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EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Epistle Reading is from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, chapter 2, verses 10-16. It is found in our books on page 95.

Ἡ σημερινὴ ἐυαγγελικὴ περικοπή ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ματθαίου, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 18-23. It is found in our books on pages 199.

Today’s Apolytikion (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 all the heavenly powers did proclaim that You are the giver of life. Glory unto our resurrected Christ, glory unto your Kingdom, glory unto our Dispensation, O You who alone love mankind.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 4, verses 18-23. It is found in our books on pages 199.

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Memorials: Memorial prayers are offered this morning for the souls of the servants of God Chris Kallas, Helen Munguia and Louis Munguia, who fell asleep in the Lord 20, 5, and 18 years ago respectively. Αἰονία i mnímē.

40 Day Blessing: Today we welcome Michael and Nicole Garibaldi for the 40-day blessing of their baby girl Georgoulla Garibaldi. Congratulations and Να μας ζήσει!

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council will hold its regular meeting today in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Dance Groups Practicing Today and Next Sunday: Two of the Cathedral’s dance groups, namely Spithes (10-14 year olds) and Thisavi (7-9 year olds) will be practicing today and next Sunday, June 29, 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. There are openings for dancers for both groups. For Spithes, children must be entering 5th grade in the fall; for Thisavi, children must be going into 2nd grade in the fall. If you are interested in your child(ren)’s joining the groups, please speak with the respective directors, either before or after the practices. Lea Lyberopoulos is president of the Dance Board. Her contact information is karthia808@yahoo.com.

Soup Kitchen on June 24: As previously announced, the Cathedral has started a soup kitchen, which has been enthusiastically received. Our next monthly soup kitchen will be held this Tuesday, June 24 at 6:30 pm. Donations and volunteers are being sought to ensure that we can address the problem of hunger in the inner city, in a meaningful way. For more information, please contact Christina Tsiatis, c.tsiatis@gmail.com and/or visit Cathedral Facebook.

Young Professionals Brunch: Our Young Professionals group will meet next Sunday, June 29, immediately after the Divine Liturgy, for brunch.

Food Festival September 19, 20, 21, 2014: As announced, this year’s Food Festival will take place right here, at our 245 Valencia Street location. The emphasis will, of course, be on our food, which every year is a huge hit. Look at the monthly Herald, our web site, www.annunciation.org, on the Cathedral’s Facebook page, on the Twitter feed for our web site, and the Sunday bulletins for additional information about how you can help. Angie Leventis and Pat Aleck are this year’s Co-Chairs. Next meeting is June 25.
ANOTHER BUILDING UPDATE ON ITS WAY TO YOU:
The June building update, with the theme JOIN US and a narrative of our building project on the inside, including testimonials about WHY people are giving and a list of pledges/donations to date, is in the process of being sent to all of you.

The great news is that the first layer of the mud slab has been poured, with a waterproofing membrane going between the layers (and also waterproofing material mixed in with the concrete), and with the wall formation for the south wall beginning tomorrow. (Admittedly, it’s taken us a little while to get to this point, because of the dual easement agreement with our neighbors.) We’re now moving full-steam ahead with the rebuilding of the Cathedral. What an exciting time for all of us. What an historic undertaking—a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence, as our Sunday School children so movingly reminded us last Sunday.

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 are keeping this “immovable before our eyes,” Deut. 6:8. This commandment from Scripture is our vision statement. We can’t stress it enough: we’re building the Cathedral because God has told us to do so, that His Holy Name may be glorified, in the Orthodox Faith, in this dynamic corridor of San Francisco’s inner city!

MORE GOOD NEWS: OVER $5.4 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED DURING THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:
The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds $5.4 million (nearly $1 million of this was raised since we began construction on October 17!) Of the $5.4 raised, $4.1 has been received; $1.3 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years.) All from 240 donors, so far. Our goal is to engage 100% of God’s people in the sacred work of building His Sanctuary.

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