**SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND PHARISEE: TRIODION BEGINS TODAY**

**EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Epistle Reading is from Saint Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy, chapter 3, verses 10-15:

TIMOTHY, my son, you have observed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions, my sufferings, what befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, what persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. Indeed all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceivers and deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 18, verses 10-14. It is found in our books on today's worship service. **The Lord said this parable,** "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**LEAVETAKING OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR**

**MEMORIAL**
Memorial prayers are offered this morning for the soul of the servant of God Maria Karas, who fell asleep in the Lord 5 years ago. Aionia i mneni.

**PHILOPTOCHOS TO SPONSOR COFFEE HOUR TODAY: FOCUS ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND "GO RED SUNDAY"**
"Go Red Sunday" is the American Heart Association’s national call to increase awareness and help prevent heart disease, the number one killer of American women. This is a call for women by women to take charge of their wellbeing and live stronger, healthier lives. The National Philoptochos Society has designated this Sunday, February 9, as “Go Red Sunday” in support of this program. Today, the Philoptochos women will be wearing red, and a fact sheet regarding heart disease will be made available. Meanwhile, the Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos is conducting its annual membership drive, inviting all women to become a part of this most dynamic philanthropic organization of Orthodox Christian women.

**DANCE PRACTICE TODAY**
Our dance groups will be practicing today, following the Divine Liturgy, in preparation for FDF. Our dance groups will be practicing today, following the Divine Liturgy, in preparation for FDF.

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Today’s Apolytikion (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Eight (Plagal 4):

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.
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, was sent to the Cathedral’s parishioners and friends, in an effort to keep you informed about our progress. (Another update is about to go out this week.) 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 $5.2 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds $5.2 million (Over $600,000 of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the $5.2 raised, $3.9 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. We are confident we will complete the interior, as well, iconography, pews and all. 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.

Be excited…it’s happening!

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