EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, Chapter 6, Verses 1-10. It is found in our books on pages 114-115.

GALAX COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY: The Gala Committee will be meeting today in the second floor conference room.

GREEK SCHOOL, SUNDAY SCHOOL: Greek School resumed on September 24 and Sunday School resumed on September 25, with an agiasmos service by Bishop Apostolos. 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. We invoke God’s richest blessings upon our teachers and our young people, as we grow in the ways of the Lord, in the Orthodox Christian tradition, and as we learn our Greek language and heritage.

DANCE PRACTICE: Dance practice continues today, following the Divine Liturgy and every Sunday, up to FDF (in February), following the Divine Liturgy. We are pleased to report we have more young people this year than ever. For the first time in a long time we have 5 groups. The groups are: To Mellon (pre-K, K), To Mellon 2 (1st-3rd grades), Thessavit (3rd-6th grades), Spithes (7th-11th grades), and Megalopolis (adults). If you would like to enroll, please look for the appropriate age group, practicing in various parts of the building (Korinthias Gym, Kytherian Room, chapel, gallery) and speak to the director in charge.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 7, Verses 11-16. It is found in our books on Page 243.

COUNTDOWN TO THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL GALA: SATURDAY, NOV. 5: By now, you’ve received your invitation to the Gala on Saturday, November 5, 2016. A great evening is in store for you. You will experience a glamorous dinner, paired with thrilling entertainment and a fabulous auction!

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs). This class is especially intended for young people, as we grow in the ways of the Lord, in the Orthodox Christian tradition, and as we learn our Greek language and heritage.

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 de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudos; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y libranos del Mal.

THE GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: That You had risen from the dead, O Christ our God, bestowing your mercy on the world evermore.

K Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ - λέγει γάρ, Καιρῷ δεκτῷ ἐπήκουσά σου, καὶ ἐν ἡµέρᾳ σωτηρίας ἐβοήθησά σοι· ἰδού, νῦν ἡµέρα σωτηρίας.
THE TILE ROOF IS ALMOST ALL 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 have been sent. 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)