
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 4, Verses 1-7. It is found in our books on page 125.

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PHILOPTOCHOS THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites you to join us for its pre-Thanksgiving luncheon, today, following the Divine Liturgy. The donation of $20 helps defray the cost of the luncheon and also supports the Building Fund. Our Parish Assembly will follow immediately thereafter.


2015 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD: Annette Chiappari, Kalliope Fousekis, and Annamari Balian will be on hand again today, through the end of the month, collecting names for this year’s Christmas Card. No doubt, you will want to be listed, as the community extends greetings and best wishes to one another on the occasion of Christmas and the New Year. The donation is, as it has been for years, $25. Our Christmas card this year is a rendering of the Annunciation, written by our Iconographer, Professor George Kordis.

DIVINE LITURGY THIS WEEK: Thursday, November 26 is our day of national Thanksgiving. It is also the Feast of St. Stylianos. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated beginning at 10 a.m.

2015 PHILOPTOCHOS ANGEL TREE PROJECT TO BENEFIT FOSTER CHILDREN: This Christmas season the Philoptochos is supporting the “Sleep Train Foster Kids” charitable program. This program provides a positive impact on the lives of thousands of foster children by providing them with everyday essential items. We are looking to provide gifts of pajamas and winter coats to at least 50 foster children between the ages of 5 to 17. These items will be distributed to foster children in the San Francisco and San Mateo areas. The Christmas tree with gift tags have been set up since November 1st. Choose a tag for a specific age and gender. All unwrapped gifts need to be returned to the church by December 6th. Thank you for the generosity you have given over the past years. Contact Vivian Curd at 650-873-6055 with any questions.

LEArning AHhead: STEWArship SuNdAy: December 6 has been designated “Stewardship Sunday.” Please do not mail in your 2016 stewardship cards. Bring them with you to church on December 6. Following the Artoklasia service we will have an opportunity to publicly declare our support by depositing our stewardship commitments for 2016. A brunch will follow.
ALMOST THERE: We are almost completely done with metal stud framing and exterior Densglass (the yellow panels you see on the outside). Plywood and wood blocking are also nearly complete on all tile roof areas. The dome areas are next. This will be followed by waterproofing, window installation, latex, and plaster. Then, the exterior of the building will be virtually complete.

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 µοι ἁγίιασµα, καὶ ὀφθήήσοµαι ἐν ὑµμῖν. (Exodus 25:8). May we prove worthy of the trust God has in us to rebuild His Church.

“"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)