The Introduction to Orthodoxy is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The class meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m.

Grace Koutoulas, Festival Co-chair, can be contacted for additional information.

The Festival will end Sunday, September 29. We wish our children a restful, safe, and productive summer, and look forward to welcoming our children back in September.

Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoptochos, are conducting a “health goods drive.” By “health goods,” we mean first-aid supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and brushes. Space is limited, and early registration is suggested. For enrollment or more information, please call Ms. Katina Kostoulas at 310 863-4762 or visit the website: www.theodoreicons.com

If you would like to discuss and define the scope of our 100-year anniversary celebrations, The Cathedral was founded on May 19, 1921. The meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENDED LAST SUNDAY FOR THE SUMMER, GREEK SCHOOL ENDED YESTERDAY FOR THE SUMMER, GREEK SCHOOL ENDED 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.

FATHER’S DAY NEXT SUNDAY: HONORING A “FRIEND OF PHILOPTOCHOS”: Next Sunday, June 17, Philoptochos will recognize a special “Friend of Philoptochos.” George Vlahos is this year’s honoree. George has been generous in so many ways, monetarily and in kind. In addition to singing in the choir, supporting the rebuilding of the Cathedral, and serving on the Parish Council, George is especially generous during our annual Food Festival, donating many of the fruits and vegetables. His generosity is noted and appreciated. Axios!

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 Tuesday, June 19, followed by one on Tuesday, July 17. Items may be brought to church and left at the pangari.

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JUNE 18-23: For the second year, Theodoros Papadopoulos, a visiting master iconographer and expert instructor will conduct an icon workshop, at the Cathedral, June 18-23. As he did last year, Mr. Papadopoulos will guide you through the ancient techniques of Byzantine iconography. Whether a beginner or a professional, you will be afforded the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques, as you journey through this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality—often called the “meeting place of the Divine.” The tuition is $680, and it includes most supplies, including boards, pigments, and brushes. Space is limited, and early registration is suggested. For enrollment or for more information, please call Ms. Katina Koutoulas at 310 863-4762 or visit the website: www.theodoreicons.com/sf
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 capped 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. We note your eagerness to renew our financial support, and we thank you. 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 mankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”