SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

11th Sunday of Matthew | **Eutyches the Hieromartyr & Disciple of St. John the Theologian**

This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 9:2-12— Brethren, you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. This is my defense to those who would examine me. Do we not have the right to our food and drink? Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a wife, as the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living? Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Who tends a flock without getting some of the milk? Do I say this on human authority? Does not the law say the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, "You shall not muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain." Is it for oxen that God is concerned? Does he not speak entirely for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of a share in the crop. If we have sown spiritual good among you, is it too much if we reap your material benefits? If others share this rightful claim upon you, do not we still more? Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.

This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew 18:23-35— The Lord said this parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents; and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and besought him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you besought me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Join us on **Wednesday, August 27** Divine Liturgy - Fanourios the Great Martyr (6pm), **Friday, August 29**- Divine Liturgy - Beheading of Saint John the Baptist(10am, Orthros 8:45am), **Saturday, August 30**- Holy Confessions (3pm); Great Vespers (4pm)

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**. All are invited to a complimentary celebratory brunch hosted by the Parish Council.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR: is being hosted by John & Magda Lampros in loving memory of Thanacis Skorinis. Αιωνία η μνήμη του!

BUILDING FUND MATCH CHALLENGE: We are blessed with another incredible opportunity! An anonymous benefactor has offered a **$100,000 Building Fund Match Challenge**. Every dollar donated to the Building Fund will be matched, up to $100,000, through **December 31, 2025**. Together we can raise **$200,000** or more for the construction of our new Cathedral. Donations may be made online through Realm or by mailing a check to the Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship is our offering showing love in action for Christ, the Church, and our fellow human beings. It supports our ministries, programs, outreach, and the care and maintenance of our beloved Cathedral. Most importantly, it supports our Cathedral liturgical expenses and our NEW Priest! Now more than ever it is time for everyone to step up and make a commitment to our community. We are moving forward! Please pledge today in person at Church or www.annunciation.org/donate.

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 (pastries, donuts, bagels, small sandwiches, fruit/ vegetable/ cheese platters or other similar items). Please reach out to Irene Melitas (irene.melitas@annunciation.org, or 925.212.8561) to sign-up and learn more.

HELP US MARKET OUR GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL: Our Greek Food Festival is just around the corner on September 19–21! The marketing team is spreading the word and hopes you'll join in. Next time you're at Church, pick up posters and postcards outside the chapel to share with friends, neighbors, and colleagues - or ask local businesses to display them. Let's make this our best-attended festival yet!