EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, Chapter 4, Verses 5-11, 14-18. It is not found in our books, as it is apropos of the Feast of Saint Luke the Apostle and Evangelist, whose memory we commemorate this 18th day of October.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter 10, verses 16-21: The Lord said to his disciples, “He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects him who sent me.” The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”

The Feast Day of St. Gerasimos: Name Day of His Eminence: October 20 marks the Name Day of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. This is a special year, as it is the tenth anniversary of the enthronement of His Eminence...ten years of dynamic ministry! Tomorrow, October 19, at 5:30 p.m., Vespers will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Trinity, San Francisco, followed by a reception. On Tuesday, October 20, at 9 a.m. Orthros and at 10 a.m., the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at the Church of the Holy Cross, Belmont, followed by lunch. We look forward to seeing you at the above-noted celebratory events, as we gather to wish His Eminence polla eiti, many years.

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Today’s Apostolic (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Three: Let all things above in heaven rejoice, and let all things below on earth be glad. “With all the might and strength of His arm, an eternal deed the Lord did perform. Beneath His feet, He has trampled down death by death, and first

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstair). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozak at orthodoxy-agkозак@nseakemail.com.

Catechism Class: Six months ago we began a second catechism (religious education) class at the Annunciation Cathedral, taught by Marcelo Souza. Over the last few months, we had three adult baptisms! This class serves as preparation for those seeking baptism – not only those entering the Church through marriage, but any other inquirers, as well as Orthodox people desiring to learn more about our Faith, or a refresher course. We are now using two introductory books – Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology by Fr. Andrew Louth, and Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis – in addition to investigating our Creed as the summary of the Faith. We are also reading through the Gospel of Mark. Please keep our catechumens – a key part of the future of our church! – in your prayers.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado seas 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 líbranos del Mal.
ALMOST DONE:
THE EXTERIOR WALL: It seems like only yesterday that we began and, here we are, putting up the exterior wall, to be followed by the windows, the gutters, downspouts, the dome metal, and the clay tile roof. Then, the stucco will be applied; pavers, stonework, and doors will be installed. The outside will be virtually complete. The fountain will be working and we will have plants.

Excitement mounts as we watch this magnificent structure evolve, as it represents everything we are and everything we believe as Greek Orthodox Christians. It is also a symbol of the faith that our own generation has cultivated, and what we hope to leave behind, to inspire the generations to come.

We’ve noted on a number of occasions that we have raised $6 million towards this project, with another $4.7 to go. And we have explained how much has been spent and on what. (For specific information, please refer to the recent issues of the Herald.) Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project: completion of the exterior by summer of 2016; this includes the normal functioning of the garage. At that point, we are planning to hold a Gala event, to celebrate a great accomplishment, as we turn to phase two, the completion of the interior. Work on the interior, including appointments and iconography, should take another year or so. Certainly, we hope to be able to plan for its consecration, in 2017, four years before our 100th anniversary. All this, of course, will depend upon your prayers and continued support.

May God bless our undertaking, for God is the one who spoke to Moses, then, and who speaks to us, today, saying: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µου ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήήσοµαι ἐν ὑµµῖν, Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of

“The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified.”

(Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Ground breaking, November 6, 1997)