EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 4, verses 7-13. It is found in our books on page 155.

The Assigned Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 9, verses 1-19. It is found in our books on page 266.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 4, verses 12-17. It is found in our books, on page 323.

The hymn of St. Gregory of Nyssa, “The Lord is my portion” is found in our books on page 155.

If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, or with Father Stephen, or you come to the Cathedral for worship, or you may speak with Father Stephen or with Father Stephen, or you come to the Cathedral for worship, or you may speak with Father Stephen or with Father Stephen, or you come to the Cathedral for worship, or you may speak with Father Stephen or with Father Stephen.

For a donation of $5,000., parishioners and friends of the Cathedral may donate a window. Their names will be listed on the new Cathedral has been installed. It is located right, adjacent the courtyard triple double doors. The windows, all of which are arched, were crafted for us by Pella. The windows have been a donor opportunity for us. For a donation of $5,000., parishioners and friends of the Cathedral may donate a window. Their names will be listed as donors on the commemorative plaque, which will be installed in the entryway to the new Cathedral. Please see Tom Nutris or Tom Papageorge, Capital Campaign Chairs, or Father Stephen if you wish to make a donation.

THANK YOU, 2016 STEWARDS: A church is only as vibrant as the faith of the people who make up the community. Annunciation Cathedral is blessed to have dedicated people, who worship regularly and who contribute, making possible the many ministries offered by their parish. Recently, we’ve had significant changes in the Parish’s personnel. This does not, however, diminish the service we get on that day. Now, is this good? Yes and no. Yes, because it represents just under a third of the level of support we received on that day. December 6, we observed “Stewardship Sunday” at the Cathedral. Through your stewardship, you declared your support of the Cathedral and its ministries for 2016 and beyond. 94 Stewardship pledges were received on that day. Now, is this good? Yes and no. Yes, because it represents just under a third of the level of support we received in 2015, and we anticipate we should have 350 or so stewards again in 2016. On the other hand, our community has a total of having 800 stewards. There are at least that many families with whom we communicate on a regular basis, and who consider the Annunciation Cathedral to be their parish church. So, how do we get everyone on board? By keeping at it, by staying the course. By continuing to extend the invitation, as the Lord himself does. As He says in Scripture, specifically, in the Book of Revelation, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock” (Revelation 3:20). Meanwhile, we pause to acknowledge and thank our stewards. The February 2016 issue of the Herald, which will go to press on January 15, will feature an “honor roll of stewards.” In that issue, we will print the names of all those who will have declared their support for 2016. In order to be listed, please forward your 2016 Stewardship pledge card by January 15. If, for some reason, you have misplaced your card, please call the Cathedral office at 415 864-8000, and we will be happy to send you another card. If you prefer, you may pick up a card when you come to the Cathedral for worship, or you may speak with Gus Vouchilas, our Stewardship Committee Chair, or with Father Stephen, fathers@annunciation.org.

SUNDAY AFTER THEOPHANY

Parish Vasiliopita Today: Do join us, following today’s Divine Liturgy, for the Parish Vasiliopita. It is being sponsored by the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos. As is our tradition, champions brunch will be served, in addition to the St. Basil’s breads, which our women have prepared. The donation is for the brunch is $20 for adults and $10 for children.

The readings are th...
WINDOWS GOING IN: We are completely done with metal stud framing and exterior Densglass (the yellow panels you see on the outside). Plywood and wood blocking are now complete on all tile roof areas, as well as the domes. Waterproofing has been completed, with lath, and plaster to follow. Meanwhile, the windows are being installed, and will be completed soon, weather permitting.

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. Additionally, we have projected a timetable for completion of the project—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.