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EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians Chapter 1 Verses 10-17: Brethren, I appeal to you by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollo,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew Chapter 14 Verses 14-22: At that time, Jesus saw a great throng; and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a lonely place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass; and taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke and gave the loaves to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Then he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed them, saying, “Go away into the boat and go to the place where the crowds are.” And after leaving them, he went up on a mountain to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Seven (Grave):
O Lord, by your sacred Cross You abolished the thief blessed paradise. The myrrh bearers ceased lamenting and turned to joy. The Apostles did preach the Good News at your command— that you had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

Today’s morning’s Divine Liturgy, the Philoptochos meetings on Thursday September 7th following a short break for the summer. The program consists of a social hour, a short prayer service in the chapel, and dinner followed by a spiritually centered discussion. These meetings provide a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our friends, our community, and our faith. Our last two meetings had over three dozen attendees including several men from neighboring parishes and even inquirers to Orthodox Christianity! The meetings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you are interested in joining this new and growing ministry or would like to RSVP to attend our next event, please contact Jim Rakos at jim.rakos@annunciation.org.

PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS:
● The next Board Meeting will be on Sunday, August 13. All Philoptochos members are welcome to attend
● Κοιμήσεις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Dormition of the Theotokos
  On August 15th immediately following the Divine Liturgy, the Philoptochos will be hosting a brunch. The cost will be $20 for adults and $10 for children 12 yrs and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The proceeds will help support our many Metropolis and National Philoptochos ministries.
● Pastry baking schedule for food festival
  8/9 (Wed) Kouloourakia assemble and bake
  8/11 (Fri) Koukarietes assemble and bake
  8/30 (Wed) Baklava assemble
  9/7 (Thurs) Baklava bake

40 DAY BLESSING: We are happy to welcome Andreas Troy Herridge today for his 40 Day Blessing. Congratulations to his parents Kyriaki and Matt. Να σας ζησο! Long life to the child!

YAL CONFERENCE LABOR DAY WEEKEND: Are you ready to FULFILL your purpose? The Young Adult League (YAL) Conference over Labor Day Weekend 2023 in Orange County, California is where you want to be! This will be the fifth YAL Conference since 2019 hosted by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco and promises to be bigger and better than ever!

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! Cards are available at the pargari and information wall. “All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ.” Mark 9:23

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP - SAVE THE DATE: We will resume our monthly Men’s Fellowship meetings on Thursday September 7th following a short break for the summer. The program consists of a social hour, a short prayer service in the chapel, and dinner followed by a spiritually centered discussion. These meetings provide a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our friends, our community, and our faith. Our last two meetings had over three dozen attendees including several men from neighboring parishes and even inquirers to Orthodox Christianity! The meetings are open to all men ages 18 and up. If you are interested in joining this new and growing ministry or would like to RSVP to attend our next event, please contact Jim Rakos at jim.rakos@annunciation.org.

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