

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LUKE NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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Mode 2 | No Fasting | 8th Morning Gospel

This Lord's Day we remember Acepsimas the Bishop, Joseph the Presbyter & Aeithalas the Deacon, Martyrs of Persia; we also remember the Dedication of the Temple of the Holy Great Martyr George in Lydda; we also remember George of Neapolis the New Martyr; also our Holy Father and New Hieromartyr Gregory of Neapolis; Theodore the Confessor, Bishop of Ancyra; and Winifred of Treffynnon.

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.

Glory 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, Ἀλληλούϊα.

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.

Glory 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....

Antiphon III. Resurrection Apolytikion. Mode 2.

Ότε κατῆλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῆ ἀστραπῆ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When you descended unto death, O Life Immortal, You rendered to Hades a mortal blow by the lightning of Your Divinity, and when from the depths of darkness You also raised the dead, all the heavenly powers cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to you!

Apolytikion for the Martyrs, Mode 4: Οἱ Μάρτυρές σου Κύριε, ἐν τῇ ἀθλήσει αὐτὧν, στεφάνους ἐκομίσαντο τῆς ἀφθαρσίας, ἐκ σοῦ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡμῶν· σχόντες γὰρ τὴν ἰσχύν σου,

τοὺς τυράννους καθεῖλον, ἔθραυσαν καὶ δαιμόνων, τὰ ἀνίσχυρα θράση. Αὐτῶν ταῖς ἱκεσίαις, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, σῶσον τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

Your Martyrs, O Lord, were worthily awarded by You * the crowns of incorruption, in that they contested for You our immortal God. * Since they possessed Your power, they defeated the tyrants, * dashing the demons' powerless displays of defiance. * O Christ God, at their fervent entreaties, save our souls.

Apolytikion of St. George, Mode 4: Ώς τῶν αἰχμαλώτων ἐλευθερωτής, καὶτῶν πτωχῶν ὑπερασπιστής, ἀσθενούντων ἰατρός, βασιλέων ὑπέρμαχος, Τροπαιοφόρε Μεγαλομάρτυς Γεώργιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

As the one renowned for setting captives free and for defending those in poverty, the physician of the sick and the champion of emperors, great and victorious Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, beseeching Him to save our souls.

The 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 τὴ Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν Χαῖρε 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 Theotokos, Mode 2: Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἁμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

After the Trisagion Hymn:

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 2. Psalm 117.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation. The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (11:31-33;12:1-9): Brethren, the God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I do not lie. At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus in order to seize me, but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped his hands. I must boast; there is nothing to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into Paradise —whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I wish to boast, I shall not be a fool, for I shall be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think

more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. And to keep me from being too elated by the abundance of revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I besought the Lord about this, that it should leave me; but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Alleluia

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (16:19-31): The Lord said, "There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' But Abraham said, 'They have Moses, and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to them, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.""

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A

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



Altar Guild Iulie Christie



Memorials

Katherine (Kay) Marefos (one year), Theodore Marefos (13 years)

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

JOIN OUR ANNUNCIATION FAMILY FOR A



HONORING FATHER VINCENT, PRESBYTERA NADIA & FAMILY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER



Please join our Annunciation family as we honor and celebrate the retirement of Father James Retelas

FAREWELL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 10, 2024 Immediately following the Divine Liturgy Annunciation Hellenic Center

Presentations will be made by our Annunciation ministries

Donations are accepted in support of a charity of Father James' choice by visiting tiny.cc/charitable-donation

TRAINING SESSION FOR THE ANNUNCIATION HOSPITALITY & WELCOMING MINISTRY

When: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024 • 7pm Where: HELLENIC CENTER MAIN HALL **All those interested are invited to attend

Sacramento Greek Festival Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

THURSDAY, November 7TH at 6:00pm

at the Annunciation Hellenic Center (616 Alhambra)

Please RSVP by 11/4 calling the Church Office at (916) 443-2033 x221



News from Philoptochos

Philoptochos Upcoming Baking Schedule

Monday, October 28
Monday, November, 4
Monday, November 11
Monday, November 18

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

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

Coat Drive

This year, the Annunciation Ladies' Philoptochos members have chosen to provide warm winter coats for as many children as possible who attend the Leataata Floyd Elementary School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. The Red Cart will be back to collect the coats, and it is our hope to provide warm coats for children aged 5 years old to 13 years old who attend this school. If you would like to participate in the coat drive for these children, please bring your coat to the Hellenic Center beginning November 10, where the red cart will be parked and ready for the coats.



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION, CLASSES WILL GATHER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM 2209 FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A LIGHT THANKSGIVING LUNCH WHILE SHARING THE BLESSINGS THAT THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR.

LUNCH WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE DISMISSAL OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FOUR POSITIONS OPEN
THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

VOTING TO TAKE PLACE IN PERSON ONLY
FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY
IN THE FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 3PM

Our parish Board of Elections Committee is responsible for seeking dedicated, quality candidates to serve and strengthen our church to be on the Parish Council. If you have any questions about being on the parish council or want to run for a position, please contact a member of Board of Elections committee. Their contact information is listed below. God asks us all to give of our time, talents and treasures to his house of worship. Serving on the parish council will allow you to share your talents and gifts with your church.

Duties of a Parish Council Member:

- Parish Council is a ministry and those who serve are called to represent Christ to all whom they meet in all aspects of their life.
- Regular attendance at Divine Liturgy services and participation in the sacramental life of the church.
- Oversee administration, financial health, and physical upkeep and improvements of our church and campus.
- Meet and work with others you may not have known well in this parish.

Candidate Qualifications:

- Be a parishioner of Annunciation in good standing for at least one year.
- Have been Baptized/Chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Tradition.
- Live their life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be current in their stewardship and other financial obligations to the Church.
- Cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well-being of the Parish.

Board of Elections Committee Members:

- Vanessa Salas Kassotakis, vanessas201@gmail.com
- Yianni Kazanis, ioannis.kazanis@gmail.com
- Lindsey Kivetos, Ifkivetos@gmail.com
- Dr. Nicholas Rotas, nrotas1@mac.com



ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE NEWS

We've been busy sourcing new products in preparation for upcoming events and the Advent Season. Come by after liturgy and see what's new in gifts, jewelry, books and children's gifts. Some of our favorite items are:

- Natural stone bracelets with a little gold cross charm.
- Turquoise "Van Cleef style" cross with gold trim.
- Square edge stone crosses with gold edges in turquoise or white mother of pearl.
- Beautifully illustrated children's books.
- Nativity icons and other popular saints in gold leaf.
- Jerusalem Stone Comfort Cross Each set includes two distinct crosses, one smooth and the other rough, symbolizing the dual nature of existence. The smooth cross, meant to be placed in the casket or urn with the departed, represents the serene peace experienced in heaven. The rough cross, remaining with the living, embodies the earthly challenges faced while preserving the memory of their beloved.

Save the date for these upcoming events:

- Christmas Tree Lane, November 19, 12:00 8:00 and November 20, 9:00 3:00. We will be offering an assortment of religious gift items to the general public as Jesuit HIgh School brings this popular annual event to Annunciation's Hall, chaired by Christine Dariotis.
- Children's Shopping Spree, December 1 after liturgy: In the spirit of St Nickolas, all children enrolled in the Annunciation religious education program will be given the opportunity to shop for others. We will offer wonderful Christmas items priced from \$1 \$10, gift wrapping included. Please send your kids to church this day with cash.

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

Annunciation Parish Calendar tiny.cc/parishcalendar



Our Annunciation's HISTORICAL SOCIETY's mission is to preserve and celebrate the rich history and traditions of the Greeks in the Sacramento region. Our first project is writing a small book highlighting the Greeks in the greater Sacramento area. (Similar books have been written about the Greeks in Phoenix, San Francisco, and Chicago.)

Historical photographs are essential and we would appreciate your help in finding interesting pictures. Do you have any good pictures you think we could use? These could depict agriculture, formation of the parish, social events, business, politics, culture, art, celebrations, armed forces, social life and sports --- all focusing on the Greeks in and around Sacramento.

Please look through your old family photos. If you have any relevant photographs you'd like to share for possible inclusion in our book, please speak with any of the society's members or contact Bill Triphon at btriphon@comcast.net.

Thank you.

Bill Triphon, Terry Kastanis, Jim Chuchas, Julie Mamalis, Katerina Lagos, Maria Sampanis, and Antonia Chapralis

JOURNEY TO FULLNESS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FULLNESS OF THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN FAITH

Wednesdays Beginning October 9 7:00 pm Annunciation Hellenic Center

All Welcome

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



Founded Pentecost, 33 AD



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 garypleonard@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

Let us pray...

Let us pray every day for peace in our world: For peace in the Middle East and peace in Ukraine.

Let us pray for our country and our upcoming elections next month: For good leaders and for a peaceful transition of power.

Prayer in Time of Drought:

A Composition of Kallistos, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O MASTER, LORD OUR GOD, who didst hearken unto Elijah the Tishbite because of his zeal for thee, and for a time didst command that rain be held back and be not sent down upon the earth, and again at his prayer didst grant it fruitful rain: we entreat thee, O Master of all: out of thy deep compassion grant abundant rain to thine inheritance; and, overlooking our sins, do thou send down thy rains upon every place entreating and praying for it. Make glad the face of the earth, for the sake of thy poor people and infants, of animals and of all thy creatures, for they trust in thee, that thou wilt give them their food in due season. For thou art our God, the God who shows mercy and who saves, and unto thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

(2014-01-04). A Small Book of Needs (Kindle Locations 2979-2989). St. Tikhon's Monastery Press. Kindle Edition.

Happening through December 4TH



THE FAMILY WELLNESS INITIATIVE (FWI) FALL PILOT PROGRAM

5 weeks

NOVEMBER 4 TH TO DECEMBER 4 TH 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.





Scan for Schedule

PROGRAM LOCATION: THE ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

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



US Programs

Hurricanes Helene and Milton: IOCC Talking Points



OVERVIEW

Hurricane Helene struck the southeastern US as Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 27, 2024, causing extreme flooding and storm surges across Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina, and causing additional damage to parts of Virginia and West Virginia. Full extent of Helene's impact is still being assessed, as are immediate needs on the ground.

Hurricane Milton struck the western coast of Florida on Oct. 9, 2024 as a Category 3 hurricane, resulting in storm surges and flooding across the central part of the state. Damages are being assessed and responders are attending to urgent needs in affected communities.

IOCC INVOLVEMENT

- IOCC Action Team: Action Team leaders have been deployed and are conducting clean-up and muck out operations (with volunteer assistance) in Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida.
- Monitoring the situation: IOCC's US Programs team has been participating in VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) coordinating calls: National VOAD, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Local Church partners: IOCC Frontliners have made Care Calls to parishes in the path of the hurricane, and are on the ground providing Emotional and Spiritual Care to communities in Asheville and Florida. A parish status database has been established to determine the needs and resources of individual parishes.
- Orthodox Church partners: Communications have been initiated with the larger Orthodox dioceses in the U.S. regarding potential support.
- IOCC is committed to short and long-term support of affected communities and does not act in a first-responder capacity.
- In US emergency response, IOCC works with governmental, non-profit, and ecumenical partners.

WAYS TO HELP

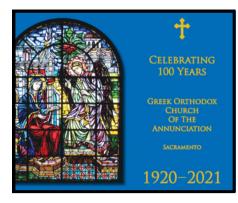
- Pray for those affected; pray for those responding to their needs.
- · Cash donations give IOCC flexibility in crisis response. Please donate to the US Emergency Response Fund at <u>iocc.org/Helene24</u> to support this work here in the United States.
- Visit our website and sign up to volunteer at iocc.org/actionteam
- Stay updated, and share:
 - o Blog (iocc.org/blog)
 - o Facebook (facebook.com/ioccrelief)
 - o Instagram (instagram.com/ioccrelief)
 - o Twitter (@IOCCRelief)











As a reminder, our 100th Anniversary Commemorative Album is available for purchase in our Annunciation Bookstore.



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

November 3-10

Sunday, November 3 Fifth Sunday of Luke

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Welcome Coffee Fellowship in Honor of Fr. Vinnie & Family

Monday, November 4 7:00pm Welcome Ministry Training

Wednesday, November 6 7:00pm A Journey to Fullness

Thursday, November 7 6:00pm Byzantine Chant

6:00pm Festival Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Friday, November 8 Synaxis of the Holy Archangels

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Saturday, November 9 St. Nektarios the Wonderworker

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

5:00pm Vespers Service

6:00pm Celebration Reception & Dinner in Honor of Fr. James

Sunday, November 10 Eighth Sunday of Luke

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Farewell Coffee Fellowship in Honor of Fr. James

welcome TO OUR ANNUNCIATION FAMILY FATHER VINNIE, PRESBYTERA NADIA & FAMILY

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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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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