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THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, Bajo su nombre, en el nombre de Jesús, que ha resucitado de los muertos, que nos libres del pecado, del mal y de la muerte. Que vuelvas nuestra tierra al reino del Padre, que esté en nosotros la paz que estás en los cielos. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for those over age 18 who consider the Cathedral to be your home parish, to support its ministries through Stewardship. We cannot stress how important it is for everyone, age 18 and above, who considers the Cathedral to be your home parish, to support its ministries through Stewardship. For, we are a family, and a family needs all its members doing their part, in order for it to be a happy, functioning family. In an effort to properly acknowledge and thank you for your support, we will list the names of all Stewards in our February Herald. In case you’ve misplaced your card or if you wish additional cards for family members, these, as well as information about our Stewardship program, may be found at the pangari. They are in an envelope marked “Stewardship.” We also invite you to direct any questions you may have concerning our Stewardship program, to Father Stephen or a member of the Parish Council Stewardship Team. Let’s make 2018 a banner year for Stewardship for the Cathedral. Together, we can do it!

COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY: Community Kitchen invites your volunteer participation. It will take place this Tuesday, December 19 (the 3rd Tuesday of the month), beginning at 6:30 pm.

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THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY TRINITY: Today’s Office of the Eucharist is that of Tone Three. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great redeeming mercy. The dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He delivered us, and to all the world has granted His great

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOX: (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from 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) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozak at orthodox-agkozak@neakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The schedule for the next two months is: January 7, 14; February 4, 11.

THE GREAT HOURS OF CHRISTMAS: As Christmas, this year, falls on a Monday, the service of Hours will be celebrated on Friday, December 22 beginning at 10 a.m. The service lasts about one hour.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice will take place today, as well as this Friday, December 22, beginning at 6:15 p.m.

YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE: The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, December 19, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK: Basketball practice will take place this Wednesday, December 20, and also Thursday, December 21, beginning at 7 p.m., both evenings.

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GREEK SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 6: Greek School classes will not take place this Saturday, as the new school is in the process of refurbishing the classrooms, nor the following Saturday, because of the Christmas break. Classes will resume Saturday, January 6 and will go through 1 p.m., both on January 6 and also January 13.
CLOSER AND CLOSER: We’re in the home stretch. As you can see, we are nearing completion of the exterior. We are waiting for our conditional use permit, which will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. Tentatively, we’ve been given February 1, 2018 for utilization of our parking. As for the interior: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2017 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of $550,000. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? This will enable us to continue rebuilding; if you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making your gift this calendar year, before December 31, as your gift is fully tax deductible, to the extent allowed by law? More importantly, you will experience the joy of giving (and to such a historic undertaking!), helping 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. We’re in the home stretch, Annunciation!

“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)