SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

EPHESIANS 4:29, 30: Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying as the need may require that ye may impart grace to the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye were sealed unto the day of redemption.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 1, Verses 1-12: At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum and it was reported that he was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for them, not even about the door; and he was preaching the word to them. And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and when they had made an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "My son, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, "Why does this man speak thus? It is a blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

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.

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 Vorris, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or email at jim.vorris@annunciationsf.org.

Today’s Apolytikon (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2):

Aγγελεῖνα δύναμις ἐπί τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες αὐτούς, τῷ τῆσσαρες ἐν τῷ λόγῳ τῆς Ἰδρύσεως τῆς Παρθένου καὶ τῆς Χριστοῦ Εὐαγγελίας, εἰρήνην καὶ καλόν ἑαυτοῖς, τῷ τῆτον νόμον καὶ τῆς σοφίας τῆς Αὐγούτης. Ο ἀναστάς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.
“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.”