

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the **Philippians Chapter 4, Verses 4-9:** BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark John 12, Verses 1-8: Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

PHILOPTOCHOS 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

PALM SUNDAY COURTYARD DEDICATION AND LUNCHEON: Today we will 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)**

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 vital to sustaining our work. Pledge cards are available to complete a Stewardship card for 2025 TODAY. 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.

COMEDY NIGHT WITH BASILE: Join us for a night of non-stop laughter at Annunciation Cathedral as we welcome the one and only **Basile the Comedian, April 25th!** Gather your friends and family for an unforgettable evening filled with humor, good company, and plenty of **kefi!** Buy your tickets today!!!!

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) we 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 (27th) and May (4th and 25th). 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