SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

12th Sunday of Matthew | **Eutyches the Hieromartyr & Disciple of St. John the Theologian**

This morning's Apostolic Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:1-7— Brethren, the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly sanctuary. For a tent was prepared, the outer one, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence; it is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain stood a tent called the Holy of Holies, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, which contained a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. These preparations having thus been made, the priests go continually into the outer tent, performing their ritual duties; but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood which he offers for himself and for the errors of the people.

This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew 19:16-26— At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, "Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you call me good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which?" And Jesus said, "You shall not kill, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have observed; what do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions.
And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

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 on **Tuesday, September 16**. 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

SERVICES THIS WEEK: Join us on **Saturday, September 6**- 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.

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 festival is coming up September 19–21! The marketing team is spreading the word and hopes you'll join in. Next time you're at church, please pick up a few posters and postcards (located just 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!