SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

SUNDAY OF SAINT PAUL TO THE HEBRUWS, chapter 11, verses 24-26, 32-40. It is found in our books on pages 138-139.

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.
NOW THAT THE RAINS HAVE STOPPED: Our landmark Cathedral, which you are creating—a center of our Greek Orthodox faith in the heart of the City is waiting for completion of the exterior, now that the rains have stopped. You should be very proud of what you are accomplishing. Share the good news with your friends, relatives and neighbors. Invite them to come and see what you are doing in response 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 has resumed. The entrenchment drain is being constructed, as is the housing for the garage exhaust ducts. Meanwhile, the archways are also being restored. And that’s about it for the exterior — oh, yes, we will also install temporary doors; the permanent doors will be installed when the interior is completed, before using the space.

Now for the interior: we hope to do much of 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. We hope to start using the garage in about 90 days. When everything is completed, we will be able to consecrate the new Cathedral to the glory of God. We are hoping 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!

“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