**EPistle READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s letter to Titus, Chapter 3, Verses 8-15:

Titus, my son, the saying is sure. I desire you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to apply themselves to good deeds; these are excellent and profitable to men. But avoid stupid controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarelles over the law, for they are unprofitable and futile. As for a man who is factious, after admonishing him once or twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is perverted and sinful; he is self-condemned. When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, do your best to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there. Do your best to speed Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their way, so that they may not lack anything. All those who are with me send greeting to you. Greet those who are in Christ Jesus. Grace be with you in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 5, Verses 14-19:

The Lord said to his disciples, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY:**

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 líbranos del Mal.

**WELCOME, FATHER STEPHEN (SCOTT):** This morning’s celebrant is Father Stephen Scott, Abbott of Holy Cross Monastery in Castro Valley. Welcome, Father Stephen, and thank you. Father Stephen Kyriacou will celebrate the Divine Liturgy next Sunday, July 22.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

**LOOKING AHEAD AT TO THE FESTIVAL: TIME TO THINK ABOUT COOKING:** Our Festival will take place September 21, 22, 23, & 29, and September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19. Please give thought to your participation. We need your help. Grace Koutoulas, Festival Co-chair, can be contacted for additional information.

**HEALTH GOODS DRIVE:** Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoptochos, 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.

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN THIS TUESDAY:** As July 17 is the third Tuesday of the month, Community Kitchen, under the leadership of the Cathedral’s Young Adults, and the assistance of the Philoptochos, will begin taking applications beginning at 5:30 p.m., set-up, and 6:30 p.m., service. As always, we welcome your assistance for both set-up and service. As Father Stephen will be away at this time, we will not have a Young Adult gathering following this July’s Community Kitchen.

**INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY:**

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 Kozák at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month. The class will meet on August 5 and on August 26. The class meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m.
GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER: YES! The laying of the pavers in the courtyard and all around the new Cathedral is nearing completion. The walls along Valencia Street have been built. Eventually the walls will be clad in granite, the same as the façade of our ancillary facilities building. The sidewalk along both Stevenson St. and Valencia St. has been poured (except for a section which will accommodate trees and parking meters). One step closer to using our parking component. And how about our beautiful courtyard fountain? All this takes time, and money. Remember, we have a balloon payment to the bank in July, in the amount of $400,000.00, to reduce the principal. If you have not yet contributed, we invite your participation. 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. Most likely, this will coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021.

“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.”