EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Epistle Reading is from the Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, chapters 11, verse 31-33 and 12, verses 1-9. It is found in our books on pages 118-119.

THE CATHEDRAL BENEFITS FROM YOUR PURCHASES FROM AMAZON: The Cathedral is enrolled in the Amazon Smile program, whereby Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible Amazon Smile purchases to charitable organizations selected by Amazon.com customers. When making online purchases from Amazon, select “Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral” as your charity of choice.

THIS MORNING’S AMENOSTY: Today’s memorial service is being offered for the repose of the souls of: Margarita Papapsoma, George Couvaris and Kalliope Couvaris, each of whom fell asleep in the Lord 40 days ago, and our sister Argyro Ambus, who fell asleep in the Lord 10 years ago. The families of John & Anastasia Dekaristos, Tasos & Argioura Papapsommas, and John & Irini Sahpasis are offering the coffee hour, in memory of Margarita Papapsoma, as the Messinian Society convenes in the Kytherian Room for their annual luncheon.

WELCOME FATHER CROW: This morning we welcome Father Isaac Crow (born Bruce Crow in Beirut, Lebanon) to our community. Father of our chanter Basil B. Crow, Father Crow is in San Francisco visiting his son, together with Basil’s mom, Khouria Dolly. Father Crow is from Sts. Peter and Paul Antiochian Orthodox Church in Potomac, Maryland and formerly pastor of St. Mary’s Antiochian Orthodox Church in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY: The Parish Council will meet today in the second floor conference room, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

START THINKING ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP FOR 2015: As the sign in the narthex suggests, please consider giving for the year what it costs the Cathedral to operate for one day, which is $1,750, or about $146 a month. God bless you.

TODAY IS THE SECOND “SUNDAY STREETS IN THE MISSION”: The last few Sunday events, held August 24, went off without a hitch. We hope today’s event runs as smoothly, and that you were able to access the parking lot behind the Cathedral. We are especially mindful of parishioners who need to be dropped off by van, curbside, and thank the organizers of the program for accommodating our needs.

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 libranos del Mal.
BUILDING UPDATE: IN ADDITION to a testimonial about WHY people are giving, the most recent building update, with the theme Building a Legacy, includes a list of donors to date—273 so far. We thank them for their “gifts of faith.” Their names will be inscribed on the dedication wall in the new Cathedral, where prayers will be constantly offered “for the blessed and ever-memorable founders and benefactors of this Holy Church.” Meanwhile, 1500 brochures, DVDs and CDs have gone out to potential donors around the country.

MORE GOOD NEWS: The top of the parking structure or, if you prefer, the base of the Cathedral itself (also known as the deck) is being formed. Rebar will soon be laid and concrete will be poured some time in November. Then, vertical (red-iron) steel for the Cathedral will begin to be put into place.

In the Book of Exodus (25:8) God says: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ἐποιήσεις 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,” as Deut. 6:8 states. 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! Amazing!

AS OF THIS WRITING, OVER $5.5 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED, $1 MILLION SINCE WE SIGNED THE CONTRACT ON OCTOBER 17, 2013! The total raised during the Capital Campaign exceeds $5.5 million. Of the $5.5 raised, $4.3 has already been received and $1.2 million is receivable (from those who are paying over a number of years, in some cases, up to five years). All from 273 donors, so far. We hope to grow this list to at least 500.

The Church is here to heal,
To reconcile,
To connect with Christ,
To become partakers of the divine glory,
To worship God,
To proclaim the Gospel, in the original Christian way,
That the world may be saved.