

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Hebrews Chapter 6, Verses 13-20: BRETHREN, when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore to himself, saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." And thus Abraham, having patiently endured, obtained the promise. Men indeed swear by a greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he interposed with an oath, so that through two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible that God should prove false, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to seize the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark Chapter 9, Verses 17-31:At that time, a man came to Jesus kneeling and saying: "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a dumb spirit; and wherever it seizes him it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him; and when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. And Jesus asked his father, "How long has he had this?" And he said, "From childhood. And it has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you can do anything, have pity on us and help us." And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible to him who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You dumb and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again." And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse; so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting." They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he would not have any one know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of man will be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he will rise."

PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS:

Easter Bake Sale-Place your orders for Tsoureki (\$25/each) and Koulourakia (\$20/dozen). Order deadline is April 7th and pick up on Palm Sunday April 13th from 12n-2p. We will have a table set up in the gym to take orders.

Mother's Day Luncheon- Combine your 70's inner disco style with the wonders of the grecian isles and celebrate Momma Mia: A Journey Through Greece. The 63rd annual luncheon and fashion show will be held May 10th at Annunciation Cathedral. For reservations or information contact: grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org

GENERAL ASSEMBLY TODAY– Our Spring General Assembly will be held **today**, immediately following Divine Liturgy. All 2025 stewards of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend this important gathering as we discuss the ministries of our Parish and provide key updates on the future of our community. Your participation, input, and ideas are invaluable as we work together to strengthen and grow our Cathedral. Light snacks will be available for attendees to enjoy. We look forward to seeing you there!

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is the foundation of everything we do as a parish. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Your commitment is not only vital to sustaining our work but also to building a stronger future for our community. Please visit www.annunciation.org/pledge. or if you prefer, you can still complete a Stewardship card for 2025 at the Cathedral, and we continue to accept cash and check donations. Your support makes everything we do possible, and together we can continue to build a parish that honors our faith, supports our families, and serves as a beacon of Orthodoxy for the San Francisco Bay Area.

AKATHIST HYMN: This **Friday, April 4 at 6pm**, we will celebrate the service of the Akathist Hymn.

PALM SUNDAY COURTYARD DEDICATION AND LUNCHEON: Join us on **Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**, as we dedicate the **Cathedral Courtyard** in honor of **Reverend Father Stephen H. Kyriacou**, whose leadership guided our community through the rebuilding after the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake and laid the foundation for our new Cathedral. The dedication will take place immediately following the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy.

After the ceremony, we invite you to a festive luncheon, with all proceeds benefiting the **Building Fund**. Luncheon tickets are **\$40 per adult / \$20 per child (12 & under)**. Reserve your spot by visiting www.annunciation.org/events

AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR: As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the new year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels, small sandwiches, fruit/vegetable/cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). Note: during the Lenten season (Mar 3 - Apr 19) was ask that the food items be suitable for the Lenten fast – i.e., no meat or dairy, please. We're currently seeking hosts for the month of April (6th and 27th). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. Our next gathering will take place **Tuesday, April 15**. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at www.annunciation.org/ck-signup. If you are unable to volunteer but would like to support this important ministry, please consider making a financial donation at www.annunciation.org/ck-donate

COMEDY NIGHT WITH BASILE: Join us for a night of laughter on **Friday, April 25th, 2025** at the Annunciation Cathedral with the one and only Basile the Comedian.. General Admission: \$50 per person. VIP Meet & Greet and preferred seating: \$85. per person. Purchase tickets at www.annunciation.org/basile