SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul Letter to the Galatians Chapter 4, Verses 4-7: BRETHREN, when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir of God through Christ.

O Απόστολος Πρός Γαλάτας κεφ. 4 ἐδάφ. 4-7

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 2, Verses 1-12: When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

MERRY CHRISTMAS: We extend our heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones today. May the peace, joy, and love of the Christ Child be with you all.

CONGRATS BOYS BASKETBALL: Congratulations to our boys high school basketball team for winning their OYAA League Championship this past Sunday in Oakland! Well done to the players and their coaches, Deno Konstantinidis and Jason Polyzos. The Cathedral is proud of you all!

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/intro to learn more.

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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

APOLYTIKION OF THE FEAST: (Mode 4) Ἡ ἡγέτης σου Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ανέστηλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τοῦ γινώσκει· ἐν αὐτῇ γὰρ οἱ τάξις ἄστρων λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος εὐδιάκοστον, σέ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἁλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σέ γινώσκειν εἰ υἱός ανατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.
“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.”