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COMMUNITY UPDATE

We welcome into the church:
July 23 - Giovanna Fazio, daughter of Michael &. Elena Fazio
August 6 - Jacqueline Giobres, received by Chrismation
August 22 - Nancy (Anastasia) Tollow, mother of Shari (Martha) Moody
August 30 - Timothy Yassa, received by Chrismation

We celebrate the marriage of:
August 25 - Constantinos Courcourmelis & Elisabeth Langley

We pray for the servants of God, who departed this life:
July 20 - George Dariotis
August 3 - Alexandra (Sandra) Giobres

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Sunday Bulletin
Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org

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

Bi-Monthly Observer
October 10th to Observer@annunciationsac.org
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I Make All Things New!

Then He who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and faithful.” And He said to me, “If[c] is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes [d]shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. (Rev. 21:5-7)

Beloved Brothers and Sisters of Annunciation:

September 1 marks the beginning of the new Church Year, and we are invited (expected) by our Lord to continue to cultivate our relationship with Him and with those around us, the household of faith. Our renewal and growth derive solely from the One who is the “fountain of life,” the Alpha and the Omega. Referring to the Orthodox Study Bible (Old & New Testament edition, available in our bookstore), there are 1749 pages, comprising the most amazing love letter the world has known from God to His people. On page 5, “God said, let Us make man in our image, according to Our likeness.” (Genesis 1:26), and then some 1740 pages later, He closes with the promise that we will be his sons and daughters. And He said to me, “It is done!” What is done? If it’s done, what is there left for us to do? Why not just “let God, let go?” The answer to this rhetorical question is found on pages 5 to 1749 in the Bible. The Scriptures are an open portal to viewing salvation history, but this view is fully experienced liturgically, most importantly by immersing ourselves in the Divine Liturgy. The 3rd c. Church Father St. Cyprian wrote, “You cannot have God as your Father without the Church as your Mother.” A corollary here is, you cannot receive or understand God’s love letter (the Bible) without the mind of the Church, and the only way to appropriate this mind is to be fully present. In other words, there’s no substitute for experience—come to Church! My beloved brothers and sisters, there is no such thing as a solitary Christian. We are saved together as the Body of Christ. We need each other to “be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God (Ephesians 3:18-19).

As we strive together in the New Year to know the love of Christ, I ask for your prayers in your private devotions, but more importantly to join our beloved Annunciation Church family each and every Lord’s day for the Eucharistic celebration, the full expression of God’s love for us, where indeed, He makes all things new.

With love in Christ,

Father James
Dear Parishioners of Annunciation,

As many of you may know, this community came together recently to honor the passing of my brother, George Michael Dariotis. After many years of being bolstered by the prayers and support of our church as he fought cancer for more than a decade, George passed peacefully on July 12, 2023. His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco called to bestow a final blessing.

The support our community has offered through this difficult time has meant so much to everyone who knew and loved George, especially his wife Christine, his son, Luke, myself, our brother, Chris, and all of our extended family.

The Trisagion service was beautiful, led by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos. Despite the heat of the July sun, our church was overflowing for George’s funeral service - we think there might have been more than 750 people in attendance. The words shared by Father James, Father Timothy, and Deacon Euthym Kontaxis captured George’s life, spirit and commitment to faith. And the voices of our choir were ethereal. Afterward, the makaria held in our Annunciation Hellenic Center, which George worked so hard to help build, was full of loving memories and delicious food. It was all exactly as George would have wanted it to be. And I think he particularly would have enjoyed his fellow Parish Council Member, Demitri Romas, poignant and funny remarks, as well as the wonderful performances by my nieces Alianna and Georgia, at the end.

There are so many people who worked so hard, so quickly, and so graciously to make this a fitting tribute to George. Thank you to Father James and Father Tim for all their daily visits during George’s last week. Thank you to Father Dino for coming to both services, and thank you to Father Jon Magoulias and to His Eminence for coming to the Trisagion. Thank you to Rula Manikas for coordinating the reception after the Trisagion and the Makersia. We were blessed to have such wonderful caterers Jim and Faye Vallas, Voula Cazanis and Vasilis Tsigaris, and to eat their delicious meal together. And I could not have imagined getting through this time without my fellow Parish Council members and their outpouring of love and support.

When you lose two siblings so close together you become humbled. I am committed more than ever to serve this community that has given me and my family so much, and to work even harder for others in their honor. I will continue to do my best as President of the Parish Council to honor George’s legacy. I am forever grateful to George and to all of you.

In Christ

Michael Dariotis Jr.
Parish Council President
When we think of prosphora, we usually think of one thing: bread. Yet, when we look at the actual definition of prosphora, the word translates to "offering." In a liturgical setting, the offering can apply to the service of the Divine Liturgy and to the sacrament of Holy Communion. Thus, when we think of prosphora, we shouldn't just think about the bread we receive after Holy Communion, but what we are offering to God through Christ.

We, as parishioners, also offer the parish and the Church stewardship. Through time, talents, and treasures, we provide a holy sacrifice to express our thankfulness to God. We recently lost a beloved parishioner and long-time Annunciation Stewardship Chairman, George Dariotis, who offered his time, talents, and treasures, and epitomized what it means to be a steward of the Church. Whether it be time spent cleaning dishes in the kitchen during the annual Greek Festival (time), providing leadership on the Parish Council (talents), or being a generous financial giver (treasures), George offered our parish and the Church all he could as a steward.

But, more importantly, George offered us a first-hand example of how we could live a life through Christ, both as a devoted Annunciation parishioner and a faithful Orthodox Christian. For me, as a relative newcomer to Annunciation, George was the person I most associated with our parish. Being greeted by George in the church's narthex during Divine Liturgy and the warmth and kindness that emanated from him is something I'll never forget. George's presence and leadership will be greatly missed at Annunciation, but his offerings (both tangible and intangible) will be impactful for many years to come.

May his memory be eternal.

RJ Hansen
Stewardship Ministry

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Following their acclaimed visit to Annunciation in 2022, The Annunciation Philoptochos Society is pleased to present

RECOMMITTING TO FAITH & FAMILY WITH THE LOUHS

TOOLS TO NAVIGATE LIFE AND RELATIONSHIPS IN TODAY’S WORLD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER
616 ALHAMBRA BLVD, SACRAMENTO

REGISTRATION: $15

FRIDAY
Welcome 6:00pm-6:30pm
Session 1 6:30pm-8:00pm
Q&A 8:00pm-8:30pm

SATURDAY
Welcome 9:30am-10:00am
Sessions 2 & 3 10:00am-Noon
Lunch Noon-1:00pm
Sessions 4 & 5 1:00pm-3:00pm
Q&A 3:00pm-3:30pm

Register at www.annunciationsac.org/louhs or scan the QR code

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The Christmas Around the World Festival is not to be missed!

Our Philoptochos has been involved in a one-day, ecumenical, multi-cultural activity for over 25 years! It’s called, “Christmas Around the World” and it happens in November.

Eight local Orthodox churches from the area (including The Annunciation) will meet in our hall with their delicious, home-made foods. This is an event for you if you are a foodie or just enjoy the tastes of the Middle East, Russia, Ethiopia, Armenia, and Greece!

If you are a cultural connoisseur, then please DO NOT miss the Ethiopian coffee ceremony. And check out the “White Elephant Sale” in our Foyer for cultural cast-offs and lovely rummage. Or you may just want to sit back and enjoy the many different languages you will hear.

We are a multi-national group of people working together and enjoying each other’s company. Proceeds from the sales go directly to the participating churches’ ministries. Our Philoptochos will donate the proceeds of our food booth and rummage sale to The Annunciation’s Benevolent Fund.

Please join us on Saturday, November 11, 2023 from 10 am to 4 pm in the Annunciation Hellenic Center ADMISSION IS FREE!
You're Invited To Celebrate

Christmas Around The World Festival

Enjoy International Delicacies Prepared by Our "Old World" Cooks!
Hot Lunches, Baked Goods & Carry Out

American Russian Ethiopian Greek
Armenian Middle Eastern Ukrainian

Crafts, Christmas Rummage, Raffle and much more!

Saturday
November 11, 2023
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FREE ADMISSION

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation Hellenic Center
616 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento (Across from McKinley Park)
Abundant parking available in the Hellenic Center lot located on 30th Street

Sponsored by: Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation, Holy Trinity Ethiopian Tewahedo Orthodox Church, St. George Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church, St. James Armenian Apostolic Church, St. Philip Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Stephen Orthodox Church, St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church
SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

Friday & Saturday, October 6 & 7, 2023: 11am - 10pm
Sunday, October 8, 2023: 11am - 8pm

$5 Admission (ages 13 - 64)
$3 Senior Admission (65+)

Free Admission when you BIKE over (BYO Lock)
616 Alhambra Boulevard

www.sacramentogreekfestival.com
Sacramento Greek Festival – October 6, 7, 8, 2023

By the time you read this, the dolmades have been rolled, the pastries buttered, and the bechamel has been set. A few baking / prep items remain; please see the most up to date baking schedule in the Sunday bulletins and weekly emails.

Have you signed up for a shift at your favorite booths? Now is the time! Join in the Festival fun by signing up via the link or QR code below to SignUp Genius. Other options for volunteering include Sign Up Genius links in Annunciation’s weekly email blast or speak with any Festival board member. We are grateful for your support!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the businesses, families, and individuals who make generous donations to underwrite and sponsor the Festival expenses. If you haven’t yet, please consider underwriting an item or becoming a booth sponsor. Donations can be made by several methods: reaching out to any board member, calling the church office, or via the QR code below.

Respectfully,

The 2023 Greek Festival Board: Stefanie Hionis, Dan Eriksson, George Chuchas, Emily Coleman, Michael Dariotis, Christo Georgoulis, Helen Grammatitakis, Julie Mamalis, & Demetri Romas
Thank you to our 2023 Festival Sponsors!*
We appreciate your support!

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$30 Combo Vouchers on Sale
4 Admission Passes & $20 Meal Vouchers ($40 value)
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*Current list of Sponsors at time of writing. Any omitted will be included in next article.
The completion of our 100th Anniversary album served as an impetus to form the AHS (Annunciation History Society) to preserve our history by collecting as much information as we can regarding the history of Greeks in Sacramento and the Annunciation Church. Our tradition is rich and should not be forgotten.

The committee members are:

Antonia Chapralis  
Jim Chuchas  
Terry Kastanis  
Dr. Katerina Lagos  
Julie Mamalis  
Dr. Maria Sampanis  
Bill Triphon

The committee is open to any parishioners with a sincere interest in our parish’s history and is willing to give their time to our organization. If interested:

Please contact Antonia Chapralis  
paraskaki@sbcglobal.net

HELP!!!

The Annunciation Historical Society needs your help in gathering pictures, articles, documentation regarding our parish history from 1900-1950. Do you have old pictures, stories, anecdotes, historical memorabilia left to you by your parents and grandparents that we can copy and return to you?

These resources would be invaluable to our chronicling of our history and any help would be greatly appreciated.

You can contact any of the AHS committee members, or email Bill Triphon at byzantine51@gmail.com
UPCOMING EVENTS

BACKPACK BLESSINGS

Join us as we pray for God to bless our students and keep them safe in the new school year

Sunday, September 10

Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks to the Divine Liturgy to be blessed

ANNUNCIATION MINISTRIES KICKOFF

JOIN US FOR LUNCH, FELLOWSHIP, AND FESTIVITIES WHILE EXPLORING OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

HELLENIC CENTER
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY
UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for

TAVERNA NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

The Passing of the Torch

Appetizers - Dinner - Dancing - Raffle Prizes
$45 for Adults and $20 for Kids Under 12

PRESENTED BY

Greek American Progressive Association
(Sacramento Chapter)

Peloponnesian Club
of Sacramento
"O Moreas"

WHEN
Saturday
September 16th
6:00 p.m. Appetizers
7:00 p.m. Dinner

WHERE
Annunciation Hellenic Center
Plateia (Courtyard)
616 Alhambra Boulevard
Sacramento

SEATING
Individual tickets and
tables of 8, 9, and 10
available

RESERVATIONS
Bessie Papailias
(916) 802-1195

Bess Statthos
(916) 714-7663
Cocktails for a Cause
TO BENEFIT IOCC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023
7:00pm
ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER, SACRAMENTO

COCKTAILS • APPETIZERS • DESSERT
LIVE MUSIC • LIVE AUCTION • GIVING WALL

TICKETS $50
INCLUDES ONE DRINK TICKET

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Cocktails for a Cause
TO BENEFIT IOCC
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

SPONSORSHIP

PLATINUM • $5,000
10 TICKETS • 20 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT • RESERVED TABLE

GOLD • $2,500
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4 TICKETS • 4 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT

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IOCC operates at the invitation of the Orthodox Church in the countries where it serves. The Church helps identify the needs and beneficiaries and often actively works alongside IOCC in project implementation. IOCC’s close relationship with the Orthodox Church means that they often have access to underserved communities where needs are great and access to assistance is limited.

Learn more about IOCC’s programs by visiting https://iocc.org/where-we-work
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Schedule Subject to Change - Consult Website/Sunday Bulletin | www.annunciationSac.org
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.
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CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17

NURSERY-5TH GRADE
Class begins at 10am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL
Students lead our youth in classroom lessons and activities beginning at 10am.
The Middle School/High School lesson begins following Holy Communion.

We look forward to sharing our updated curriculum, engaged educators, and faith-building activities with the youth of our parish.

Please contact Sunday School Director Lisa Harr with any questions
lisaharr9@gmail.com

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation | Sacramento, CA | www.AnnunciationSac.org
2023–2024 Sunday School Teachers Needed

Looking to make a difference and help our youth grow in their faith?

Seeking Sunday School teachers for a rewarding opportunity to make an impact by teaching our youth about our faith. All classes will have two teachers to ensure adequate coverage.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Lisa Harr at (916) 807-0967 or lisaharr9@gmail.com.

2023–2024 Greek School Teacher Pool

Looking to make a difference and help teach the language of the New Testament?

The Annunciation Greek School Program invites those willing to teach our beautiful Greek language to join our teacher pool. We offer classes from beginner to advanced, for youth and adult, for personal knowledge and certification. The exact schedule will be determined based on enrollment. Registration opens early August and classes begin mid-September. Join us!

For more information or to submit a CV: greekschool@annunciationsac.org
Annunciation Greek School Program is excited to launch another year! We offer Greek language instruction, for adults and children, across a variety of levels. We congratulate our students who passed their Ellinomatheia exams this spring. The Ellinomatheia curriculum, one option through our program, is a unique opportunity for students to earn certification in language proficiency. The Annunciation Greek School has a strong track record of success.

Our popular teacher and Curriculum Director Dr. Eleftheria Arapoglou is stepping down from her Greek School responsibilities. We extend a note of appreciation for her dedication to our program and a note of gratitude for her role in its success over the past decade. Dr. Arapoglou has increased professional responsibilities that pull her away from the classroom for this year, but she continues to support our excellent program in other ways.

Registration is open and classes begin September 19.

The Annunciation Greek School Committee

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Dear Greek School families and supporters,

After ten years of serving the mission of Annunciation Greek School, I am stepping down as an instructor and academic director. This is a very difficult decision that I had to make in order to pursue a unique professional opportunity presented to me at UC Davis—one that conflicts with the time investment that my involvement in Greek School requires.

Annunciation Greek School has been a big and important part of my life for the past ten years. I was blessed to work alongside a team of gifted and devoted colleagues as well as an extremely supportive board. During my tenure, Annunciation Greek School has maintained a strong student body—even during the pandemic— and consistently offered a wide range of classes—from pre-K, to exam certification, to advanced adult classes—and, in 2018, became a certified Ellinomatheia exam center. There have been many moments that stand out in this journey: the 10 awards (in the categories of creative writing, singing, photography, arts and crafts, and drama) that our students received in the Greek Letters contests organized by the Metropolis of San Francisco and Annunciation Greek School’s success rates at the Ellinomatheia exams ranging from 87.5% to 100% in the past 5 years. Last but not least, 6 of our former students have received the State Seal of Biliteracy upon their High School graduation for having succeeded in the B1 Ellinomatheia Exams.

I will always be grateful to my amazing students and their families, as well as to the devoted colleagues and board members with whom I was fortunate to work. Contributing to the mission of this important ministry in our community has been a rare privilege and a true honor for me!

I want to thank you all for your faith in me and your support of the Greek School program all these years.

Respectfully,

Eleftheria Arapoglou, Ph.D
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Epistle Reading Program

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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.

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

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to remain anonymous

Pledged Families: 374

A Letter to Father James

Dear Father James,

Today I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for helping me be a recipient in this scholarship which will be such a great help to my studies in the fall. It is truly a great honor to be chosen for the Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund Scholarship at Hellenic College Holy Cross for the fall semester of 2023! I know I will have such amazing experiences and will gain so much knowledge from this semester being in Boston. I love being involved in the church and I am truly so excited to see what I can take home with me from my experiences. I am currently enjoying my studies in Psychology with a minor in Communications or education, still undecided about my minor, and can’t wait to incorporate faith and religion into my learning this fall.

I want to personally thank you for your contribution to not only my overall education, but also for the opportunity to truly grow closer to God and learn things about myself and my relationship with God that I won’t learn anywhere else. With this generous aid, it makes it possible for me to pursue my overall goal in life of deeply learning so much about orthodoxy and using my knowledge to help those around me.

Again I want to thank you and express how I am so grateful for the opportunity to further my education and grow in my faith and religion at Hellenic college for this semester of faith. So far in the last three days that I have been here I have truly loved it and am thinking about staying and continuing my education here. The people, the environment, the daily church services, and all the activities we do together so far are all so astonishing to be around. I am so pleased to be able to experience this opportunity and thank you for everything you’ve done to help me get where I am today!

Sincerely,

Athena Bourdaniotis
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