



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
ANNUNCIATION
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE
DECEMBER 1, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

December 1, 2024

Plagal 2 Mode | Nativity Fast (Fish, Oil & Wine allowed) | 1st Morning Gospel

This Lord's Day we remember Nahum the Prophet; Philaret the Merciful of Amnia; Ananias the Persian; our Holy Father Theocletus the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Lacedaemonia; and our Holy Fathers Ananias and Solochon, Archbishops of Ephesus.

Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 103.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Glorify to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 146.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλουῖα.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glorify to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God....

Third Antiphon. Resurrection Apolytikion. Plagal 2 Mode.

Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμιά σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄιδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ, ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, and those guarding it became as dead, and at Your grave Mary was standing, seeking Your most pure body. You plundered Hades, not being tempted by it; You encountered the Virgin, granting life. O Lord, Who rose from the dead, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Church, Mode 4: Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τῇ Θεοτόκῳ βοήσωμεν· Χαίρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Today is the crowning moment of our salvation, and the unfolding of the eternal mystery: the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace. Therefore, with him let us also cry aloud to the Mother of God: Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

Kontakion for the Season of Advent, Mode 3: Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίῳ ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπόρρητως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ Ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουλευθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word* in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

After the Trisagion Hymn:

A Psalm of David. Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Plagal 2 Mode. Psalm 27.

O Lord, save Your people, and bless Your inheritance.

To You, O Lord, I cry; O my God!

The reading is from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (2:4-10): BRETHREN, God who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God: not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (18:35-43): AT THAT TIME, as Jesus drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging; and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped, and commanded him to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A

Bill Evrigenis – Team Leader, Takis Fotopoulos, Chris Georgoulas,
RJ Hansen, Niko Pikios, Demetri Romas



Altar Guild
Pauline Cazanis



Memorials

Tyke Kuchulis (one year), Kostantinos Kalfountzos (three years)

Coffee Fellowship

Hosted by the Kalfountzos and Kuchulis Families



Beginning today, online candles and
tray donations are no longer available.



Publication Submission Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org
Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements

This Week at Annunciation Email - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org

Quarterly Observer - December 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org

ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE (ASL)

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Thursday, December 5th, 2024 - 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM
HELLENIC HALL – ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

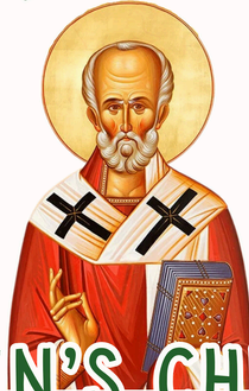
MENU: Appetizers, Salad, and a desert. Main Course: Shrimp Linguine

PRICE: \$15 per person at the door

PROGRAM: Christmas Carols by the Annunciation Choir

CONTACT: Diane Petersen (916) 214-4644

NEW EVENT THIS YEAR



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 1



FOLLOWING THE
DIVINE LITURGY

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER FOYER & BOOKSTORE

In the spirit of St. Nicholas and gifting others, our children will be provided the opportunity to shop for their loved ones. A selection of wonderful Christmas ornaments and home decor, books, and other sweet things have been donated for their shopping adventure.

All gift items are priced \$1 to \$10 and will be gift wrapped for them. Please send your children to church with cash this day.

Children will be organized by age and wait in the hall until their turn is called. Youngest children go first.

We welcome volunteers to help with sales and gift wrap.
Please contact Cynthia at cynthiaslokos@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR A
**VERY MERRY
FAMILY NIGHT**

DINNER
DESSERT
HOT COCOA BAR
CHRISTMAS CAROLS
MUSIC & DANCING
CRAFTS & GAMES FOR ALL AGES



SATURDAY
DEC 7

5:30pm
to
8:30pm

ANNUNCIATION
HELLENIC
CENTER

TICKETS
ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN \$5
tiny.cc/verymerry24

TICKET SALES CLOSE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS
NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG



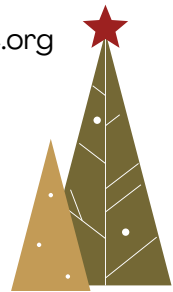
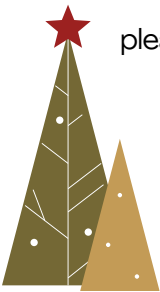
Annunciation Sunday School & GOYA present

The GIVING TREE

in support of the Sacramento Children's Home

Select a wish star from the Giving Tree in the Annunciation Church Office Lobby. Fulfill the wishlist and return the wish star and unwrapped gifts to the Giving Tree by **Sunday, December 15.**

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Nicki Hansen at nhansen@annunciationsac.org



Christ is Born!



We invite you to join our
PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

Donation: \$30 per line of family names
No greetings or messages

Deadline is Monday, December 2, 2024

Register at tiny.cc/christmas-card

ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTO



DECEMBER MEETING

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:00 PM

THE APOSTOLIDIS HOME

DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED

GRADES 6-12

RSVP AT tiny.cc/goyadecember

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT NIKKI AVDIS AT GOYA@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG

VOTE, MEET & EAT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FOUR POSITIONS OPEN • THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
VOTING TO TAKE PLACE IN PERSON ONLY
VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 3PM



PLEASE CONTACT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS WITH QUESTIONS:
VANESSAS201@GMAIL.COM • LFKIVETOS@GMAIL.COM
IOANNIS.KAZANIS@GMAIL.COM • NROTAS1@MAC.COM

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

Following the Divine Liturgy
Annunciation Hellenic Center

DSG PASTAMANIA

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

ADULTS \$15 • CHILDREN (UNDER 10) \$10
FAST-FRIENDLY MACARONIA, SALAD, GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT

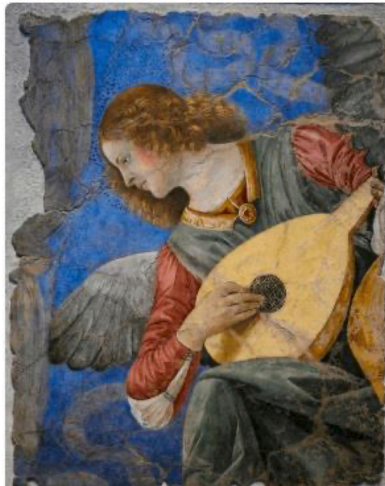
\$5 LOUKOUMADES • 50/50 RAFFLE • PRESALES AT tiny.cc/dsgpastamania

Tis the Season

*for our Annunciation Choir
Christmas Concert and
Hellenic Center Reception*

*December 15 at 7 pm
(no cost for admission)*

The concert is dedicated to our devoted Choir;
many sang under the direction of Bill Bobolis,
of blessed memory, who served for 56 years!



We welcome children to join us;
if interested, please contact
Jamie Bobolis at 916.712.6052.

Annunciation Greek Dance Ministry *See's Candies Costume Fundraiser*

All Pre-sale forms are due
ON OR BEFORE 12/1/24

2 Options to Order

Contactless Online Ordering at:

<http://tiny.cc/dsgseescandy>

*free shipping for orders over \$70



Pre-sell with Dancer's Order Form

Include CASH & Checks Payable to:

"Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church"

Subject Line: **"DSG SEES"**

Candy Pick-Up on

Sunday, Dec. 15th

after Liturgy & at dance practices



Sunday School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 22

Immediately Following
the Divine Liturgy

Annunciation
Greek Orthodox Church



CHRIST IS BORN

glorify Him!

JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN WORSHIP
TO CELEBRATE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS MORNING

ORTHROS 9:00AM
DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM



SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
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Save the date



DIVE FOR THE CROSS

Saturday, January 4, 2025 • 2:00pm

Details and registration to come

A JOURNEY TO FULLNESS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FULLNESS OF THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN FAITH

Wednesdays
7:00 pm

Annunciation
Hellenic Center

All Welcome

Information: (916) 443-2033, ext. 221



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
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Founded Pentecost, 33 AD



News from Philoptochos

Philoptochos Upcoming Baking Schedule

Monday, December 2 • Monday, December 9 • Monday, December 16

For additional information call or e-mail Toulia Delis
at toula10@yahoo.com or call 916.745.5022.

Coat Drive

The Annunciation Ladies' Philoptochos is collecting new warm coats for the children who attend the Leataata Floyd Elementary School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. The Red Cart will be in the Hellenic Center for the next few weeks to collect the coats for children aged 5 years old to 13 years old who attend this school. Thank you for your continued support of Philoptochos and our effort to assist those in need.



ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE NEWS

Mark your calendar for the Children's Shopping Spree on Dec 1 after Liturgy. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

We are stocked and ready to handle all your Christmas shopping needs, from spiritual needs, children's books and gifts, to hostess and girlfriend gifts. Come by after Liturgy to see what's new. Here are a few of our favorites below:



Merry Christmas Confetti Candles



Beautiful Soy Candles



Sweet & Spiritual Musical Hearts



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTER AT tiny.cc/sunday-school

NURSERY-5TH GRADE

Class begins at 10am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Students attend the Divine Liturgy or assist our youth in class lessons and activities beginning at 10am. Middle School and High School lessons begin following Holy Communion.

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions



ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION 2024-2025

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2024

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions
garyleonard@hotmail.com

Epistle Reading Program

The Epistle Reading Program is open to our parish youth (ages 10+) and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and serve our community!

Please register and select reading dates at the link below. A confirmation will be emailed, along with the reading(s) for the selected date(s). Assistance is available to prepare new readers. Readers are needed every Sunday.

Please contact Nicki Hansen at nhansen@annunciationsac.org with questions.

tiny.cc/epistlereaders



SUMMER 2025 SURVEY

HELP US PLAN OUR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Visit tiny.cc/summer-survey25



US Programs

Hurricanes Helene and Milton: IOCC Talking Points



IOCC Emergency Response Update

IOCC is on the ground and working with people to remove household debris, tree branches, garbage, and other water-logged items after the severe storm damage.

Recovery and Rebuilding Support

Last week, our Action Team leaders and volunteers were in Pulaski, VA, cleaning up and mucking out homes devastated by flooding. This week our teams have deployed to Unicoi County in Tennessee, and Pine Island in Florida, to conduct assessments and begin additional clean-up operations.

Emotional and Spiritual Care Support

Another essential part of the response is offering emotional and spiritual care to people suffering from the burden of a catastrophic event. Our trained Frontliners just completed an assignment at the Red Cross Shelter in Asheville, NC, and are now deployed to Tennessee and Florida to meet community needs.



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Toll Free Donation Hotline: 877.803.IOCC (4622)

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SCAN ME

This Sunday, December 1, we honor the Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarch.

The Archons of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is a devoted group of passionate leaders, relentlessly focused on protecting religious freedom for everyone and ensuring the future of the Ecumenical Patriarchate – the historical spiritual center of the world's 300+ million Orthodox Christians. An Archon is an honoree by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for his outstanding service to the Church, and a well-known distinguished, and well-respected leader of the Orthodox Christian community.

It is by the grace of God that the Archon has been able to offer his good works and deeds of faith. Further, it is the sworn oath of the Archon to defend and promote the Orthodox Christian faith and tradition. His special concern and interest is to serve as a bulwark to protect and promote the Sacred See of St. Andrew the Apostle and its mission. He is also concerned with the human race's inalienable rights wherever and whenever they are violated – and the well-being and general welfare of the Christian Church. This honor extended by the Ecumenical Patriarchate carries with it grave responsibilities, deep commitments, and sincere dedication. Consequently, it is of utmost importance that this honor of obligation be bestowed upon individuals of proven Orthodox Christian character, who conform faithfully to the teachings of Christ and the doctrines, canons, worship, discipline, and encyclicals of the Church. Those selected to serve as Archons have demonstrated a commitment greater than average toward the stewardship of time, talent and treasure for the betterment of the Church, Parish, Diocese/Metropolis, Archdiocese and the community as a whole. An Archon must truly be deserving of the proclamation: AXIOS, AXIOS, AXIOS!

Learn more at <https://archons.org/>

Local Archons: George Demos, Sotiris Kolokotronis, Angelo Tsakopoulos, Kyriako Tsakopoulos

METROPOLIS NEWS

Family Winter Camp

St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center • Friday, December 27 – Monday, December 30, 2024

More information at www.gosfyouth.org/family

Young Adult Winter Retreat

Lake Tahoe • Friday, January 17 – Monday, January 20, 2025

Details and registration at www.gosfyouth.org/youngadults

Greek Village Staff Applications

June 2025

Information and applications online at www.ourgreekvillage.com/careers

CrossRoad

Session details www.crossroadinstitute.org

St. Photios Essay Contest

Students ages 13 – 19

Submission deadline: December 6, 2024

Visit www.stphotios.org for submission details



Happening through December 4TH



THE FAMILY WELLNESS INITIATIVE (FWI) FALL PILOT PROGRAM

5 *weeks*

NOVEMBER 4TH TO DECEMBER 4TH 2024

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 9 AM-2:30 PM

Join us as we embrace healthy living and long term wellness. Enjoy walking together, chair exercises, balance classes, healthy lunches, games, and more!

Join anytime & invite a friend.



For More Information



Scan for Schedule

PROGRAM LOCATION: THE ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

For more information contact Jim Kafouros: 916-531-7235

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS WITH THE

Annunciation Parish Calendar

tiny.cc/parishcalendar



Coffee Hour Fellowship

The members of Philoptochos want to thank our parishioners who support us throughout the year by sponsoring Annunciation's Sunday coffee hours and bringing pastry and goodies to share. Your sponsorship and sharing promotes fellowship, and we are so grateful.

Please consider hosting a coffee hour anytime during the year! Cookies, fruit, or a cake would be great! Coffee will be made for you.

Contact Donna Wagner at 916-214-9794 to secure a date for hosting a regular coffee hour. When contacting Effie in the church office to schedule a memorial, please let her know if you also wish to host coffee fellowship. She can be reached in the office at 916-443-2033 ext 222.

STEWARDSHIP 2024

BELIEVE, BELONG, BE LOVED



Make your pledge online at
annunciationsac.org/stewardship
or return a pledge card to the Church Office



December 1-8

Sunday, December 1	Fourteenth Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Bookstore Children's Christmas Shopping Spree <i>No Sunday School</i>
Monday, December 2	9:00am Philoptochos Baking
Wednesday, December 4	St. Barbara 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm A Journey to Fullness
Thursday, December 5	11:30am ASL Christmas Luncheon 6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
Friday, December 6	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Saturday, December 7	5:30pm A Very Merry Family Night
Sunday, December 8	Tenth Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

600 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, California 95816 (mailing address 616 Alhambra)

OUR MISSION is to bring all people to full maturity in Christ through Worship (Liturgia), Service (Diakonia), Education (Paideia), Witness (Martyria) and Fellowship (Koinonia), guided and united in all things by the One Holy Spirit.

If you are visiting with us this morning, you are most welcome! Please fill out a Visitor's Card in the Narthex. If you have questions about the Orthodox Christian faith, our schedule of services, or becoming a member of the parish, please go to our website at www.annunciationsac.org, or contact the church office to speak with one of the Priests (M-F, 9 am – 3:30 pm, phone (916) 443-2033).

Be sure to visit our bookstore in the Annunciation Hellenic Center (entrance on Alhambra Blvd). The bookstore is open Sundays after Church or call (916) 231-9949 for an appointment.

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Rev. Fr. Timothy Robinson, Associate Priest | frtimothy@annunciationsac.org

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