**EPISLLE READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Epistle Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, chapter 1, verses 11-19. It is found in our books on pages 153.

**GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY:** This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according Matthew, chapter 2, verses 13-23. It is found in our books on pages 317-319.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** CRETAN GLENDI ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18: The Glendi this year celebrates the centennial of the union of Crete with Greece (while the War for Independence began in 1821, Crete did not become a part of the modern Greek state until 1914). It will feature live music directly from Crete: Stelios Papadakis, Apo Tukalakas Mihalis, and Giannis Kakakis. Proceeds benefit the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund. No-host bar at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing at 7 p.m. The donation is $60 per person ($30 for those 12 and under. For reservations: Diane Kounalakis, kounalakiss@comcast.net or 650 343-6214; Nick Varanis, nicks@astound.net or 650 756-1992; Voula Fanourgakis, voukalabear@yahoo.com or 650-873-7299; or John Monolakis, delphi2881@dgglobal.net or 415 244-4534.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** CRAB FEED ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 30: The 23rd Annual Crab Feed, sponsored by the Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. The donation is $55 per person. Reservations will be secured only by receipt of payment. For information and reservations: Akleventis@comcast.net, 650 878-2695 or the Cathedral office, 415 864-8000. Usually a sell-out event, the Cathedral’s crab feed boasts the best crab around. More importantly, the proceeds support the various philanthropic projects undertaken by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos, as well as its support of the rebuilding of the Cathedral.
WE MADE IT TO $1 MILLION AND BEYOND! Together with the most recent gift to the Capital Campaign of our Ladies Philoptochos, we made it to $1 million (and beyond). That’s a million dollars given and pledged since the October 17, 2013 issuance of our building permit—25 years to the day of Loma Prieta. What an accomplishment! If we keep doing this year after year, we will finish and pay off our building in no time.

Meanwhile, the first of two pours of concrete took place on Thursday, December 18. The tension cables have been strengthened to the proper PSI. The second pour of concrete will take place on or about January 5, 2015, thus completing the parking structure ceiling, which is also the Cathedral floor deck. Beginning in mid-January, the vertical steel will start going up. Our goal is to get the parking structure up and running first, as we complete the Cathedral exterior. In the current Herald (as in last month’s), we featured photos of the dome steel. We cannot wait for that day to come. However, for all this to happen we need your monetary support and we need your prayers. To date, we have just over 300 donors. This list needs to grow to at least 500. All the donors’ names ($1,000 gift minimum) will eventually 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.” We want your children and their children to see your name up on the dedication wall.

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 ἁγίίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήήσοµαι ἐν ὑµµῖν). 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, as we rebuild the Cathedral to God’s glory, to serve our faithful and all God’s people in this blessed dynamic heart of San Francisco.

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.