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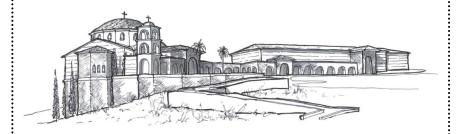
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## PASTORAL MESSAGE

## Lifting Up the Cross for Others to Live

'm sure you've had this experience. A man is holding a sign that reads: "Honk if you love Jesus!" This happened to me recently. Did I honk? Yes, but as I rolled along down Alhambra Blvd., passing some homeless people on the way, I got to thinking- now what? I love Jesus, I have faith in Him, but what am I doing with that faith? And then I got to thinking- what if the sign read: "Honk if you are willing to take up your Cross and die for Jesus." Isn't that exactly what following Jesus is really about? "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34)



The Cross we will exalt on September 14<sup>th</sup> captures perfectly the paradox we face as God's creation, of being in this world but not of this world, striving to honor Him in our words and deeds but always falling short, always oscillating between emotions (feelings) and actions- it may feel good to honk for Jesus, but actually denying myself and taking up my cross gives me pause.

Let me candid, I often *feel* tired. I often *feel* that I'm spinning my wheels and not getting anywhere, and that I'm failing to meet the expectations of others, especially you the members of my own parish. I often *feel* inadequate to the tasks that loom largest in my calling as a Priest. I often feel I've lost my way as a child of God. However, the Cross is that perfect compass that points me back to the narrow path that leads to life.

My yiayia Eleni was one of four sisters who made it to America and many of you remember her sister Despo Fotos. They had another sister I used to visit, Theia Panagiota, and I remember vividly an embroidered Cross in her kitchen with the inscription: Ούτος εστίν η παρηγοριά μου. This (the Cross) is my comfort, my solace. So the choice before us is quite clear: do we rely on feelings, honk the horn and go about business as usual - or do we look to the Cross to deny ourselves and take action? Speaking of choices: when Keri Young found out her unborn child didn't have a brain, she made an unthinkably selfless decision. She was told Eva would die as soon as 5 minutes after birth. She decided to carry Eva to term to donate the organs to other babies in need. "It would just be irresponsible to take the gifts that Eva has and not share them with others," the father Royce Young told the news media about his wife's decision. In other words, their precious child had to die in order for other children to live.

On September 14<sup>th</sup> we will lift up the Cross as a reminder that this "child of Mary" had to die **for all children to live**. It is also the Cross of our Lord that seals what we *know*, that God's approval matters more than the approval of others. The Cross equips us to do all things through Him who gives us strength, especially when the drudgery of daily life saps us of His joy.

Through the Cross, we know we are forgiven and strengthened by **the power of the Holy Spirit**. Living by what I *feel* can be a deadly choice.

Living by what I *know*, based on God's word, is a life-giving choice.

I **know** the One in whom I trust, and "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day of His return." (2 Timothy 1:12)

I *know*. Do you? I am *sure*. Are you?

With love in the Crucified Lord,

Father James Retelas

+ to James

## LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

s I enter my eighth month as your Parish Council President, I'd like to express my gratitude to the Annunciation parish. It is a privilege and honor to serve our church in this role, and I look forward to the last half of the year. A very special thank you to Father James, Father Tim, Yianni Magoulias along with Effie, Maro and Rula in the office. I have witnessed your dedication, long hours at work and all that you do for our church and our community. We are blessed to have you.

One of the most important duties of the Parish Council is to promote a thriving parish that provides spiritual inspiration along with a physical structure that is welcoming, safe, functional and clean. Lets come together as a community to take pride in our church and make our very best stewardship pledges. These dollars are used to operate our church, from purchasing the candles to running the air conditioning. We are grateful to each and every one of you who has made your best pledge to help Annunciation shine. We also continue to pray for donations to pay for our beautiful new facilities, where we teach our children in Sunday School and host weddings, coffee hour, sporting activities, Greek Dance and Greek School performances. The current loan balance is \$3.4 million, and our goal is to be debt free as soon as possible. Please make your pledge to The Build if you have yet to join us. Your support is needed!

The new facilities will also host the Greek Festival, which will welcome thousands of guests the first weekend of October. Baking is already underway and I'd like to personally thank all of you who participate in these very long days to prepare delicious pastries and food. I am looking forward to volunteering with all of you once again at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival!

With Gratitude,

Michael Dariotis Jr. *Annunciation Parish Council President* 

## Annunciation Mission team to Kenya

r. James has been invited by His Grace, Bishop Neofitos of
Nyeri and Mount Kenya and the Orthodox Christian Mission
Center (OCMC) to share the love of Christ at a youth conference
in Central Kenya and is putting together a team of people to
travel and participate with him. This annual youth conference brings
together youth and young adults of the Diocese from different parishes for
a time of spiritual renewal and growth.



Are you willing to put your faith into action? The Annunciation Team is limited to ten people. Contact Fr. James for more information.

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## STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

appy New Year!

While we most often share this greeting every January 1st, we certainly could offer it on September 1st as well.

That is because our Orthodox Church calendar begins on September 1st.

The tradition of beginning the church year in autumn was common in areas of the Bible as well as in areas of the Mediterranean.

With summer harvest at an end and with crops stored people prepared for a new agricultural cycle. It was an appropriate time to begin a new year. How wonderful to have this anticipation as many of us lament the end of summer!

On September 8th we will celebrate the beginning of our new church year with our "Ministries Kickoff." All of our ministries will be represented. As our dancers and Sunday School students return, as well as our Greek School students, Goyans, Young Adults, and those who participate in the many ministries of our beloved Annunciation , let us remember that our Stewardship commitments help fund our ministries. Please continue to support our ministries, and our Church through your Stewardship pledges.

In Christ,

Stella Dariotis
Stewardship Chair

OPERATING FUND			
Income	1/1/17 - 7/31/19	2019 Budget YTD	
Pledges	\$312,979	\$306,250	
All Other Revenue	\$280,019	\$161,646	
Total Revenue	\$592,998	\$467,896	
Expenses			
Total Staff Exp.	\$341,750	\$338,807	
Program Services	\$12,295	\$17,764	
Other Oper. Exp.	\$219,134	\$206,711	
Archdiocese National Ministries	\$44,000	\$76,135	
Total Expense \$617,179 \$639,417			
Balance as of 7/31/19 -\$24,181			
2019 Pledges as of August 9, 2019			
Stewardship Budget	\$515,000		
Pledged to Date	\$422,134		
Total Amount Received	\$323,929		
Total Members Pledged	382		

ODEDATING FUND

## An Update on The Build

onstruction of "The Build" has been completed and the facilities have been utilized by our parish for almost 3 years.

Building Loan Balance as of 8/13/19: \$3,362,338 at 4.19% interest Interest paid in 2017 \$219,010
Interest paid 2018 \$179,303
Interest for 2019 projected to be \$144,000

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Our Monthly Payment is: \$18,827 (\$6,989 is principal and \$11,839 is interest, or \$394/day)

Outstanding Pledges: \$1,202,692 (from 76 families)

If you have not given—now is the time!

We are all benefitting from a long-term vision and wish of our parish for many years.

All we ask is 100% participation and your best gift.

Please help us get debt free.

## SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

he Sacramento Greek Festival is coming up! Please mark your calendars for October 4 - 6, 2019! This wonderful event that celebrates our faith and culture wouldn't be possible without your help. Volunteering is a great way to contribute, meet new people, and enjoy the event! Baking is already underway and information is listed in the weekly church bulletin and email blasts if you'd like to volunteer. We're also grateful to those of you who plan to volunteer during the Festival. You can sign up by contacting the church office, reaching out to committee members, or on Sign Up Genius, which will be circulating soon. Whether you volunteer every year or its your very first time, we welcome you and we're thankful for your support!



This will be the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival and our third year at our new venue, our own church grounds! We're anticipating yet another successful weekend and we'll be preparing for nearly 12,000 guests! We remain focused on creating the most efficient floor plan, with plenty of seating and lines that will move even more quickly than last year. We have huge new video displays featuring Greece, our community and our advertisers. In addition, we have increased our security investment including off-duty police officers and security guards to ensure everyone is safe. Check out <u>SacramentoGreekFestival.com</u> for more details about the menu and entertainment.

Festival volunteers needed!

Keep a lookout in the *This Week at Annunciation* e-mails and the weekly bulletin for more information or contact Nicki Hansen (nicki.d.hansen@gmail.com).

Thanks for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Dan Eriksson, Mike Dariotis, Helen Grammatakakis, Maria Kaufman, Stefanie Hionis, Julie Mamalis, Nicki Voresis Hansen, and Gerri Magers

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

ur faith is rooted in two forms of prayer; individual and communal. The practice of individual prayer is when we pray to God our thanks, thoughts, and struggles. But we cannot forget communal prayer, in which the priest prays the prayers said in every Orthodox Church around the world, and we respond, validating and confirming the prayers with the word, "Amen".

Therefore, we pray for our fellow Christians throughout the world as well as in our community.

We welcome to the church:

Athanasios, Chrismated George, Baptized and Chrismated Dionysia, Baptized and Chrismated Demetra, Baptized and Chrismated

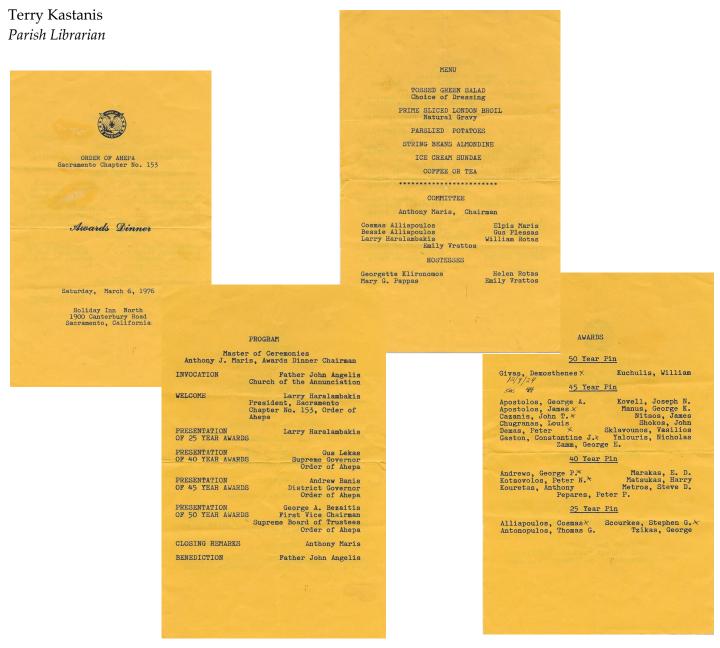
We pray for the servants of God, united together in the sacrament of marriage:

Giorgos and Jenna John and Christina Vasilios and Athena

## LOOKING TOWARDS OUR CENTENNIAL

n the last issue of the Observer, few people responded to the 1953 photograph of the Board of Trustees, but a lot of you recognized each other in the 1994 photo of the Annunciation Ladies Philoptochos Society Board. It seems that 41 years makes a difference!

Pictured below is the Awards Dinner program for the ORDER OF AHEPA, Sacramento Chapter No. 153 for Saturday, March 6, 1976. This original, orange colored document was provided by Tyke Kuchulis and it's important because his father, William Kuchulis was awarded his 50 Year Pin as a member of AHEPA. Demo Givas, well known by many in town because he always had a cigar in his mouth, also received his 50 Year Pin. Spend a few minutes reading through the names in the dinner program and you'll be surprised how many you'll recognize, many of whom are of Blessed Memory. Thanks to Tyke for giving this rare document to our parish archives. Your comments and similar historical papers and photographs are welcome as we prepare for our 100th year as a parish.





What

ASL monthly luncheons are beginning for the fall ... so mark your calendar

Where

Old Spaghetti Factory, 19th And J Street

When

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 11:30 a.m.

Menu

Spaghetti and Meatballs (again!), salad, spumoni ice cream.

Cost

All this, for \$15.00

Reservations

YES! Prepaid advanced reservations are REQUIRED

**Deadline** 

YES! Complete the form below and forward by September 3rd, 2019.

Return portion below along with check payable to Greek Orthodox Church, ASL on the memo line to: Mary Kondos, 5328 Spilman Ave, Sacramento, CA. 95819, ph 457-2196 by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 2019.

Name:

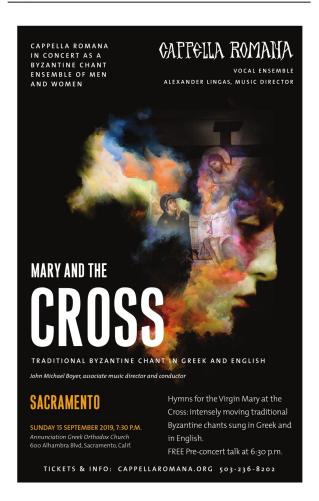
Address

Number of Reservations:

Amount Paid

Phone / Cell Number:

Save the dates of November 7 and December 5 for future ASL luncheons.



## **ASL LUNCHEON DATES**

Mark your calendar:

<u>September 5<sup>th</sup></u>, we will meet at 11:30 a.m. at 19<sup>th</sup> & J Street Old Spaghetti Factory,

advanced reservations are required and the cost is only \$15 per person. Please RSVP to Mary Kondos (see below) no later than September 3rd.

October 4th, 5th, & 6th is our annual Greek Festival!

November 7<sup>th</sup> is our annual Thanksgiving luncheon, with all the trimmings.

<u>December 5<sup>th</sup></u> is our annual Christmas luncheon and we'll join our Annunciation Choir singing Christmas Carols.

Every month we meet with in our lovely Annunciation Hellenic Center (unless otherwise noted) serving great food & interesting programs. Watch for informational flyers and internet communications and please do not hesitate to call with questions.

As always, please RSVP to Mary Kondos, 5328 Spilman Avenue Sacramento, CA 95819



## ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

## Monument Honoring Original Annunciation Church

By Geogia Econome

n June 23, 2019, the Annunciation Senior League dedicated a Monument honoring the site of the original Church of the Annunciation which is located at 620 N Street. Over 70 people in our community attended the dedication. The Monument "Following in the Footsteps of our Ancestors" honors the contribution by the Greek immigrant pioneers to the Sacramento Community.



Rev. Fathers James, Timothy, and Dino gave a lovely blessing. Sacramento City Councilman Steve Hansen spoke of the importance of understanding

history which prepares us for the future. The Monument is installed on the south side of N Street and lays on a concrete square. Bronze footsteps lead to the base of a five-foot pedestal, upon which a bronze replica of the first Greek Orthodox Church of Sacramento sits. The footsteps signify "Following in the Footsteps of our Ancestors." A large plaque commemorating the site is inlaid into one side of the pedestal. On the other side, there is a list of



the generous donors that made the Monument possible. The Monument is important to our Greek community, visitors and all Sacramentans so they may learn of our Greek heritage here in Sacramento. Our ancestors came to this city not knowing the language, some without funds and some without skills. But they were industrious by nature. Some started shoe shine stands, others became tailors, bakers, cooks, or farmers. They later married, started families and bought homes. Because they felt the need to practice their Orthodox Faiith and keep the Greek community united, they raised money to build a church, despite financial hardships involved. They build this first Greek Orthodox Church at 620 N Street. The cost was \$12,000. The first Diving Liturgy was celebrated on Christmas Day in 1921. George Sellon, the first architect for the State of California, was the architect.

## How it all began

At an ASL meeting in late 2015, the concept of providing a tribute to our ancestors and the first Sacramento Greek Orthodox Church in the form of a plaque was introduced to the members. After some discussion, it was

decided that the plaque should become a monument. A committee of ASL members, Georgia Econome, Julie Mamalis, Paul and Shirley Peters, Ellen Manolis Martin, and Terry Kastanis spearheaded this effort. Nick Docous and Richard Fuller of the Lionakis architectural firm in Sacramento also joined and generously volunteered their expertise and time. The committee located renowned bronze sculptor and artist, Ronnie Frostad who made the Lionakis design come to life. The plans (in microfiche format) of the original church were found in the archives of the City and County of Sacramento, The Center for Sacramento History. A to-scale model of the church was created to match the dimensions of the church, and from there, the bronze sculpture was created which sits atop the monument pedestal. When presenting the plans of the old church to Nick Docous, we were all surprised to learn it was designed in 1920 by George Sellon, the founding father of the Lionakis firm!



This beautiful monument resulted after about four years of planning, fundraising and construction. I hope you will plan to visit the Monument soon. I think you will be proud of our gift to the City of Sacramento.

## HELLENIC GOLF CLASSIC

It is with great pride that the Hellenic Golf Classic announces the TENTH year of our tournament, "Greece on the Green"! The committee is so thankful to all of those who have supported the tournament the past nine years and have made it an exciting and energizing day for all those who have attended.

This year's Hellenic Golf Classic will take place on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the gorgeous Lincoln Hills Golf Club in Lincoln, California. A day full of fun has been planned, starting at 8:00 with a continental breakfast and open driving range. The tournament has a 10 am Shot-



Gun start, is a scramble format, and is followed by a BBQ at 3:30 pm and awards. Greek appetizers and beverages will be offered throughout the course to keep players hydrated and happy – OPA!

As in previous years, we hope to have your help to make this tournament a great experience for our golfers, as well as a profitable philanthropy for our church. All proceeds benefit The Build, with a portion being donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation (Northeastern & Central California and Northern Nevada Chapter).

## How to get involved:

- Sign up to be a sponsor! We offer sponsorship opportunities for all levels of commitment and welcome any contribution.
- Come and golf! Grab 3 of your friends and put together a foursome. The cost to register (per golfer) is \$175 which includes; green fees, cart, driving range, food on the course, BBQ, and a special 10<sup>th</sup> annual commemorative gift.
   Reserve your team by contacting Pat Kallergis or Vivial Vail, or by signing up at www.annunciationsac.org/golf
- Spread the word! Share the event with your family, friends, co-workers, and on social media – all are welcome to participate!
- Join our committee! The tournament isn't possible without the help of many volunteers, especially the day of. Please contact Vivian Vail (vivan.vail@yahoo.com) if you'd like to be involved.

Thank you! Hellenic Golf Classic Committee



## \$175 PER GOLFER

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:
GREEN FEES

Cart Driving Range

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Greek food and Beverages on the course

BARBEQUE AND AWARDS



## **REGISTER TODAY!**

To register or for more information, visit annunciationsac.org/golf or call Pat Kallergis at (916) 812-3649



All proceeds to benefit Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, The Make-A-Wish Foundation (Northeastern and Central California and Northern Nevada), and many other local charities.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2019-2020 ecclesiastical and academic year! Registration for Sunday School is open! Please visit our parish website to register for classes.

We will be blessing and commissioning our wonderful teachers on September 8<sup>th</sup>, following the Divine Liturgy and the first day of classes are on **September 15<sup>th</sup>!** 



## GREEK SCHOOL

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n May 21-22 2019, the Annunciation Greek School Program hosted its first *Ellinomatheia* testing sessions. Approximately 20 people from the Northern California region signed up for the exams, ranging from the junior A1 through to the adult C1 exam. There were 13 students who sat for the exams from our Annunciation Greek School Program!

All of the exams were sent to Greece to be evaluated by the *Ellinomatheia* faculty at the University of Thessaloniki and the results were announced at the end of July. It is with great pleasure that we can say that all of the Annunciation Greek School Program students passed their exams. In addition, many of the students received distinction (arista) on their exams. Overall, it is quite remarkable that all of our students passed their exams on the first try! Congratulations to both the students and dedicated teachers!

Establishing the Annunciation as a designated testing center has been a long process. Many thanks go to the following individuals and organizations who have contributed funds in order to have the proper equipment for the



testing: GAPA, Peloponnesian Society 'O Moreas', Aleka Kamilla, and John and Marianna Demas. Their generosity has ensured that the Annunciation testing center will be able to accommodate all levels of testing for many years to come!

This year, the Greek School Program will continue to prepare students for *Ellinomatheia* in addition to teaching the Greek language. Classes for younger students – as well as three levels of adult classes – will be offered. Registration will continue through most of August, and formal class instruction will begin on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We would like to thank Eleni Morgan, Marianna Demas, and Konstantina Antonakaki for serving as instructors this past year. They have been a wonderful presence in our Greek school and will be missed in the classroom!

The Annunciation Greek School Program looks forward to their first celebratory performance on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> to honor 'Oxi' Day. This historic day in Greek history serves as a constant reminder of the Greek nation's dedication to freedom and liberty. The students will commemorate this historic moment after Divine Liturgy and we all hope that everyone will attend.



## ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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# September 2019

9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Elevation of the Holy Cross  21 10:00 am Moms 'n Tots	7:00 pm Great Vespers: Elevation of the Holy Cross & Ministries Meeting	12 5:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Choir Practice  19 10:00 am ASL Board Meeting 5:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Orthodox Basic Training  18 9:00 am Festival Baking (Pastitsio & Mousaka) 5:30 pm Greek School 7:00 pm Orthodox Basic Training	nos 17	6:30 pm Hellenic Golf Classic Meeting  16 9:00 am Festival Baking (Pastitsio & Mousaka) 6:00 pm Parish Council Meeting	9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy: Nativity of the Theotokos Ministries Kickoff Sunday Dance Practice  15 9:00 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 1st Day of Sunday School Dance Practice
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# October 2019

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Our calendar is subject to change. For the most recently updated calendar please visit www.AnnunciationSac.org/master-calendar/

## DANCE SUPPORT GROUP

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ur 2019-2020 dance season is underway and we have groups for preschoolers through adults-no experience necessary! Registration is open through September 9th. Please e-mail us for the registration link or visit our parish website.

For questions and inquiries, please reach out to us at dance@annunciationsac.org

## Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events:

9/8/19 -- Ministries Kickoff Sunday

9/1/19 - 9/29/19 -- DSG Hosted Coffee Hour (weekly)

10/2/19 -- Greek Night with Sacramento Republic FC with pre-game dance performance and Youth Ministry Fundraiser

10/4/19 - 10/6/19 -- Sacramento Greek Festival Performances

12/15/19 -- St. Dionysios Family to Family Project

1/10/20 -- Preview Rehearsal & Group Photos

1/12/20 -- Preview Performance during Coffee Hour

2/8/20 -- FDF Glendi

2/13/20 - 2/16/20 -- FDF in Anaheim

5/8/20 -- Coffee Hour/Mother's Day Event



## **ATHLETICS**



oin us for Volleyball open gym! Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. The annual San Jose Volleyball Tournament is coming up! October 18th—20th. Please contact Kate Margaris or Yianni Magoulias for more information.

All ages are welcome!

Last year, we sent 4 teams (1 High School, 2 Young Adult, and 1 Adult) to the Tournament and walked away with the most prestigious award, the Fr. John and Presvytera Maria Asimacopoulos Sportsmanship Award!

## Younger Marrieds & Working Singles

oms 'n Tots is back! Join us on the third Saturday of every month for faith, fun activities, guest speakers, and wonderful Christian Fellowship. Every month is a little different, from spending time in church, to arts & crafts, and guest speakers. We'd love for you to join us!

We'll see you on September 21st and October 19th!

Do you have an idea or ministry in mind for the Younger Marrieds and Working singles age group? Interested in getting involved? Contact Yianni Magoulias today!



## YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

ou can't spell youth without YOU! Starting this September, with the new ecclesiastical and academic year, we are looking to redesign and revive our Youth Ministries!

On the first Tuesday of every month, (**starting on September 3**<sup>rd</sup> **at 6:00 pm**) our Youth Ministries will gather for a short prayer service, followed by meetings supervised by a parent adviser, and with the spiritual guidance of Fr. James, Fr. Timothy, and Yianni. These brief, 1-hour meetings will allow our youth to take ownership of their own ministry by planning events and philanthropies, while growing together in Christ, as well as gaining leadership skills. We are very excited about this new format and are thankful for your prayers and support.

## **Meet our Youth Ministries!**

GOYA | 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. GOYA | 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade JOY | 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Young professionals** (21-30ish) are invited to join our theological discussions, "Wisdom & Wine" on the first Monday of every month! Contact Yianni Magoulias for more information.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most updated information.

## We need your help!

Join us on October 2<sup>nd</sup> for Greek Night at Sacramento Republic FC! Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministries!

Our dance groups will be performing before kickoff, our choir will be singing the American National Anthem, throughout the evening, promotion for our Greek Festival will be on the jumbotron and at our festival booth, and we'll have a chance to meet Charalampos Chatzopoulos after the match! Did we mention, limited edition Greek Sacramento Republic FC scarves are available for purchase? Grab yours on Sundays after Divine Liturgy in the Annunciation Hellenic Center, while supplies last!

Purchase your ticket for the match via this link: <a href="https://groupmatics.events/event/">https://groupmatics.events/event/</a> GreekNight1012

Proceeds from tickets purchased through our link and scarves benefit our Youth Ministries!



With pregame performance by our Annunciation Dance Ministry and the National Anthem by our Annunciation Choir

Proceeds benefit Annunciation's Youth Ministries

## ANNUNCIATION AT IONIAN VILLAGE

his summer, four of our parishioners traveled to Greece as campers at Ionian Village! Ionian Village is the camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, located in the Greek Peloponnese, just over an hour south of Patras along the west coast, looking at Zakynthos. Every year, 400 Greek Orthodox youth from around America travel to Ionian Village for 3 weeks of pilgrimages to churches, visiting the saints and their relics, camp activities, daily church services, and ancient archeological sites. Hear what they have to say about their experience at Ionian Village!





## Athena Johnson

Ionian Village changed my life. There is no way you can come out of there unchanged. The change started by taking my phone, which was daunting because in all honesty it's my security blanket. I look at my phone so I don't have to talk to people. Suddenly I had to talk to people. I started making deep connections with people I'd only just met. For the first time in my life I was surrounded with peers who understood my background, influences, and opinions. At IV, we had cabins that we did everything with; we struggled together, laughed

together, partied together, and grew together.



Faith and IV worked more subtly for me. I had already recently found my center in faith, but the daily practice and discussion of Orthodoxy brought my faith back into a daily focus. Venerating relics, visiting monasteries, witnessing miracles, and sharing faith brought me more confidence in my faith. Leaving IV was one of the hardest things I've had to do in my life. But I came home with 200 more friends, my cabin of sisters, a focus and confidence to practice my faith, and a thirst for meaningful connections. IV was the best experience of my entire life, I am eternally grateful I was given the opportunity to go.

## EJ Johnson

My time at Ionian Village was an incredible experience that I will never forget. I was able to surround myself with people who were the same age group and religion as me. Because of that we were more capable of sympathizing with each other's struggles in our daily lives and within our faith. We were gifted with a wonderful opportunity that let us be surrounded by people who didn't look to judge or belittle us but looked to love and support everyone there. Because of this, the support network we formed with each other gave us the ability to confide in one another and for us to grow stronger in our faith through fellowship. My time at IV gave me a whole new understanding of my heritage, religion, and of myself. I pray that other camper's experience there may be just as fun and life changing as my own.



## ANNUNCIATION AT IONIAN VILLAGE (CONT...)

## Katarina Alexander

My experience at Ionian Village was reassuring and eye opening. It enabled me to reconnect and grow stronger with my faith and relationship with God and gave me a new found appreciation for my Hellenic culture. Especially through the different trips to historic sites and monasteries where we venerated many different relics. I was able to really see how strong and closely connected the Greek Orthodox community is and making friendships/bonds that will last a life time.





## Sam Cambra

Ionian Village was an amazing trip that took me to many places such as Kefalonia, Zakynthos, Patras, Bartholomio, and Aegina. Here we visited many monasteries and venerated the relics of numerous saints. In places like Athens and Olympia we learned about the history of the Greek people and all of their accomplishments. The best place we visited was Aegina which has the relics of Saint Nektarios. Of course, what made the trip so great was being able to have fun and do this all with other Orthodox Christians my age. I would highly recommend IV to anyone considering going.

## SUMMER CHURCH DAY CAMP 2019

ummer Church Day Camp was a great success! Our theme was "God's Love for Us". We talked about the mysteries, or sacraments, that are a gift from God, that make us holy, and that unite us to Him. We worked in our "Spreading the Word" workbooks, created Orthodox Prayer Books, read stories about the sacraments, and learned so much! A big thank you to Fr. James, Fr. Timothy, and our volunteers, Effie Crush, Vicki Meers, Daniela Schmidt, Altheia Tatarakis, and Donna Wagner!











Save the date: Next year's Summer Church Day Camp is June 22-26, 2020!

## Pledged Stewards 2019 (As of August 8, 2019)

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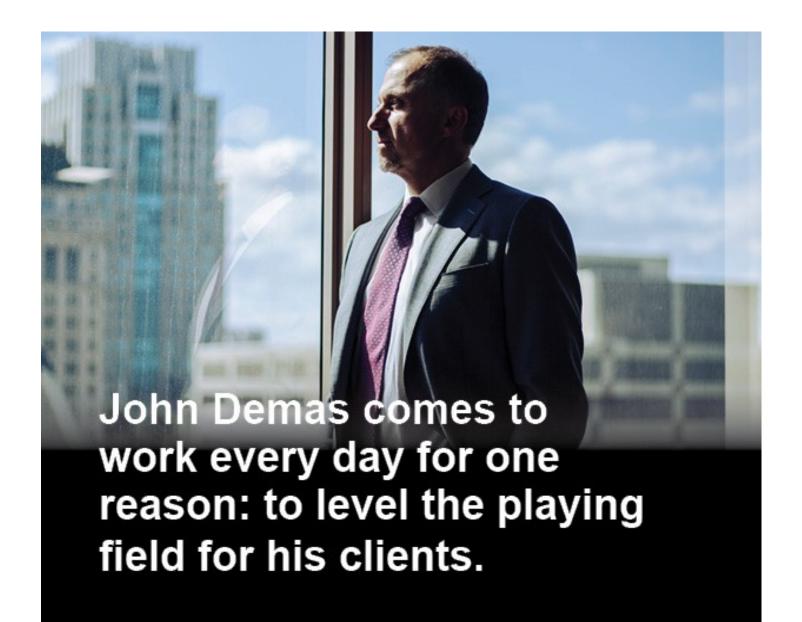




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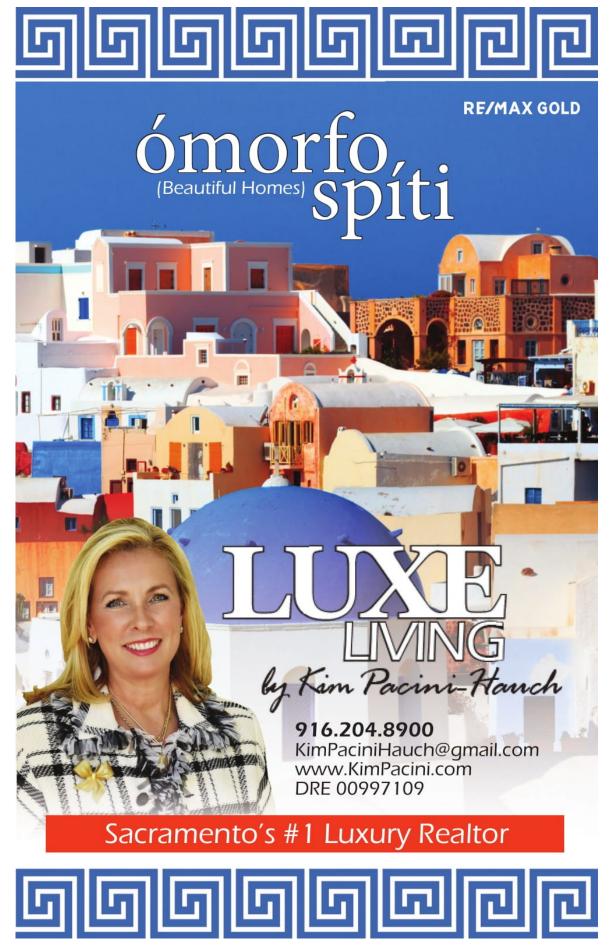


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## TWENTY YEARS AND COUNTING



Fr. Timothy was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on September 5, 1999!

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He has faithfully served our parish these past thirteen years. Our Annunciation Church family will be honoring him with a special luncheon following the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, September 15th.

Save the date & plan to bring the entire family!

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek - Hebrews 5:6