SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2017

EPISODE OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS, Chapter 1, verses 10-17. It is found in our books on page 102.

GREEK SCHOOL

THE APOSTLES SILAS AND SYLVANUS (OF THE SEVENTY)

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 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. Matthew, Chapter 14, Verse 14-22. It is found in our books on pages 211-213.

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-agkозak@sneakemail.com.

THANK YOU, YOUR GRACE, FATHER SCOTT: Thanks to His Grace, Bishop Apostolos, and to Father Stephen Scott, who celebrated the Sunday Divine Liturgy in Father Stephen’s absence these last 3 weeks. Thanks, as well, to Father Nobjsa Pantic, who covered weekday emergencies and services.

WINDING DOWN THE SCHOOL YEAR: Our Sunday School is out for the summer; it will resume on Sunday, September 10. Greek School is also out for the summer. It will resume on Saturday, September 30, the Saturday following our Greek Food Festival.

CALLING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: The Festival Committee, and also the Ladies Philoptochos, have been holding very productive meeting relative to the organization and cooking schedule of this year’s Food Festival, which will take place on our grounds, Saturday, September 22, 23, and 24. Basically, the committees are in place. However, we still need volunteers to step up and lend your assistance. Some of the Committees are: Food Preparation, Loukoudames, Taverna, Set-up, Food Procurement, Music, Permits, Gyro, Lamb and Pastry and Coffee Booths. Please contact Chris Kyriacou, Parish Council President, chris_kyriacou@mac.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 installation 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)