ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy, chapter 1, verses 8-18: TIMOTHY. my son, do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago, and now has manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, and therefore I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus; guard the truth that has been entrusted to you by the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, and among them Phygellus and Hermogenes. May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me; he was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me eagerly and found me - may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that Day and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 14, verses 16-24. It is found in our books on pp. 263-265.

Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal Four): Descending from on high, O merciful Lord, for us did You endure three days in the tomb, that we may be released from the passions of this world, You who are our Resurrection and our Life, Lord, glory to You.

Ἐξ ὑψίους κατηθέμετο, ὁ Εὐστάθιος, ταφήν κατεδέσμη τρωμένου, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃ τῶν παθῶν, ἡ Ζωή καὶ ἡ Αναστάσις ἡμῶν, Κύριε, δόξα σοι.
BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOUR HOMES: A building update, featuring our children on the cover, and a narrative of our building project on the inside, is about to be received by the Cathedral’s parishioners and friends, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. The great news is that construction has begun! We started construction 24 years (to the day) of Loma Prieta, the earthquake which claimed the old Cathedral. We’re building, because God has asked us to!

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you." (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἁγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν.) We’ve quoted this at least since the start of the Capital Campaign. And we can’t stress it enough: we’re building the Cathedral because God has asked us to. In His infinite wisdom, the Lord knows what he has in store for us and for the future of our Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco’s inner city.

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER $4.75 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds $4.75 million (This does not include the Mountanos bequest, prior to the start of the Campaign). Of the $4.75 raised, $3.62 has been received; $1.3 million is receivable (from parishioners who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) The total cost for completion, inside and out, is just over $12 million. However, the contract we signed with McNely Construction is a not-to-exceed $10.7 million. This gets us the parking structure and a complete exterior. However, when you open up the doors, you will see that we will need to complete the interior, down to the pews and the iconography. We have faith that we will get there and that the new Cathedral will be consecrated to the glory of God. You will see it. You will be a part of it. Through your prayers, your faith, and your giving.

We at the Annunciation Cathedral will grow
The Orthodox Christian Faith in San Francisco through:
Stewardship, Worship, Education, Evangelism and Philanthropic Outreach