EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Chapter 6, Verses 11-18. It is found in our books on page 122.

O Άγιος Παύλος: Καμάτια με τον Αγίο Παύλο τον αναγνώστη, κεφ. 6, έδαφ. 11-18. Αδελφοί, ήχον τα φήματα της γραμματείας γιατί τη μόρια. Όταν θέλουν ενημερωθούν εν σοφία, αύξηση αναγνώστων εμάς περιμένει, μόνον ἵνα μὴ το στήνος του Χριστού διώκσην. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιμένειμναι αὐτοὶ νῦν μοι φέλοντες, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν εμάς περιμένειμναι, ἵνα εν τῇ μέτρῳ σαρκὶ καταχωρήσουν. Εἴμα δὲ μὴ γένοιτο καταστάθη εἰ μὴ εν τὸ στήνος του κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· δὲ ὁ ἐμὸς κοίμος ἐστάνειται, καθὼς τοὺς κόσμους. Εἰς γὰρ Χριστόν Ἰησοῦ ὑμᾶς περιτέμνεισθαι, αὐλα κακή κείμενη. Καὶ ὁ ὅσοι τοὺς κοίμους οὔτε σπείρονται, εἰς ἐν αὐτοῦς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ τῇ τὴν Ἰσραήλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους μοι μὴ διώκεις· ἔγιναν γὰρ τὰ στίγματα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ μέρει ὑµῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Η ἡμέρα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ μετά τοῦ πνεύματος ὑµῶν, ἀδελφοί. Ἀμήν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 16, Verses 19-31. It is found in our books on pages 247-248.

Ἐνιαίοις πνεύμα, ἀδελφοί, φρονήσατε εἰς τὸ τέλος τῶν ἡμερῶν τούτων, καὶ ἐκεῖνοι καταπέλτησον τοὺς διώκοντας αὐτοὺς, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραὴλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους µοι µηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἒληφθεν ὁ θάνατος τοῦ τοῦτον τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἔστησε δὲ τὸν τοῦτον τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐν πάσῃ τῇ μέρει ὑµῶν, καὶ ἑλπίζω ὅτι ἀναμμηνεύσητε τῇ σκέψει τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ ἐγείρετε τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ θεοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ. Ἐγὼ δὲ ἑνώμεθα εἰς τὸν Θεὸν, καὶ τὴν οἰκονομίαν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὰ κεφάλαια, καὶ τὴν σκέψην τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν παρακλήσειν τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν συνειδότητα τοῦ θεοῦ, καὶ τὴν πίστιν αὐτοῦ.
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)