated - of whom the world was not worthy - wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of Emily Lee, 40 days since her passing. May her memory be eternal! Αἰωνία ἡ μνήμη!

ELPIDA TODAY: Today we will hold our December installment of Eplida! This is a reminder that children will be dismissed first to receive Holy Communion so that they can make their way to their classes. If your child or children are interested in joining our fun new Elpida program, please contact our Director Mia Fanourgiakis for more information! Mia.fanourgiakis@annunciation.org

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: Today the Parish Council will meet following Divine Liturgy upstairs in the conference room to discuss all ongoing matters of the Cathedral and our community.

CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER: Thanks to the efforts of Kalliope Fousekis and Irene Kyriacou we are holding our annual Christmas Card fundraiser. Please see Kalliope in the hall after Liturgy to sign up and have your name on this year’s Christmas card! The suggested donation to participate is $30.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to Alex Kozak at https://agkozak.com/introduction to learn more.

PAVER PROJECT UPDATE: It is time to 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 Vorrises, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or email at jim.vorrises@annunciation.org
“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.”