HOly Pentecost (50 Days from Pascha)

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 2018

HOLY SPIRIT MONDAY LITURGY: Tomorrow is the feast of the Holy Spirit. As is our custom, Annunciation parishioners celebrate with our sister church, Holy Trinity, by attending the Divine Liturgy there on Holy Spirit Monday. Orthros will begin at 9 a.m., followed by the Divine Liturgy, at 10 a.m. A luncheon follows the Liturgy. Holy Trinity is located at 999 Brotherhood Way, San Francisco. Meanwhile, Holy Trinity Cathedral, located at Van Ness and Green, also celebrates its feast. We congratulate both communities on this occasion.

PHILOTOCHOS TO MEET NEXT SUNDAY: Philanthochoi will hold a general meeting next Sunday, June 3. The meeting will take place in the second-floor conference room, following the Liturgy. Members are asked to renew or enroll in our Philanthochoi chapter by June 15. Membership forms/invitations are available in the Narthex, and by contacting Vicki Holloway, Membership Chair: vcaremegis@gmail.com

FATHER’S DAY, SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday, June 17, Philanthochoi will recognize a “Friend of Philanthochoi.” Announcement of honorees will be forthcoming.

LOOKING AHEAD AT TO THE FESTIVAL: TIME TO THINK ABOUT COOKING: Our festival is September 21, 22, and 23. In preparation, our baking schedule is as follows: August 14, 15 (after church), 21, 22, 28, and 29, and September 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 & 19. Please give thought to your participation. We need your help. Grace Koutoulas, Festival Co-chair, can be contacted for additional information.

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW THANK YOU CONTINUE: Philanthochoi says thank you to all who made this day simply “fantastico!”

HEALTH GOODS DRIVE: Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoptochos, are conducting a “health goods drive,” just as we’re ending our very successful socks drive. What’s a “health goods drive?” Well, it means picking up a toothbrush, a small tube of toothpaste, perhaps some mouthwash. Things like this. These items will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen. The next Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, June 19, followed by one on Tuesday, July 17. Won’t you bring one of the above items with you the next time you come to church, and leave it at the pangari.

ICON PAINTING WORKSHOP, JUNE 18-23: For the second year, Theodore 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, step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine iconography. Whether you are a beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques, as you journey, discovering anew 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 Kostoulas 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 humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”