EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Book of Acts, Chapter 20, Verses 16-18, 28-36. It is found in our books on pages 90-91.

The Apostolic Letter to the Ephesians, verse 16-18, 28-36: In times of economic crises, forgive the sinner, and as we forgive our debtors, so may we be forgiven by the heavenly Father, who does not allow us to be enticed by the Devil, but grants us a path to salvation.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Synaxarion, which aims at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: Today’s Mnemosyna: This morning’s memorial services are being offered for the repose of the soul of our brother Despina Perimenis, who fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and for the repose of the soul of our brother Basile Mavroudis, who fell asleep in the Lord 21 years ago.

DIVINE LITURGY, MEMORIAL SERVICES, AT CEMETERY CHAPEL THIS SATURDAY: As it is the day before Holy Pentecost, also known as Psychosavvaton, or Saturday of Souls, the Divine Liturgy and Memorial Services will be offered at the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park Chapel this Saturday, June 3, beginning at 10 a.m. Father Stephen will be the celebrant.

WINDING DOWN THE SCHOOL YEAR: Sunday, June 4 marks the last day of Greek School, while Saturday, June 3 marks the last day of last year’s Greek School. We will have a Sunday School end of the year program on the 4th, with the distribution of photos and certificates. Both schools will resume in September. Greek School will resume Saturday, September 9, while Sunday School will resume Sunday, September 10.

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

CALLING FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS: Last Sunday, the Festival Committee held a very productive meeting relative to the organization of this year’s Food Festival, which will take place on our grounds, September 22, 23, and 24. Basically, the committees are in place. However, we still need volunteers to step up and lend your assistance. Some of the Committees are: Food Preparation, Loukomades, Taverna, Set-up, Food Procurement, Music, Permits, Gyro, Lamb and Pastry and Coffee Booths. Please contact Chris Kyriacou, Parish Council President, chris.kyriacou@mac.com

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: Today’s introduction 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 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 orthodox-agkozak@sneakemail.com.
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 completion of the entrenchment drain, the housing for the garage exhaust ducts, placement of the stonework, the pavers, finishing stucco, relocation of the electrical panel, to enable us to begin using the garage. And, with the installment of temporary doors, hat’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)