

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF LUKE NOVEMBER 26, 2023

November 26, 2023 | 13th Sunday of Luke

Plagal 4 Mode | Advent Fast (Fish, oil, and wine allowed) | 3rd Morning Gospel

This Lord's Day, we remember Alypius the Stylite of Adrianopolis; Nikon Metanoeite; Stylianos the Monk of Paphlagonia; Akakios of Sinai who is mentioned in The Ladder; George the New Martyr of Chios; and Innocent of Irkutsk.

Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 103.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us.

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 146.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God....

Antiphon III. Resurrection Apolytikion. Plagal 4 Mode.

Έξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

The Apolytikion of the Church, Mode 4: Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου

γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ τὴ Θεοτόκω βοήσωμεν Χαῖρε Κεχαριτωμένη, ὁ Κύριος μετὰ σοῦ.

Today is the crowning moment of our salvation, and the unfolding of the eternal mystery: the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel brings the good tidings of grace. Therefore, with him let us also cry aloud to the Mother of God: Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.

Kontakion for the Season of Advent, Mode 3: Ἡ Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν προαιώνιον Λόγον, ἐν Σπηλαίω ἔρχεται, ἀποτεκεῖν ἀπόρρήτως. Χόρευε ἡ οἰκουμένη ἀκουτισθεῖσα, δόξασον μετὰ ἀγγέλων καὶ τῶν Ποιμένων, βουληθέντα ἐποφθῆναι, Παιδίον νέον, τὸν πρὸ αἰώνων Θεόν.

On this day the Virgin Maid * goes to the grotto to give birth * to the pre-eternal Word* in an ineffable manner. * Dance for joy, all the inhabited earth, on hearing. * Glorify along with Angels and with the shepherds * Him who willed that He appear as * a newborn Child, * the pre-eternal God.

After the Trisagion: Order of the New Testament Readings

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Plagal 4 Mode. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-7): BRETHREN, I, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (18:18-27): AT THAT TIME, a ruler came to Jesus and asked him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' " And he said, "All these I have observed from my youth." And when Jesus heard it, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." But when he heard this he became sad, for he was very rich. Jesus looking at him said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" But he said, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

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Miltos Apostolidis – Team Leader, Nick Avdis, George Chuchas, Michael Dariotis, Stella Dariotis, Maria Sampanis



Altar Guild Pauline Cazanis



Memorials

Joanne Horrell (40 days), Alexandra Jason (one year), Despina Kreatsoulas

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Sunday Bulletin - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org
This Week at Annunciation Email - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org
Bi-Monthly Observer - December 10th to Observer@annunciationsac.org





We invite you to join our PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

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DINNER & DESSERT TREE DECORATING









5:30pm 8:30pm

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JOIN US AS WE WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

KATERINA KAMPITSI



With 30 years of legal experience spanning two continents, attorney Katerina Kampitsi brings an indepth understanding of Greek law and real world expertise to her speaking engagement on legal matters in Greece. Currently a senior attorney at a Greek law firm in California and running a private practice in Piraeus, Greece, Ms. Kampitsi has been a licensed member of the Athens Bar Association since 1993. She advises clients on real estate transactions, inheritance issues, contracts, leases, citizenship petitions and more. Over her extensive career, she has skillfully handled numerous cases and achieved favorable outcomes for her clients in Greek courts and beyond.

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PHILOPTOCHOS HOMELESS MINISTRY TO BENEFIT HOPE COOPERATIVE



Items Needed

- Bath Towels these can be used, but must have life left, no holes
- Washcloths
- New Socks
- New Underwear, any size
- Cleaning Products Clorox wipes, spray, paper towels
- Travel Size Hygiene Kits body wash, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, hand sanitizer, toothbrush, toothpaste, chapstick, sunscreen

Drop-Off

Annunciation Hellenic Center Foyer

For additional information or questions, please contact Linda Hakala at: Philoptochos@annunciationsac.org.





News from Philoptochos

Our NEW WARM COAT drive for children who attend Mustard Seed School is underway. Please bring new warm coats for these children who are homeless and attend Mustard Seed School while their families await permanent housing. The ages of the children are 4 years to 14 years. Thank you to those who have already donated! We will collect the coats until December 17th. Look for the red cart in the Hellenic Center.



2023 Holidays Food Drive: Our Philoptochos chapter is once again supporting the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services. This year our goal is to provide 7,000 or more meals to those in need and ensure that there will be food on the table for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Food Bank is not delivering barrels, to collect food and clothing, as in previous years, but Philoptochos is taking donations for this worthy cause. Donations can be mailed to the Church office or can be left at Church on Sundays. Please make checks payable to the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos and include a note on the memo line of your check designating donation to "Feed the Hungry." Every \$1 helps provide 5 meals for local families. Thank you for your continued support to help end hunger in our community.







Your coffee hour donations of \$90, on Sunday, November 19, will provide 450 meals. Thank you!







REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

Register at tiny.cc/sundayschool23

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 and High School lessons begin following Holy Communion.

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions





PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FOUR POSITIONS OPEN
THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

VOTING TO TAKE PLACE IN PERSON FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY IN THE FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

VOTING WILL CLOSE AT 3PM

Our parish Board of Elections Committee is responsible for seeking dedicated, quality candidates to serve and strengthen our church. If you would like to run for office, please contact any member of the parish Board of Elections Committee.

Applications will be accepted up until 6pm on November 20, 2023 and can be provided to any member of the election committee either in person or by email.

Candidate's must:

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

Board of Elections Committee Members:

- Nicholas Rotas, Ph (916) 660-6868 nrotas1@mac.com
- Jim Chuchas, Ph (916) 838-3709, jchuchas@att.net
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Learn More About Our Program

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Thank you for participating in our fundraiser.

We hope you enjoy your coffee!

With Great Appreciation, Greek Dance Fundraising Team

Please join us for our annual Annunciation Greek Orthodox Christmas Concert and hosted Reception (no admission charge)



Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church

600 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, CA 95816

Reception following the Concert Annunciation Hellenic Center 616 Alhambra Blvd.

This concert is dedicated to the blessed memory of George E. Johnson II

Please bring an unwrapped toy in a gift bag for a child in need (coloring books, fidget spinners, art supplies, puzzles, educational games, comic books)

Sponsored by the Hellenic Heroes Toy Drive



SACRAMENTO KINGS VS INDIANA PACERS

GAME BEGINS AT 7:00PM

GROUP ENTRY AND LOWER LEVEL WARM-UP EXPERIENCE AT 5:00PM

TICKETS: \$48

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BYZANTINE CHANT

6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursdays beginning November 30th at:

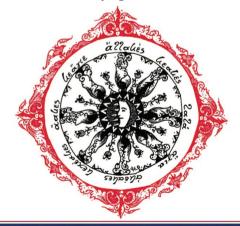
Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church 616 Alhambra Blvd, Sacramento

This 24 week class will focus on learning the Psaltic art from its foundations, including Byzantine notation, scales, modes and hymns. Classes will be conducted in English.

The primary text for the class will be "Byzantine Music: Theory and Practice Guide" by the Archdiocesan School of Byzantine Music, published by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

A tuition fee of \$150.00 includes the cost of the textbook and all additional educational materials.

Email Manuel Tsihlas, <u>manuel@mstarchitects.com</u> to register by **Tuesday, November 21st**, or call 916-505-3811 with any questions.





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

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

600 Alhambra Blvd. Sacramento, California 95816 (mailing address 616 Alhambra)

OUR MISSION is to bring all people to full maturity in Christ through Worship (Liturgia), Service (Diakonia), Education (Paideia), Witness (Martyria) and Fellowship (Koinonia), guided and united in all things by the One Holy Spirit.

If you are visiting with us this morning, you are most welcome! Please fill out a Visitor's Card in the Narthex. If you have questions about the Orthodox Christian faith, our schedule of services, or becoming a member of the parish, please go to our website at www.annunciationsac.org, or contact the church office to speak with one of the Priests (M-F, 9 am – 3:30 pm, phone (916) 443-2033).

Be sure to visit our bookstore in the Annunciation Hellenic Center (entrance on Alhambra Blvd). The bookstore is open Sundays after Church or call (916) 231-9949 for an appointment.

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November 26 - December 3

Sunday, November 26 Thirteenth Sunday of Luke

9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy * Memorials for Joanne Horrell, Alexandra Jason,

Despina Kreatsoulas No Sunday School Class

Wednesday, November 29 9:00am Philoptochos Baking

6:00pm Prayer Service & Bible Study

Thursday, November 30 St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle

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

Friday, December 1 5:30pm A Very Merry Family Night

Sunday, December 3 Fourteenth Sunday of Luke

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

* Memorials for Periklis, Irini, Kostandinos, Evangelos,

Eugenia

Guest Speaker Katerina Kampitsi

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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.

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