**EPISODE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verses 6-11. It is found in our books on page 117.

*O Απόστολος Πνεύματος Κορινθίων, Δευτέρας Επιστολής Παύλου τού Ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδράς 6-11*:

Ἐδάφος; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal que viene de Dios, para que el nombre del Señor quede santificado, y nuestro cuerpo, en nuestra salvaación. Y, además, démosle gracias a Dios en todo momento, por todas cosas.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 10, Verses 25-37. It is found in our books on pages 257-259.

*Ο Πάππος Απολλώνιος, Εὐαγγελία, κεφ. 16, ἐδράς 19-31*:

Εὐχαριστήσατε τῷ θεῷ ὑµῶν· ἐν παντὶ πλουτιζόµενοι εἰς ἐπιχορηγῶν σπέρµα τῷ σπείρον, καὶ ἄρτον εἰς βρῶσιν χορηγήσαι, καὶ πληθύναι τὸν σπόρον ὑµῶν, καὶ αὐξήσαι τὰ γενήµατα τῆς δικαιοσύνης ὑµῶν· ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περισσεύητε εἰς πᾶν ἐδάφος.

**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, but 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 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 Kozák at orthodoxo-akozak@smail.net. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The class will meet next on November 19, at 9 a.m.
CLOSER AND CLOSER: We’re in the home stretch. As you can see, we are nearing completion of the exterior. On December 14, we will have our hearing relative to our Conditional Use Permit. The permit will enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. Tentatively, we’ve been given February 1, 2018 for utilization of our parking. As for the interior: we hope to locate a contractor by the end of 2017 for the upper interior wall installation. However, in order for us to continue, we need your prayers and your continued financial support. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of $550,000. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? This will enable us to continue rebuilding. If you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making your gift this calendar year, before December 31, as 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. More than likely, this will take place to coincide with our 100th anniversary, in 2021. We’re in the home stretch, Annunciation!

“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)