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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 Courcournelis & 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

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### This Week at Annunciation Email

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### Bi-Monthly Observer

October 10th to Observer@annunciationsac.org

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

<b>Sunday, September 3</b>	<b>13th Sunday of Matthew</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Friday, September 8</b>	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	<b>Sunday Before Holy Cross</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>	<b>Universal Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	<b>Sunday After Holy Cross</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, September 24</b>	<b>1st Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, October 1</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, October 8</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	<b>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b>	<b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Monday, October 23</b>	<b>St. James, the Brother of God</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Thursday, October 26</b>	<b>St. Demetrios the Great Martyr</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
<b>Sunday, October 29</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## 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, "It[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



# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

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 Magoulas and to His Eminence for coming to the Trisagion. Thank you to Rula Manikas for coordinating the reception after the Trisagion and the Makeria. We were blessed to have such wonderful caterers Jim and Faye Vallas, Voula Cazanis and Vasili 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*

# STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

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

## BELIEVE, BELONG, BE LOVED

The joy of **believing** comes from believing in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty, and trust.

The joy of **belonging** comes from becoming practicing stewards by being responsible caretakers of His House of Worship and lovingly participating in the life of His Church.

The joy of **being loved** comes from experiencing the love of God and the love we have for one another in our faith community.

Renew your 2023 Stewardship at [www.tiny.cc/stewardship2023](http://www.tiny.cc/stewardship2023)

INCOME	01/01/2023 - 07/31/2023	2023 BUDGET YTD
Pledges	\$367,532.00	\$282,467.00
All Other Revenue	\$272,013.00	\$216,955.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$639,545.00</b>	<b>\$499,422.00</b>
EXPENSES		
Staff Expenses	\$137,214.00	\$154,533.00
Program Services	\$13,141.00	\$26,359.00
Other Operating Expenses	\$450,276.00	\$70,323.00
Archdiocese National Ministries	\$50,490.00	\$75,735.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$651,121.00</b>	<b>\$326,950.00</b>
Balance as of 08/11/23	\$53,110.00	
STEWARDSHIP	2023 Pledges as of 07/31/2023	
Stewardship Budget	\$650,000.00	
Pledged to Date	\$402,937.00	
Total Amount Received	\$367,532.00	
Total Members Pledged	367	

# PHILOPTOCHOS

*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**

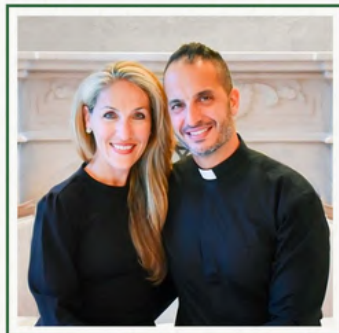
### FRIDAY


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](http://www.annunciationsac.org/louhs) or scan the QR code



 **THE LOUHS**

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# PHILOTOCHOS

## SAVE THE DATE

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS FORUM

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023- -12:30 p.m.**

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation  
Hellenic Center  
616 Alhambra Blvd./Sacramento/CA



**Get The Facts, Talk About It.**

**Join Philoptochos and our partners for a panel presentation and discussion focusing on the growing threat of human trafficking and exploitation in our community.**

Sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society  
Agenda and additional information to follow. Questions? Email us at [Philoptochos@annunciationsac.org](mailto:Philoptochos@annunciationsac.org)

## **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!**



# PHILOPTOCHOS

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,  
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# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



**60<sup>TH</sup>**  
**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](http://www.sacramentogreekfestival.com)

# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



## 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



Dolmades, Paximadia,  
& Yiourtopita preparation days





# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

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Donations link:  
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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.



# ANNUNCIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



## Annunciation History Society Formation

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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
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Bess Stathos  
(916) 714-7663



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## *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*

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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

10 TICKETS • 10 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT • RESERVED TABLE

#### SILVER • \$1,000

8 TICKETS • 8 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT • RESERVED TABLE

#### BRONZE • \$500

4 TICKETS • 4 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT

#### FRIENDS OF IOCC • \$250

2 TICKETS • 2 DRINK TICKETS • NAME ON SCREEN THROUGHOUT EVENT



# MISSIONS



**INTERNATIONAL ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHARITIES**

### A World of Difference

IOCC assists families, refugees and displaced persons, the elderly, schoolchildren, orphans, and people with disabilities. Aid is offered based on need alone.

Since 1992, your support has made it possible to provide humanitarian relief and sustainable development programs to people across Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. IOCC continually works to strategically apply its expertise wherever the needs are greatest.

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>





GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ANNUNCIATION  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

# October 2023

Schedule Subject to Change - Consult Website/Sunday Bulletin | [www.annunciationsac.org](http://www.annunciationsac.org)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>2nd Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	2 6:30pm Volleyball Practice	3	4	5	6 Sacramento Greek Festival	7 Sacramento Greek Festival
8 <b>3rd Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sacramento Greek Festival	9	10 Observer Articles Due	11	12	13	14
15 <b>Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 12:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting	17	18 <b>St. Luke the Evangelist</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	19 6:30pm Volleyball Practice	20 6:00pm Loulis Retreat	21 9:30am Loulis Retreat
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# VOLLEYBALL



# ANNUNCIATION BRIDGE-DOMINOES GROUP



## *Annunciation Bridge-Dominoes Group*



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](mailto:sophiage@sbcglobal.net), Liz Dokimos: [lizdokimos@comcast.net](mailto:lizdokimos@comcast.net).



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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](mailto:lisaharr9@gmail.com)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## 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](mailto:lisaharr9@gmail.com).

# GREEK SCHOOL



## 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](mailto:greekschool@annunciationsac.org)

# GREEK SCHOOL



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

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 Bilingualism 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

# GREEK SCHOOL



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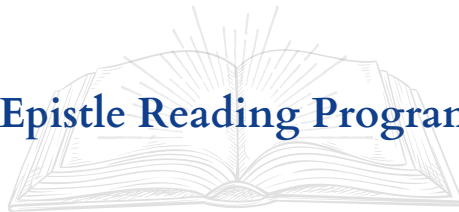
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# EPISTLE READING PROGRAM

## 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.

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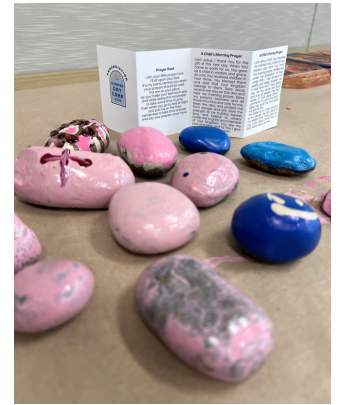
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## COMMUNITY CORNER

### 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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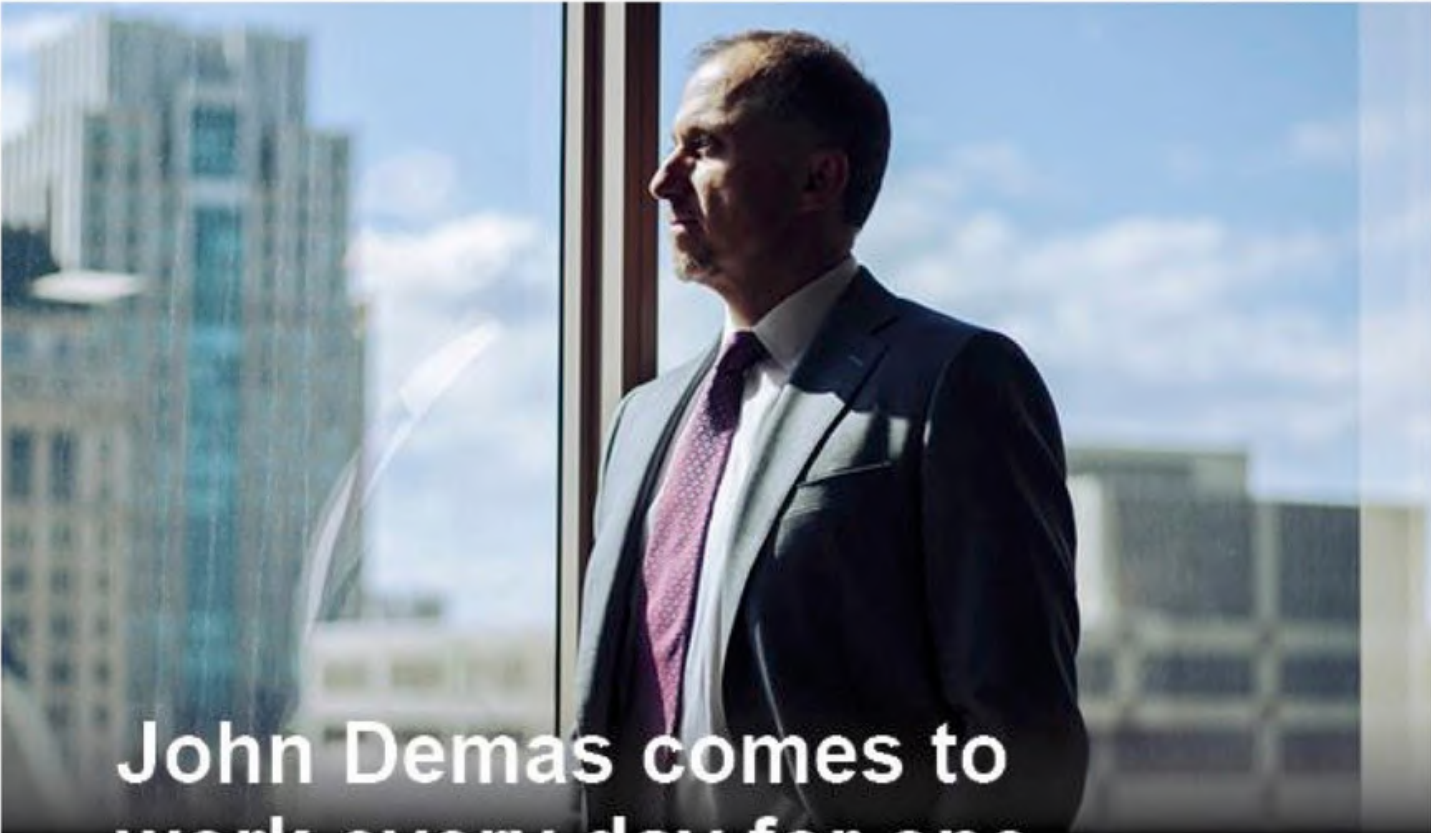
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