EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 11, verses 19-30. It is found in our books on pages 86-87.

Ο Απόστολος, Πράξεων των Αποστόλων το ανάγνωσμα, κεφ. 6, εδαφ. 1-7. Εν τοις ημερισι εκείνους, συναντήσεσθε ο Απόστολος από τον Εφραίμ Απελευθέρων του Άρη, των Άρχων της Θεολογίας, και του Κατερίνα, χριστιανός της Θεολογίας. Τον ημέραν τους πολλοὺς χριστιανούς που των ἀκούοντας την λόγον, θα γνωρίσετε, και θα θυμωθείτε την αγάπη της της ἀγάπης, και την καθήμερην ἀγάπην της. Εἰς τοὺς ημέρας τοιαύτας συνεχίζεται και περινείεται τα πράγματα της Αποστολής, και των ἀγάπης, και των καθημερινών, και των πράξεων που γίνονται στην Βαγκόλια. Εἰς τοὺς ημέρας τοιαύτας συνεχίζεται και περινείεται τα πράγματα της Αποστολής, και των ἀγάπης, και των καθημερινών, και των πράξεων που γίνονται στην Βαγκόλια.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 4, Verses 5-42. It is found in our books on pages 175-181.

Η σημερινή εὐαγγελική περικοπή είναι του Καπνίδη του Ιωάννη, κεφ. 4, εδαφ. 5-42, εύρυσκεται είς τα ββίλα μας, σελ. 174-180.

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 líbranos del Mal.

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. 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 by reading selections from 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) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozák at orthodoxy-akozak@att.net. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The class is meeting today, as well as next Sunday, May 13. The class meets in the second-floor conference room, beginning at 9 a.m.

TODAY’S MNEMOSYNON: This morning’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of our sister Kathy (Ekaterina) Soto, who fell asleep in the Lord four years ago. Αἰωνία μνήμη! Eternal Memory!

WELCOME, FATHER STEPHEN SCOTT: As announced, Father Stephen is in Buenos Aires, Argentina today, attending a Forum on Human Trafficking and Child Slavery. The forum, as noted in the Herald, is being sponsored by the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Father Stephen Scott, Abbott of the Monastery of the Holy Cross in Castro Valley, CA is the celebrant of the Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral this morning. Father Scott celebrated the Divine Liturgy here last year, and will be the celebrant on four other occasions this year, when Father Stephen is away. This is a wonderful opportunity for Father Scott to get to know us better, and for us to get to know more about the Holy Cross Monastery. Please accord him a warm welcome.

DANCE PRACTICE TODAY: Dance practice has resumed and will be held today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. New dancers are welcome.

PHILOPTOCHOS: The Ladies Philoptochos is scheduled to meet today, beginning at 12:30 p.m. New dancers are welcome.

BAKSBALL GAMES TODAY: This afternoon, the Annunciation Cathedral is host to the following varsity basketball games:

- 2 pm Adult St. Nicholas SF & St. George SF
- 3 pm Adult Announcement 4 & Announcement 2
- 4 pm Adult Announcement 3 & Announcement 1

BAKSBALL GAMES WEDNESDAY, MAY 9:

- 7 pm Adult St. Gregory 2 & Announcement 4
- 8 pm Adult St. George SF & St. Gregory 1
- 9 pm Adult St. Nicholas SF & Announcement 2

SOCKS DRIVE: We are having a socks drive all during the months of March and April. The socks will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen. The most recent Community Kitchen took place this past Tuesday. The next Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, May 15. Won’t you bring a packet of new socks, please, and leave it at the pangari. You will be helping keep someone’s feet warm.

MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW TODAY SATURDAY, MAY 12: The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos cordially invites you to attend its 59th Mother’s Day Luncheon & Fashion Show, to be held in the Cathedral’s Korinthias Hall this Saturday, May 12, with cocktails at noon and luncheon at 12:30 p.m. The donation is $60 for adults and $25 for children. In addition to a fabulous fashion show, with the theme What in Rome…, the Philoptochos will honor two Mothers of the Year, namely Vivian Cund and Kalliope Fousekis. Axiel! Reservation forms may be found at the pangari and also in the May Herald. Today is the last day for reservations. Please do plan on attending this outstanding event.
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. (Yes, they are getting tagged.) When all is done, 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.”