SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Hebrews Chapter 4 Verses 14 - Chapter 5 Verse 6: BRETHREN, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee”; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

Ἡ ημερείη εἰσαγωγική περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Μάρκου Κεφ. 8 εδάφ. 34 – Κεφ. 9 εδάφ. 1

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 8, Verses 34 – Chapter 9, Verse 1: The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is profited to be made a high priest, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, because he bears the name of a high priest, and is unable to finish his work. And for what purpose, it is asked, will he be called a high priest, who is unable to perform his work? And as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, today I have begotten thee”; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

Ο Απόστολος Πρώτος Εβραίους κεφ. 4 εδάφ. 14 - κεφ. 5 εδάφ. 6

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the soul of John Sarikakis, 21 years since his passing, and for Dimitri Tsokas, 3 years since his passing. May their memory be eternal! Αἰωνία νῦν.

LENTEN SERVICES THIS WEEK: This week we will celebrate Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday at 9:30am and we will celebrate Great Vespers and the Fourth Stanza of Salutations this Friday at 6:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP SAVE THE DATE: Annunciation Cathedral will be hosting its second Men’s Fellowship meeting on Thursday March 23rd. The event will be begin with cocktails at 7:00, followed by dinner and a discussion.

STEWARDSHIP: We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! “All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ.” Mark 9:23

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 Vorries, Chair, at 650-464-1616 or email at jim.vorrises@annunciation.org

SPECIAL BULLETIN TODAY: We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! “All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ.” Mark 9:23
“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.”