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### COMMUNITY UPDATE

### We welcome into the church:

Jacob Schmidt, son of Alexandra Schmidt, October 12 Eleni Mansour, daughter of Samer & Nikki, October 19 Josephine Bostanzoglou, daughter of John & Katina, October 27 George Stein, son of Greg & Georgia, November 9 George Erickson, son of Kyle & Lelanei, November 16 Ruth Hoffart, daughter of Steven & Claire, December 7

### We celebrate the marriage of:

Jeremy Smith & Alexia Yerocostas, October 12 Ramsay (Basil) Wiesenfeld & Cynthia Siokos, November 4

We pray for the servants of God who departed this life: Vasiliki (Vicki) Booros, November 26 Vasiliki (Bess) Kerhoulas, November 27

Marie Bravou, December 20 Mary Kyriakides, December 27

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

# JANUARY

Wednesday, January 1	Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Saint Basil the Great
Sunday, January 5	Sunday Before Theophany
Monday, January 6	The Theophany of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
Tuesday, January 7	Synaxis of Saint John Baptist
Sunday, January 12	Sunday After Theophany
Friday, January 17	Saint Anthony the Great
Sunday, January 19	12th Sunday of Luke
Wednesday, January 22	Saint Timothy
Sunday, January 26	15th Sunday of Luke
Thursday, January 30	The Three Hierarchs

# **FEBRUARY**

Sunday, February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple
Sunday, February 9	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins
Monday, February 10	Saint Haralambos
Sunday, February 16	Sunday of the Prodigal Son
Saturday, February 22	Saturday of Souls
Sunday, February 23	Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)

Unless otherwise noted, all services begin with Matins at 9:00am, followed by the Divine Liturgy.

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

# MARCH

Sunday, March 2	Forgiveness Sunday Vespers of Forgiveness, <i>6:00pm</i>
Monday, March 3	First Monday of Lent: Clean Monday Great Compline, <i>6:00pm</i>
Wednesday, March 5	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
Friday, March 7	Salutations to the Theotokos: First Stanza, 6:00pm
Saturday, March 8	First Saturday of Lent: The Miracle of the Kollyva
Sunday, March 9	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Monday, March 10	Great Compline, 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 12	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
Friday, March 14	Salutations to the Theotokos: Second Stanza, 6:00pm
Sunday, March 16	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas
Monday, March 17	Great Compline, 6:00pm
Wednesday, March 19	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
Friday, March 21	Salutations to the Theotokos: Third Stanza, 6:00pm
Sunday, March 23	Sunday of the Holy Cross
Monday, March 24	Great Vespers for the Annunciation, 6:00pm
Tuesday, March 25	The Annunciation of the Theotokos: Parish Feast Day
Wednesday, March 26	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
Friday, March 28	Salutations to the Theotokos: Fourth Stanza, 6:00pm
Sunday, March 30	Sunday of St. John Climacus

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# A GREETING FROM FR. VINNIE

Beloved parishioners of the Annunciation Church,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with profound joy and humility as I begin my ministry as your new priest. It is truly a blessing and an honor to serve such a vibrant and faithful community, deeply rooted in the traditions of our Holy Orthodox Church and dedicated to living out the Gospel of Christ. As I step into this sacred responsibility, I do so with a heart full of love and a deep commitment to fostering our spiritual growth together. My greatest desire is to walk with you on the path of faith, to celebrate the divine services with reverence, and to build upon the legacy of those who have served this community before me, most especially Fr. James Retelas who offered 19 years of blessed service.

Our Orthodox faith teaches us that we are one body in Christ, each of us uniquely gifted and called to share in His work. With this in mind, I am eager to listen to your stories, learn about your hopes for the future, and work alongside you to continue making our parish a welcoming home for all—a place of worship, fellowship, and service.

I am also mindful of the sacred trust you have placed in me as your priest. Please know that my door is always open to you. Whether you seek spiritual guidance, have questions about our faith, or simply wish to share a moment of fellowship, I will do my very best to be here for you.

Together, with God's grace, I pray that we will strengthen our community, deepen our faith, and be a shining light of Orthodoxy in the world. Let us embrace this new chapter with prayer, love, and a shared vision for our parish's future.

May the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Wishing you all a blessed, happy, and healthy New Year!

With love in Christ,

Fr. Vinnie



# PASTORAL MESSAGE

### Little Eyes Are Watching Us

Happy New Year to you all! Καλή χρονιά! ¡Feliz año nuevo! May the Lord Jesus Christ be welcomed in your life and in your home. May the Lord bless you in this coming year. Let's hear it for new beginnings!

Speaking of beginnings, allow me to ask you a question: Are you a Christian? How did that begin? Why are you a Christian? People are not born Christians. What influenced you? Were you raised as a Christian? Were you raised Orthodox? Who introduced you to the Lord Jesus? Some of us become believers as adults. Most of us grew up in Christian families. I was brought up in a Protestant Christian home. My parents were serious believers who lived their faith. They attended Church every Sunday. They were involved. They introduced me to Christianity. They weren't perfect, of course, but they tried to live up to what they had received. I know that one of the reasons I am a Christian today is that they planted those seeds in my heart when I was a child.

In recent years, social scientists have studied how faith gets transferred from one generation to the next, and now we have a clearer understanding of that process. But the importance of transferring Faith is something we Christians have always known. As the Rev. Billy Graham said years ago: "God has no grandchildren." Christianity is only as strong as the present generation. Young people typically need to have several key experiences in their lives to make it more likely that they will follow the Faith of their parents. Remember, of course, that there are no guarantees. People make choices.

One of the key experiences in successfully transferring Faith to children is the example of family who believe. (Note: Fathers especially have a tremendous influence on the faith of their children.) So, then, how are you, how are we, helping your children, grandchildren, godchildren, any young people you have contact with, to be practicing Orthodox Christians? This must mean that you bring your children or grandchildren to Church often. Church is essential, foundational. But Church is not enough. An hour plus of religion on Sunday morning will not be very effective if that experience is not reinforced every day. Remember that children typically receive no other Christian education in our modern culture. Does the public school affirm their faith in God? Far from it. Television? Music? Computer games? Books? These days it is crucial that a child's home be a faith friendly environment.

How do we do this? We have answers! An Orthodox solution is providing sacred space. Our Orthodox homes have a prayer corner with icons and holy books, symbols of Faith. It is, however, more important that we USE the prayer corner daily. Do you live your Christian faith? How? If your Orthodox Christian Faith is central to your life, if you pray, if you try to follow Christ's commandments, if you are engaged in the struggle against sin, if you are living the Faith, then your children or grandchildren will see Faith in action, and they will understand that it is very important to you. They will see that Christ is the center of your life. By believing, you encourage them to believe. You are the example. You are the regular reminder, the sermon. And you have way more influence on your kids than you think.

Consider an illustration of this. Every Sunday Fr. Vincent and I see adults bringing small children up for Holy Communion. It always confuses us when the adult does not receive Communion. This often leads to the child refusing to receive, and we do NOT want to "force" children to receive Communion! We coerce children to do many things, but we cannot force them to worship God. The last thing we want is to provoke a screaming tantrum at the holiest point in the service. What to do? Small children are often just problematic no matter what, but believe us, if you will prepare and receive Communion first, and the child watches you, your example will lead them to want to receive. Be very patient. They will get the correct idea that this is not just some kind of "medication" that adults force on children, but this is a great blessing for everyone who is a member of the Body

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of Christ, adults and children. We have seen this work! Are you confused about how to prepare? Talk to us! Unconfessed sins? Call us! Don't fast? Shame on you! And please remember that we know that small children are saboteurs of the best intentions to focus on spiritual things or get to Church on time. We understand. God understands. As Fr. Vincent is fond of saying "If the Church isn't crying, the Church is dying!"

Remember that you do not have to be perfect. None of us is adequate. You might sin; you might get angry with your children, but then you could come to them in humility and ask for their forgiveness. As I look back on my childhood, this is one of the things that impressed me most about my dad. The tough former Air Force Sergeant could be cranky and demanding, but when he crossed the line, he would come to me and tell me he was wrong and ask me, a child, for forgiveness. My respect for him soared. Even when he failed, I got the message that his heart belonged to Jesus.

The eyes of young people rest on us. Children want to see evidence that this Faith business is real. They want to see the power of God. Is God real? Does Christianity work? We say yes to them more by what we do than by what we say. Talk to them, but be the example. Lead your children, your grandchildren, your godchildren to Christ. Come to Church, and then Monday through Saturday, do what you can to be a Christian, for your sake and for the sake of your young people. Make your home a Christian home by living your Faith in the New Year and through these coming months into Great and Holy Lent and to Holy Pascha. Do you need some ideas about how to do this? Call or email us. Visit our bookstore. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you with creative ideas. This ministry belongs to all of us.

Fr. Timothy

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR

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

Annunciation Parish Calendar

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# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear parishioners and friends,

I pray that everyone had a joyous Christmas season and a Happy New Year with family and friends. This past year has been filled with joys and accomplishments, as well as challenges and setbacks. But no matter what the past has brought, it is important to remember that every day is an opportunity for growth and change. As we welcome the new year, let us embrace the promise of a fresh start and the chance to make a positive impact on the world around us.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation for all of you and our hardworking staff, hundreds of volunteers that work so tirelessly to make our church run so smoothly. Our wonderful clergy, Father Vinnie and Father Tim who continue to lead us on this spiritual journey for the love of Christ.

As we move into the new year, I encourage each of you to cultivate gratitude in your own lives. Whether it's through a simple note of thanks, a moment of reflection, or sharing your appreciation with others, small acts can create a ripple effect. Let's create an environment where gratitude is not just an occasional sentiment but also a value that guides our interactions and decisions.

In closing, I would like to express my thanks to all the members of the Parish Council for their hard work and support, and their precious time and talent as we meet every month to serve our church. May God continue to bless us all.

Michael Dariotis Jr. Parish Council President



# STEWARDSHIP

# STEWARDSHIP 2025 "Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Luke 6:38



### **STEWARDSHIP FACTS**

### Q: DO MY RECURRING STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS ROLLOVER FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR?

A: In past years, recurring stewardship payments have NOT rolled over to the next year and stewards were required to create new pledges and payments at the beginning of the year. For 2025, recurring payments from 2024 will continue on unless stopped by the giver. If you would like to check your 2025 stewardship status or make changes to your recurring payment, please login to your PushPay account at pushpay.com/login or contact the Annunciation Financial Office at accounting@annunciationsac.org.

### **Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?**

A: In 2025, it will cost approximately \$3,500/day to keep the church open. Most operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are utilities, office staff and pastoral salaries, candles, permits, security, and facilities maintenance. Additional costs are directly related to church-funded ministries and programs.

# Q: I ALREADY PAY FOR GREEK DANCE, GREEK SCHOOL, ETC. WHY DO I HAVE TO ALSO PAY FOR STEWARDSHIP?

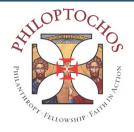
A: These programs operate independently from our general operating budget. The church provides the facility, in addition to facility-related expenses, enabling their operation and receives no money from these ministries. It is also important that families participating in our children's ministries be currently pledged stewards.

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



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# PHILOPTOCHOS



**Philoptochos News** 

**Our Warm Coat Drive:** The members of Annunciation's Philoptochos want to thank our parishioners for contributing warm coats for the children of the Leataata Floyd Elementary School. To date, we have been able to provide 40 coats for children of all ages who attend the school.

Wellspring Women's Center: For many years, our Philoptochos chapter has supported local charities that serve those in need. Wellspring Women's Center in Oak Park, a recipient of our support for several years, has provided *"respite and services based on hospitality with dignity and love since 1987."* Wellspring serves nearly 200 women and children each weekday and offers four different programs: the Nutritious Meal Program, the Children's Corner Program, the Safety Net Services Program, and the Women's Wellness Program. The members of Philoptochos have provided monetary donations, diapers and/or hygiene products, and boxes of toothpaste donated by our beloved member, Helen Nickolson, who passed in 2024.



During these years that we have supported Wellspring, Bess Kerhoulas, a beloved member of the Annunciation parish and Philoptochos, crocheted baby blankets for babies of mothers who attend Wellspring. A special thank you to Bess' daughter, Susan, and her husband, Darius, who for many years, accompanied Bess to church with a trunk load of blankets. Sadly, Bess passed on November 13, 2024, at 100 years of age. We will miss her beautiful and generous spirit. On a happy note, Susan has been volunteering at Wellspring bringing her knowledge and talent of sewing and weaving to the mothers who attend there.



Our Homebound Parishioners: Have you ever wondered why you haven't seen a parishioner for a long while either attending a liturgy, participating in coffee hour, or an ASL luncheon? Sometimes it's circumstances that prevent them from attending or an illness that keep them in their homes for long periods of time. Our priests keep the members of Philoptochos up to date on the parishioners they visit due to illness or mobility issues so that we, too, can visit with them. For many years, our members have gotten together to bake Greek pastry, make cut out cookies with our Sunday School children and shopped for beautiful baskets and boxes to hold baked goods, candies, lotions, wash cloths and items that make Easter and Christmas a joyful time for our homebound parishioners. On December 13th, several Philoptochos members gathered in the large kitchen to fill,

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assemble and decorate the boxes with beautiful bows. A huge thank you to Faye Vallas who has chaired this ministry for many years, and Alexis Genung who shops with Faye to find just the right containers and goodies. A huge thank you for our assemblers: Kathy Dokimos who brought her friend, Diane; Shari Moody, Althea Tatarakis, Nikki Avdis, Donna Wagner, and Effie Theodor who created beautiful Christmas cards for each recipient of a festive box of treats. Fathers Vinnie and Timothy blessed the gifts on Sunday, December 15, before they were delivered to our parishioners.

The ladies and gentlemen of Philoptochos would also like to thank the generosity of Annunciation parishioners who donate to our homebound ministry, and our efforts to help those in need of warm coats, blankets and food.



Eleni "Debbie" Evrigenis George was appointed National President of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. by His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America in October 2024. A third-generation Philoptochos member, Debbie has followed in the footsteps of her grandmother, mother, and sister, dedicating her life to philanthropy and service.

Debbie's lifelong commitment to Philoptochos reflects her deep roots in philanthropy, a passion instilled by her family. She was baptized at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Portland, Oregon, and later moved to Sacramento, where she became an active member of Annunciation. In 2010, Debbie and her husband, John, relocated to Michigan, where they currently reside.

Throughout her life, Debbie has generously shared her time, talents, and resources in service to the community. As National Philoptochos President, she aims to honor the organization's rich legacy while leading it to new heights by embracing love, grace, and truth. With the support of her family and her Philoptochos sisters, she is committed to upholding the values of the Greek Orthodox Church and making a lasting impact on families in need and those less fortunate.



# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



Even though we had a few Fire Inspection hiccups early on, our 61st Greek Festival was a blazing success! While it was the hottest October festival to date (all three days reached over 100 degrees), we still had excellent attendance. It was truly an authentic Greek experience. Και του χρόνου!

I may be incredibly biased but our food was fantastic! It was evident that our guests agreed as many of our foods, such as the gyros, stifado, and most of our pastries sold out this year. To all food volunteers & booth chairs, γειά στα χέρια σου!

The Festival Appreciation Dinner in November was well attended. Fr. Vinnie, less than a week on the job, was good natured enough to join us and participated in the Trivia game. Again, a giant thank you to all who donated their time, talent, made a donation and/or sponsorship. You are appreciated!

The end of the 2024 Festival season signaled the retirement of Fr. James Retalas as our priest and church tour guide, Pres. Barbara Retelas and Elaine Wright as Pandelopoleon chairs, and Bill Triphon as Raffle Booth chair. Thank you all for your years of dedication and service! You are appreciated and will be missed!

Since November, the Festival board has been taking a much-needed respite. This quiet lull only lasts a few months; meetings for Greek Festival 2025 will be begin in February.

New chairs are needed for the Pandepoleon and Raffle Booths. Contact any Festival Board member if you're interested in leading either of these booths.

Save the date for our 62nd Greek Festival to be held on October 3-4-5, 2025. Preparations will begin after Easter. More information will be provided once we get closer via Friday emails and Sunday Bulletins.

Καλά Χριστούγεννα καὶ Καλή Χρονιά! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Stefanie Hionis for the 2024 Greek Festival Executive Board: Stefanie Hionis, Christo Georgoulias, George Chuchas, Emily Coleman, Michael Dariotis, Dan Eriksson, Helen Grammatitakis, Julie Mamalis, & Demetri Romas



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Photo credits to Dr. John Eliopulos. Thank you!

# ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE



### **ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE NEWS**

Thank you so much for supporting our Annunciation Bookstore. We've had several wonderful events this month! Many children attended our First Annual Children's Shopping Spree, which offered seasonal gifts for our kids to give to others – all in the spirit of Saint Nicholas. And our First Annual Sip n' Shop event had a wonderful turnout from our parishioners and our non-parish friends.

The Annunciation Bookstore is a special place for all your gift giving needs whether they be for spiritual growth, friendship or home church supplies. Please keep us in mind as you think of others. If you need to access the bookstore outside of Sunday hours you can contact any one of us to come open up for you.

Vasilopita coins are now available and we will be busy sourcing new books on Orthodoxy, prayer and our wonderful Saints soon.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Cynthia Siokos Carol Rotas Effie Crush Tammy Petsalis Pres. Marsha Robinson

### ANNUNCIATION BRIDGE-DOMINOES GROUP

# 🌆 Annunciation Bridge-Dominoes Group 芸 🗃

Come join us! The Bridge Dominoes Group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month in the Annunciation Hellenic Center 10:30am–2:00pm for game playing fun and fellowship. We have a no-host lunch break with a yummy dessert provided by the host for the month. Some experience is needed for Bridge. We will teach you our version of Mexican Train Dominoes within a few hands. No experience needed! No stress—just fun! For more information contact Sophia Evrigenis for Bridge and Liz Dokimos for Dominoes. Cell phone numbers are in the Church Directory or email:

Sophia Evrigenis: sophiage@sbcglobal.net, Liz Dokimos: lizdokimos@comcast.net.

# DIVE FOR THE CROSS



# **DIVE FOR THE CROSS**

# SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025 2:00PM

AT THE DARIOTIS FAMILY HOME

GRADES 1ST-12TH DIVERS WILL BE GROUPED BY GRADE

REGISTER BY JANUARY 3 AT tiny.cc/dive25

CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



# The GIVING TREE

Presented by Annunciation Sunday School & GOYA

Sharing blessings and holiday joy through our Giving Tree! Thanks to your generosity, our Sunday School and GOYA brought smiles to 50 children in need at the Sacramento Children's Home this Christmas.





### 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

# SUMMER 2025 SURVEY



### ANNUNCIATION SUMMER 2025 SURVEY HELP US PLAN OUR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Take the short survey at <u>tiny.cc/summer-survey25</u>

# ACOLYTES



# 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

**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

# PARISH PHOTOS

Youth Volleyball Recognition • October 27, 2024

Youth Sermon with Fr. James • November 3, 2024



Fr. Vinnie's Welcome • November 3, 2024





Fr. James' Retirement Dinner Celebration • November 9, 2024



# PARISH PHOTOS

### Fr. James' Retirement Dinner Celebration • November 9, 2024 (cont.)



Visit <u>www.kostaspetrakos.com/Client-Galleries/Retirement-Fr-James-Retelas</u> for additional event photos and free downloads Fr. James' Retirement & Fr. Vinnie's Installation • November 10, 2024



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# PARISH PHOTOS

Sunday School Thanksgiving • November 24, 2024



Team Nick Voresis at Run to Feed the Hungry • Thanksgiving Morning, November 28, 2024



Choir Christmas Concert • December 15, 2024



# PLEDGED STEWARDS 2024

AS OF 12/29/2024

### ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN CHRIST

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