ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL SUNDAY BULLETIN: NOVEMBER 20, 2016

NINTH SUNDAY OF LUKE

EPISODE READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians, Chapter 6, Verses 11-18. It is found in our books, p. 122.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning’s Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verses 16-21. It is found in our books on pages 258-260.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs). 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 Kozak at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com.

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GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES.

PHILOPTOCHOS SPONSORING COFFEE HOUR DECEMBER 4: The Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos will be sponsoring the coffee hour on December 4.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE SPONSORING STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY: Sunday, December 11 has been designated “Stewardship Sunday.” It is the day when we bring our Stewardship Commitments for 2017. Following the Divine Liturgy that day, the Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Gus Vouchilas, is sponsoring acelebratory meal.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY LITURGY ON DECEMBER 6: For some years now, we have been going to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church at 5200 Diamond Heights Blvd., San Francisco, for St. Nicholas Day services. This year, we received an invitation to attend services at the St. Nicholas (OCA) Orthodox Church in San Anselmo. Father Stephen will be attending those services, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 102 Ross Avenue.

STILL BASKING IN THE GLOW OF THE GALA: For some time, we will be talking about it for a long time. A video of the Gala, held on November 5. It was a spectacular event. People will be talking about it for a long time. A video of the evening is available by clicking on the following link: https://vimeo.com/191606345

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS DECEMBER 11: We have seven individuals running for the seven positions that are open. These are: George Ambadiotakis Ambuis, S. Christopher Kyriacou, Vassiliki Moulas, Dean Mis D. Vorrises. Together with Father Stephen, they compose the Parish Council. The eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017. They join the eight who were elected last year term, beginning January 1, 2017.
THE SCAFFOLDING IS COMING DOWN: Now that the tile roof is complete, the scaffolding is beginning to be dismantled. We started at the south side of the building, and are continuing with the façade, the north and the east sides. Things are moving along.

To mark this achievement, and to celebrate our 99th year as a community, we held a Gala event two Saturdays ago—by all counts, a smashing success! (Be sure to view the video at: https://vimeo.com/191606345. As for the interior of the Cathedral: with God’s help, and your generosity, we hope to complete it by the end of 2017. We look forward 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 (καὶ ἐρχόµενος 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)