EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, 1, Verse 21 through Chapter 2, Verse 4. It is found in our books on page 112.

Ο Απόστολος, πρὸς Κορινθίους δεύτερας ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 1, εδάφ. 21 - κεφ. 2, εδάφ. 4: Ἀδελφοί, ὁ βεβαιὸς ἡμᾶς σὺν ἐμῖν εἰς Ἑρωτόν, καὶ χρισαὶ ἡμᾶς, θεός, ὁ καὶ συραγαίμαιες ἡμᾶς, καὶ δοῦν τοὺς τοῖς ἀναβάταις ἐν ταῖς κεραυνῶι ἡμῶν. Εγὼ δὲ μάρτυρα τὸν θεόν ἐπικαλοῦμαι ἐπὶ τὴν ἐμὲ ψυχήν, ὅτι φεύγωμεν ἡμῖν σουκεῖ δοῦλον εἰς Κορινθῖον. Οὐχ ὅτι κοινωνεῖν ἐμοὶ τὴν πίστιν, ἀλλὰ συνεργεῖν ἐμπρὸς τῆς χαρᾶς ἡμῶν· τῇ γάρ πιστεύει ἡμῖν. Ἐφορεῖ ἡμᾶς εἰς τὰ βιβλία ἡμῶν, σελ. 238. Ἡ ἡμέρα: ἐδάφ. 1. }

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 5, Verses 1-11. It is found in our books on Pages 239-241.

The Sunday Gospel (Dismissal Hymn) is that of Tone Five (Plagal 1): Eternal with the Father and the Spirit is the Word, who of a Virgin was begotten for our salvation. As the faithful, we both praise and worship Him for, in the flesh He consent to ascend unto the Cross, and death did He endure, and the dead He raised unto life though His all-glorious Resurrection.

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἕκασθεν χειρεῖται εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυψησμένοι πιστοὶ καὶ προσενήσμενοι ὑπὸ κάθοικες σαρκός αναλείπειν εἰς τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείρει τοὺς τεθνεῶσας, εἰς τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ.

THE LORD’S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan y líbranos del Mal.
THE TILE ROOF IS GOING UP: Now that the stucco is complete, along with the painting and the installation of the stone window sills, the clay tile roof is being laid. Meanwhile, mechanical work continues in the garage. The elevator, which leads from the garage, has arrived and will be installed in the next few days, 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. It is 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 (Exodus 25:8).) Indeed, He appears among us, in the person of every child, every senior, every human heart, who calls upon the Name of the Lord.

“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)