SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT VENTURE: LENTEN READING OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPistles: LEANTEN READING OF THE HOLY CROSS
This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Hebrews, chapter 4, verses 14-16 – chapter 5, verses 1-6. It is found in our books on pages 142-143.

O Απόστολος, πρὸς Ἐβραίους ἐπιστολής Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, εδάφ. 14-16 – κεφ. 6, εδάφ. 1-6: Ἀδελφοί, έχοντες σάν αἰρέσια μεγάλην, δειλινεύθηκα τοὺς σέρανοις, ἴδον τὰς ἀνευμένας τοῖς θεοῦ, καταγράφηκα τὰς ἑκάστην, ἱεράς, ἔφοβησαν καθὼς καὶ καλοῦµενος, εἰς τὸ πάντα παντὸς ἁμαρτίας, ἀλλὰ καλοῦµενος ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθάπερ καὶ Ἀαρών. Οὕτως καὶ ὁ Χριστὸς οὐχ ἑαυτὸν ἁµαρτιῶν· µετριοπαθεῖν δυνάµενος τοῖς ἀγνοοῦσιν καὶ πλανωµένοις, ἐπεὶ καὶ αὐτὸς περίκειται ἀσθένειαν· καὶ λαµβάνοµεν, ὑπὲρ ἀνθρώπων καθίσταται τὰ πρὸς τὸν θεόν, ἵνα προσφέρῃ δῶρά τε καὶ θυσίας ὑπὲρ πεπειραµένον δὲ κατὰ πάντα καθ

Gospel: THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT: VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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 perdona a tus enemigos; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal.

BASKETBALL GAMES THIS AFTERNOON: 2 p.m. Adults: St. George SF vs. Annunciation 1; 3 p.m. Adults: St. Gregory 1 vs. St. Gregory 2; 4 p.m. High School: Holy Trinity vs. St. George (Rohnert Park)

CHRYSANTHOS & DORIA; DEMETRIOS THE NEW MARTYR

TODAY’s MNEMOSYNON: Today’s Memorial Services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother John Sarikakis, who fell asleep in the Lord 15 years ago.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council will meet today, at 12:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room.

ANNOUNCEMENT GREAT VESPERS THIS FRIDAY, ORTHROS, DIVINE LITURGY, LUNCHEON THIS SATURDAY: We are celebrating the Great Feast of the Annunciation, Our Church’s Feast Day: On Friday, Great Vespers will begin at 7 p.m. On Saturday, the Orthros will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10 a.m. Metropolitan Nikitas of the Dardanelles will preside over Friday’s and Saturday’s services. Because March 24 falls on a Friday this year, and during the Great Fast, the 4th Stasi of the Salutations will be intoned during the celebration of the Great Vespers. Afterwards, Angelo Koutoulas will, again this year, generously host a dinner. The dinner is open to all, but especially to our Young Adults. At the conclusion of Saturday’s Divine Liturgy, the children of our Greek School will recite poems and other readings, on the occasion of March 25, which is also Greek Independence Day. Following this, a luncheon will take place in our Korinthias Hall. The donation for the luncheon, sponsored by the Cathedral’s Philoptochos, in support of the Philoptochos ministries, is $25.

HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE: On Sunday, April 30, the Cathedral will honor with a luncheon: Ted Levantis, John Panomitros, and Annette Chiappari. The luncheon will take place in the Cathedral’s Korinthias Hall, and will benefit the Building Fund. The donation is $35 per person, $15 for children 12 and under. For reservations, please call Angie Levantis, at 650 878-2855 or aleventis3@comcast.net.

PARISH ASSEMBLY NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26: As noted in the Herald, our first Parish Assembly for 2017 will take place on next Sunday. The agenda may be found in the March Herald.

GODPARENTS SUNDAY APRIL 2: Please refer to the March Herald, page 4, for the specifics. Plan on bringing your Godparents/Godchildren to church, and to the luncheon afterwards.

ICON WORKSHOP AT ANNUNCIATION JUNE 19-24: Iconographer Theodoros Papadopoulos will hold an icon workshop June 19-24, 9 am. To 4 am. Each day. If you are interested in participating, please call Pat Preble, at 415 440-8565.

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 Kozak at orthodoxy-agkозак@gmail.com.
FULL STEAM AHEAD: We're moving full steam ahead on our building project!
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. You should be very proud of what you are doing. Do share it with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Invite them to come and see just how you are responding to God's invitation, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). As for specifics, waterproofing of the deck and around the garage is nearing completion. The entrenchment drain is being constructed, as is the housing for the garage exhaust ducts. Meanwhile, the archedways are also being restored. Oh, yes, we will also install temporary doors; the permanent doors will be added when the interior is completed, before using the space. Then, there's exterior stone, columns, and pavers. That's about it for the exterior. (As for the garage: we hope to start using the garage in about 90 days.) Now, for the interior: we hope to begin the upper wall installation by the end of 2017, as your generosity permits. In order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. 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! Now is let us to resolve to move full-speed ahead to complete what we've begun!