2. Have you renounced Satan? R: I have renounced Satan. Ἀπετάξω.

March 25 (next Sunday, we will recite our Baptismal vows together. Just before Holy Communion is offered, we will recite our Baptismal vows."

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 6, Verses 13-20. It is found in our books on page 144.

The Apostle Paul: Prós Ἐμβραίους Ἐπιστολής Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, εἴδη. 13-20: Οδηγοὶ, τῷ Ἀφαίρετον εὐγενεῖς ὁ θεὸς, ἐπὶ ταῦτα ὀφθαλμὸν ἑγὼν μὲν ἀναπτύσσετε ἑνὸς ἀμαντῶν ἀμαντῶν. μὴ ὑποτάσσεσθε πλῆθος, ἐπὶ τὰ ἀνθρώπου ἡμῖν τῶν πάσης ἡμέρας ἐκείνης ἡμῶν."}

OPINION OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, Chapter 9, Verses 17-31. It is found in our books on pages 295-299.

"The σηµερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ τὸ Στατανᾷ: Ἰησοῦς Ἔλθεν εἰς τὸν κόσμον ὑμῶν ἵνα ἀληθεύσων εὐλογήσω σε, καὶ πληθύνων πληθυνῶ σε. Καὶ οὕτως µακροθυµήσας ἐπέτυχεν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας. Ἀνθρώποι ὅσοι παρέχοντες τὴν προµαχίαν ἔχουσιν τῆς ζωῆς ἀσφαλῆ καὶ βεβαίαν, καὶ εἰσερχοµένην εἰς τὸ τῶν ἄνθρωπων βιβλία. Εὐαγγελίζων εὐαγγέλισαµαι."
CLOSER AND CLOSER: We’re in the home stretch. Notice, the pavers being laid in the courtyard and all around the new Cathedral. Notice the walls along Valencia Street and the new sidewalk along Stevenson Street. As announced, we’ve recently been awarded a conditional use permit, which will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. As for the interior: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2018 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. We still have outstanding pledges, to the tune of $500,000. Won’t you make good on your Building Fund pledges? If you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making your gift? 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 μου άγιασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν φῷ). (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.”