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

O Απόστολος Πρὸς Κορινθίους Δευτέρας Ἐπιστολής Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 9, ἐδάφ. 6-11:

Ἀδέλφου, ὁ σπείρων φασινέως, φασινέως καὶ θερεῖς· καὶ ὁ σπείρων ἐπ’ ἐυλογίας, ἐπ’ ἐυλογίας καὶ θερεῖς. ἢς καθὼς προερχόταν τῇ καρδίᾳ μὴ εἴπῃς ἢ ἐλάφιας ἢ αἰσθήτης· ἱλαρός γὰρ δεῖ ἄγνοια ὁ θεὸς. Διδάσκεται δὲ ὁ θεὸς πᾶντα χάριν περιποιεῖται εἰς ἑμᾶς, ἵνα ἐν παντὶ πάντοτε πᾶσαν αὐτάρκειαν ἔχοντες περιουσίατε εἰς πάντα ἔργαν αὐθανά—καθὼς γέγραπται, Εὐσκόρπισεν, ἔδωκεν τοῖς πένησιν· ἡ ἡμέρα τῶν τῆς δικαιοσύνης ἐμπρός· ἐν παντὶ πλούτωμεν εἰς πᾶνα ἄσποντα, ἣτις κατεγράφαται δὲ ἡμῶν εὐχαριστία τὸ θεός.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s passage according to St. Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-16. It is found in our books on page 243.

Η σημερινή εὐαγγελικὴ περικόπτη ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Λουκᾶν, κεφ. 7, ἐδάφ. 11-16. Εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὸ βιβλίον μας, σ. 242.

Today’s Apologykion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone One:

The stone that had been sealed before your tomb by the Jews, and the soldiers guarding did watch over Your pure and sacred Body, O Savior, the third day You arose, and unto all the world did You give life. Whereby every heavenly powers did proclaim that the days of Your glory. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto Your Kingdom, glory to your Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

To the Almighty, the Father, who in the heavens, and the powers of heaven, and all the angels, and the inhabitants of the earth, let us give glory. For You are the Lord, the only wise God. You have given us life, and have called the names of our children.

Today’s Oikos Lecture is that of Tone One:

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 del adversario.

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 dogma, 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 Alexzandros Kozak at orthodox-agkazak@sneakemail.com. Note: The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). For more information, please see the October 22nd class.

SUNDAY’S MNEMOSYNA: This morning’s memorial services are being offered for the repose of the souls of: our sister Androulla Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 2 years ago, Evangelos Joseph, who fell asleep in the Lord 4 years ago; Virginia Drossos, who fell asleep in the Lord 20 years ago, and James Drossos, who fell asleep in the Lord 32 years ago. The families of Androulla and Evangelos Joseph and of Virginia and James Drossos are sponsoring this morning’s coffee hour.

MESSINIANS MEETING TODAY: The Navarino Messinian Society will hold a meeting in the second-floor conference room today, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: As noted, Greek School resumed on September 30. Sunday School, meanwhile, began on September 10. We are pleased to note the enthusiasm among both our staff (more teachers volunteering/great programs) and our students (more hands-on learning). Let’s keep up the enthusiasm. And let’s keep up making these educational programs better and better, teaching our children the ways of the Lord and also our cultural heritage. Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m., and Greek School begins at 10:00 a.m.

YOUNG ADULT DANCE PRACTICE: The newly formed group of Young Adults will practice this Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

HONORING PATRICIA ALECK DECEMBER 3: It is customary for the immediate past president of the Ladies Philoptochos to be honored, at the conclusion of her service as President (as it is also customary for the immediate past president of the Parish Council to be so honored). Our Ladies Philoptochos will honor Pat with a pre-dinner exhibition (for our little group). Instead of February, our Parish Greek School begins on September 10. We are pleased to note the enthusiasm among both our staff and our students. The families of Androulla and Evangelos Joseph and of Virginia and James Drossos are sponsoring this month’s coffee hour.

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WE CAN’T WAIT FOR IT TO FINISH: However, 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. As you see, we are nearing completion of the exterior. We are also about a month away from receiving a Conditional Use Permit to enable us to secure a third-party operator to run the parking. 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. First, we have outstanding pledges, to the tune of $600,000. Statements went out last week. Follow-up phone calls have been made by members of the Parish Council. May we ask you to make good on your Building Fund pledges by the end of 2017? Please give serious consideration to doing so, to enable us to continue rebuilding the Cathedral. If you have not yet contributed, won’t you consider making a gift this calendar year? We invite you to join in and let’s finish what we’ve undertaken to do, that is, to rebuild our church and 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. Let’s keep going, 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)