EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans, Chapter 15, verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 101.

Ὁ Αὐτότοκος: Πρὸς Ρωμαίους Ἐπιστολῆς παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 15, ἐδάφιοι 1-7:

After these words, and the time of prayer, the Apostle Paul wrote: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For it is written: ‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God’”.

GREEK GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 9, Verse 27-35. It is found in our books on pages 209-211.


Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Six (Plagal 2): When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead. When the angelic powers appeared at your tomb, those who guarded You became as though dead.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (Sundays, 9a.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 anyone who would like to learn more about the faith and its practices. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Holy 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 Kozáki at orthodoxo-agkokaz@sneakemail.com.
WE WISH IT WERE FASTER: But, with the current building boom in San Francisco, the Contractor is having trouble getting subs to do the work. We’re in the home stretch, though. Our landmark Cathedral, which is shaping up to be a center of our faith in the heart of the City, is nearing completion of the exterior. The archways have been constructed. We are now waiting for completion of the entrenchment drain, the housing for the garage exhaust ducts, placement of the stonework, the pavers, finishing stucco, relocation of the electrical panel, to enable us to begin using the garage. And, with the installment of temporary doors, that’s about it for the exterior. As for the interior: we hope to begin the upper wall installation by the end of 2017. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. Some $4 million is needed for the interior. Eventually, it will get done. You should be very proud of what you are doing, for you are responding to God’s invitation, “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. 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! The cornerstone will be positioned shortly on the exact spot where it was originally laid: the southwestern side of the new Cathedral.

“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)