**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017**

**SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN**

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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 construction of the entrenchment drain, the housing for the garage exhaust ducts, completion of the stonework, the pavers, completion of stucco, some electrical, completion of the garage, so we can begin using it, and the temporary doors. (The permanent doors will be added when the interior is completed, before using the space). 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)