SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025

10th SUNDAY OF MATTHEW **MYRON THE MARTYR OF CYZICUS**

This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16— Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 17:14-23— At that time, a man came up to Jesus and kneeling before him said, "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and he suffers terribly; for often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him." And Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me." And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. For truly I say to you, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move hence to yonder place,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. But this kind never comes out except by prayer and fasting." As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day."

PHILOPTOCHOS EVENTS: Festival Baking – Philoptochos ladies will be baking on **Wednesday, August 20** starting at 10:30am (koulourakia) and on **August 27** at 10:30am (kourabiedes). No experience needed. Please come and join us!

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Today's Memorial Service is being offered for the repose of the soul of **Spiros Papadakis** (3 months). Αίωνία η μνήμη! May his memory be eternal

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: is being hosted by the family of Spiros Papadakis in loving memory of his passing. Αιωνία η μνήμη του!

SAVE THE DATE: Father Constantinos will be officially installed as the 11th Proistamenos of the Annunciation Cathedral following a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, September 7**. A celebratory brunch will follow Liturgy—more details to come!

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Join us on **Friday, August 22**- Leavetaking of the Dormition Holy Vigil (7pm); **Saturday, August 23**- Holy Confessions (3pm); Great Vespers (4pm)

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is the foundation of everything we do as a parish. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Most importantly, it supports our Cathedral liturgical expenses. We have an aggressive goal this year and now more than ever it is important that each parishioner step forward and pledge. We are 2/3's of the way to our goal and your commitment is vital for our success! Please join in and help us move forward!

AN INVITATION TO HOST COFFEE HOUR: As part of our revitalized coffee hour program, we're calling on all ministries, organizations, and our parishioners (individually or in teams!) to sign up to host one or more coffee hours over the course of the year. We'll supply the coffee/ cream/ sugar, tablecloths, napkins, utensils – and you supply the goodies (e.g., pastries, donuts, bagels, small sandwiches, fruit/ vegetable/ cheese platters and assorted dips, or other similar items). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or, 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN: Every third Tuesday of the month, we come together to prepare, serve, and share a hot meal with those in our neighborhood. Our next gathering will take place this **Tuesday, August 19.** If you would like to volunteer, please sign up at www.annunciation.org/ck-signup. If you would like to support this important ministry, please consider making a financial donation at www.annunciation.org/ck-donate