EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans, chapter 13, verses 11-14, 16-18, 14-16, 18-24. It is found in our books on page 137.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 6, Verses 14-21. It is found in our books on page 285.

WINNERS, ALL: All three groups, who were competing, (To Mellon performed, but did not compete) received recognition for their efforts: Spithes received the special achievement award for Division II; Kermata received the choral award and a Founder’s special achievement award in the primary category; and Thisiateri received a Founder’s special achievement award in the advanced primary category. The groups will be presenting their awards in church following this morning’s Divine Liturgy. We congratulate all for groups—the dancers, the directors and the parents—for our groups’ outstanding performances, for their demeanor, for their camaraderie. Indeed, they make us proud. Kai to χάριν!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will meet in the secondfloor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS VESPERS: With the blessings of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, all are invited to begin Great Lent by participating with other Bay Area communities in the Forgiveness Vespers Service. The services will take place at the Holy Trinity Church, 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco, this evening, beginning at 6 p.m. His Grace Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, Chancellor of the Metropolis of San Francisco, will preside. A makaravada reception will follow.

BASKETBALL GAMES AT ANNUNCIATION: This Saturday, March 4, games will be played at Annunciation, as follows:11 a.m. BES Holy Cross vs. Annunciation; 12 p.m. GMS Annunciation vs. St. Gregory I 1 p.m. BMS Annunciation vs. St. Nicholas SJ; 2 p.m. BMS St. Gregory 2 vs. Holy Trinity Playoffs will take place Saturday, March 11 and Championships will be played Sunday, March 12. Venues TBD

PSYCHOSAVVATON (SATURDAY OF SOULS) AT CEMETERY CHAPEL: Services will be held at the cemetery chapel this Saturday, March 4, beginning at 10 a.m.

TAX AID is a nonprofit coalition of CPAs and attorneys who prepare tax returns for low income families in San Francisco. As in previous years, Annunciation will offer the Kythion Tax Aid at 415 440 8565. If you are interested in attending the class, please call Alexandros Kozák or 415 440 8565.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (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 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 Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy-azzokak@sneakemail.com.

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 nuestros deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos desees caer en la tentación, y libramos del Mal.

TODAY'S APOLYTIKION (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three: Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and all things below on earth be glad. With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled death by death, and first and
WAITING FOR THE RAINS TO STOP: Our landmark Cathedral, which you are creating—a center of our Greek Orthodox faith in the heart of the City—is waiting for completion of the exterior, once the rains stop. You should be very proud of what you are accomplishing. Do share the good news with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Invite them to come and see what you are doing in response to God’s invitation, “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8).

Meanwhile, as for specifics, waterproofing of the deck and around the garage will resume once the rains have ceased. The entrenchment drain will also be constructed, as well as the housing for the garage exhaust ducts. Meanwhile, the archways are also being restored. And that’s about it for the exterior—oh, yes, we will also install temporary doors; the permanent doors will be installed when the interior is completed, before using the space.

Now for the interior: we hope to do much of the upper wall installation by the end of 2017, as your generosity permits. For us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. Meanwhile, we hope to start using the garage in about 90 days. When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. We are hoping this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God’s glory! Now is let us to resolve to move full-speed ahead to complete what we’ve begun!

“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)