EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, Chapter 6, Verses 11-18. It is found in our books on page 147.

Ο Απόστολος, προς Γάλατας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τοῦ ἄνισθιμου, κεφ. 6, ἐδάφ. 11-18: Αδελφοί, ἀκοὴ ὑμῶν ἐμῶν γράψεως γίνεται τῇ ἐμῇ χεῖρί. ὜πο αὐτῶν εὔφραστος ἐν σοι, αὐτοὶ αναγκάσθησαι ἕμας περιεπιθέναι, μόνον ἵνα μὴ τί σταυρῷ τοῦ Χριστοῦ διώκωμε. Οὐδὲ γὰρ οἱ περιεπιθεῖσαι αὐτοὶ νόμον φυλάσσοντες, ἀλλὰ θέλουσιν ἕμας περιεπείθεσθαι, ἵνα ἐν τῇ εἰμίστῃ σαρκί καταχωρηθῆναι. Ἔμα περὶ τῇ γένοσι καθηκόντα εἰ μὴ ἐν τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ διώκωμεν δόλῳ ἐν τῷ κοίμησι αὐτῶν, καὶ περιτετμῆσαι αὐτοὺς, καὶ ἐλεοῦς, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Ἡ θεία Λειτουργία, κεφ. 6, σελ. 13-17. Εὐφραίνεσθω ἀγαλλιάσθω ἔλεος, καὶ ἔλεος, καὶ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραήλ τοῦ θεοῦ. Τοῦ λοιποῦ, κόπους µοι µηδεὶς παρεχέτω· ἐγὼ γὰρ τὰ στίγµατα τοῦ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ ἐν τῷ σώµατί µου περιτετµηµένοι αὐτοὶ νόµον φυλάσσουσιν.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: As noted in the August Herald, Greek School resumes Saturday, September 24, at 10 a.m., and Sunday School resumes Sunday, September 25, at 10:30 a.m. (both following our Food Festival, which will take place Friday, September 16, Saturday, September 17, and Sunday, September 18). We are pleased to note the enthusiasm among both our staff (more teachers volunteering/great programs) and our students (more hands on learning); they eagerly look forward to the start of the school year.

EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 3, Verses 13-17. It is found in our books on p. 307.

Today’s Apolytikion (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-born of the dead has He become. From the depths of Hades has He del

GOD’S DAY: The first day of the new year than ever. For the first time in a long time we have show off the works of your hands. We hope you do; you make us proud.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: 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 Kovak at orthodoxy-agkovak@sneakemail.com.
THE STUCCO OF THE EXTERIOR IS COMPLETE: The stucco is now complete. So is the painting of the trim around the perimeter of the building, below the roofline, and also the installation of the stone windowills. All this will be followed in a week by the laying of the clay tile roof. Meanwhile, mechanical work continues in the garage. The elevator, which leads from the garage, will be installed mid-September, so we can begin using the garage by March of 2017.

To mark this achievement, and to celebrate our 95th year as a community, we will hold a Gala event on November 5. Invitations are being printed. As for the interior of the Cathedral: with God’s help, and your generosity, we hope to be able to complete it by the end of 2017. We are looking ahead to consecrating the new Cathedral to the glory of God to coincide with our 100th anniversary in 2021. God will bless us, indeed, if it is His Will that His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who laid the cornerstone back in 1997, also consecrates it to God’s glory in 2021!

May God enable our undertaking; the gift of this generation to future generations.

May God continue to inspire you and those who will come after us. The new Cathedral, in the heart of this great City of San Francisco, is shaping up to be a landmark house of worship. You are building it to glorify the Holy Name of God, who spoke to Moses, 3,000 years ago, and is speaking to us today, saying: “Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you.” (Translated from the Septuagint: Καὶ ποιήσεις µοι ἁγίασµα, καὶ ὀφθήσοµαι ἐν ὑµῖν (ἐν ὑµῖν). (Exodus 25:8). Indeed, He appears among us, in the person of every child, every senior, every human heart, who calls upon the

“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)