EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 9-16. It is found in our books on page 105.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Chris Kyriacou, Parish Council President, chris.kyriacou@mac.com. We will be making Tyropites next Sunday, August 20, following the Liturgy. Next Festival meeting this Wednesday, August 16, at 7 p.m.

CALLING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: Everyone, especially our Philoptochos women, have been hard at work preparing for this year’s Greek Food Festival, to take place September 22, 23, and 24. We are still need volunteers in the following areas: Food Preparation, Loukoumades, Taverna, Set-up, Food Procurement, Music, Permits, Gyro, Lamb and Pastry and Coffee Booths. Please contact Chris Kyriacou, Parish Council President, chris.kyriacou@mac.com. We will be making Tyropites next Sunday, August 20, following the Liturgy. Next Festival meeting this Wednesday, August 16, at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY: Our Community Kitchen will operate this Tuesday, August 15, beginning at 10 a.m. Do plan to worship with us on this great Holy Day.

FEAST OF THE DOMINION LUNCHEON: A luncheon, sponsored by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, will take place on Tuesday, August 15, following the Divine Liturgy on the occasion of the Feast of the Dormition. The donation is $20 per person. Your donation supports the ministries of our Ladies Philoptochos.

PARISH NEWS:

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNON: This morning’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of our sister Kerasa Tsokas, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago. The coffee hour is being sponsored by her family, in her memory.

CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK: August 15 marks the Feast of the Dormition, or Falling Asleep, of the Holy Virgin Mary Theostokos, who is revered as foremost among the saints. From the earliest times, she is also called “Mother of God.” Not that a human can beget God. But that the child which she bore is not just a human being, but God taking on human flesh. Specifically, the second Person of the Holy Trinity become man. So, Jesus Christ is also referred to as Θεόν γενόμενον, the “God-man.” Mary remains a human being, like any one of us. We call her “foremost” among the saints, because she gave herself completely over to God when she told the Archangel Gabriel, “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38). Additionally, this Cathedral parish is dedicated to her. Specifically to the announcement of the Good News (hence “Annunciation”). But also at the other feasts honoring her, as the Dormition. The Orthros will be celebrated this Tuesday, August 15 beginning at 9 a.m., and the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m. Do plan to worship with us on this great Holy Day.

This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 17, Verse 14-23. It is found in our books on pages 215-217. Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One: 

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santiﬁcado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y libranos del Mal.

Today's Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One: The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Whereby all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life.
WE CAN’T WAIT FOR IT TO FINISH: However, with the current building boom in San Francisco, the Contractor is having trouble getting subs to do the work. We're in the home stretch, though. We are, however, nearing completion of the exterior. We are also about a month away from receiving a Conditional Use Permit to enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. As for the interior: we hope to begin the upper wall installation by the end of 2017. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. Some $4 million is needed for the interior. Those with outstanding pledge balances are being asked to make good on your pledges by the end of 2017. We have about $600,000 in outstanding pledges. Statements will be going out this week, to be followed up by a phone call by a member of the Parish Council, in early September. Do join in and let's finish what we've undertaken to do, that is, to rebuild our church and make firm our presence as a Greek Orthodox house of worship in the heart of our Great City. In this way, we will be answering the call by God to Moses, when he said “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. More than likely, this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. Again, we can’t wait for it to finish!

“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.”

(Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Ground breaking, November 6, 1997)