EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 4, Verses 9-16. It is found in our books on pages 105.

The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. The class meets today, August 5, and will meet again on August 26. The class meets in the second floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 17, Verses 14-23. It is found in our books on pages 215-216.

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DIVINE LITURGY TOMORROW: Tomorrow is the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

PARAKLESEIS: As the first 15 days of August are dedicated to the Theotokos and her dormition (her death or falling asleep in the Lord) on the 15th, the Paraklesis, or Supplication Service, is offered for peace in the world, for healing, protection and well-being of God’s people. The Paraklesis will be offered this Tuesday, August 7th and Thursday, August 9th, both nights at 7 p.m.

PHILOTOCHOS MEETS TODAY: The meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL HAVE ENDED FOR THE SUMMER: Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 9. Greek School will and resume Saturday, September 29. We wish our children a restful, safe, and productive summer, and look forward to welcoming our children back in September.

OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL: Tomorrow is the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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HEALTH GOODS DRIVE: Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoctochoes, are conducting a “health goods drive.” By “health goods,” we mean toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash. These items will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen on Tuesday, August 21. Items may be brought to church and left at the pangari.

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EXTERIOR OF THE NEW CATHEDRAL NEARS COMPLETION: Notice the cast stone columns around the new Cathedral. One by one, they’re being installed. We expect the installation will have been completed by August 19, making the courtyard safely accessible. On that day, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will cut a symbolic ribbon and all go out to the courtyard, to reflect on what you have accomplished so far, in faithful response to our God, when he told Moses: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8).

You are building His sanctuary, a sacred space, where we will be gathering for prayer and for the glorification of God’s Holy Name. We are just about complete with this first phase of our building. Next, we will be inviting bids for the second phase, which consists of completion of the interior. That’s walls, and lighting, HVAC, iconography, and furnishings. All this will take time and money, but, above all, it will take faith and perseverance, and vision.