EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy chapter 3, verses 10-15. It is found in our books on page 133.

Ὅ Απόστολος, πρὸς Τιμόθεον δευτέρας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τοῦ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 3, ἐδάφ. 10-15: Τέκνον Τιμόθεε, παρακαλοῦμεν μοι τῇ δεήσει, τῇ ἀγαπή, τῇ πρόθεσε, τῇ πιστε, τῇ μακροθυμίᾳ, τῇ ἀγάπῃ, τῷ ὑπομονή, τοῖς διωγµοῖς, τοῖς παθήµασιν, οία μοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, αὐτοὶ διωγµοι ὑπῆνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων με ἐλευθερώσῃς ὑπὲρ τὸ χεῖρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώµενοι. Σὺ ἐρρύσατο µοι ἐγένετο ἐν Ἀντιοχείᾳ, ἐν Ἰκονίῳ, ἐν Λύστροις, οἵους διωγµοὺς ὑπήνεγκα· καὶ ἐκ πάντων µε ἐλευθερώσῃς.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four):

Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὦσον καθήθενς, ὁ Εὐσκλήρος, ταφὴν κατεδέξωσεν τριήµερον, ἵνα ἴμας εἰσαγωγῆς τῶν παθῶν, ἤ Ζωή καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἤµιος, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágame 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.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 18, Verses 10-14. It is found in our books on page 275.

Ἦ ἡμερινή εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 18, ἐδάφ. 10-14, εὐφημικὴ εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 274.

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, but 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-agkokzak@sneakemail.com.

BRUNCH NEXT SUNDAY: Plan to join us next Sunday, February 12, for a brunch following the Divine Liturgy and for a preview of some of the dances our groups will be performing later that week at FDF in San Diego. Please refer to the flyer, below:

The Annunciation Cathedral
Dance Groups
To Mellon
Revmata
Thitasvri
Spitles
Invite you to join us for our

Preview Breakfast
Date: Sunday, February 12th
Time: Directly after church
Cost: $10 per person
Each group will perform one of their SDF dance routines for our friends and family who are not able to attend SDF.

CHURCH BASKETBALL PRACTICE: Practice will take place this Wednesday evening and Thursday evening, as scheduled.

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice, in preparation for FDF (Folk Dance Festival) will take place, in addition to today, this Saturday, February 4, as scheduled.
MAGNIFICENT: Ken Katen spoke to us last week about this magnificent landmark which you are creating—a center of our Greek Orthodox faith in the heart of the City! You should be very proud. Go ahead and 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, waterproofing of the deck and around the garage continues, weather permitting. The entrenchment drain is being constructed, as are the housing for the garage exhaust ducts, and the restoration of the archways. Connection to the sewers, on the Stevenson Street side, took place December 17. On the Valencia Street side, the connection took place January 28. We need five clear days following each rain in order to continue with waterproofing.

As for the interior, we hope to complete much of it by the end of 2017, as your generosity permits. We need your prayers and your continued financial support, enabling the Cathedral to continue building. We hope to be done with the exterior by April and to start using the garage in the weeks following. Depending upon financing, work on the interior can then begin. We hope to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God 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 in 2021! Let’s join together & 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)