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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### We welcome into the church:

Kabel Megos, son of Tesfatsion-Megos Tewelde & Rigat Okbazghi Gebrenigus  
Sevasti Christina, daughter of John Makely, Jr. & Christina Lappas  
Spiridon, son of George Vrame & Alexis Heinzer

### We celebrate the marriage of:

Brian Hunt & Antonia Gianulias  
Amanuel Tesfamariam & Selemawit Woldemicael  
Timothy Yassa & Jasmine Franco  
Arman Bet-Yonan & Kristina Hill

### We pray for the servants of God who departed this life:

Antigoni Marcos  
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# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Friday, November 3	Paraklesis to the Theotokos 6:00pm Anointing from Hawaii's Myrrh-Streaming Iveron Icon
Sunday, November 5	Fifth Sunday of Luke
Thursday, November 9	St. Nektarios the Wonderworker
Sunday, November 12	Eighth Sunday of Luke
Monday, November 13	St. John Chrysostom
Sunday, November 19	Ninth Sunday of Luke
Tuesday, November 21	Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Friday, November 24	Great Vespers at St. Katherine's <i>at Elk Grove</i>
Saturday, November 25	Feast of St. Katherine <i>at Elk Grove</i>
Sunday, November 26	Thirteenth Sunday of Luke
Thursday, November 30	St. Andrew the First-Called Apostle
Sunday, December 3	Fourteenth Sunday of Luke
Wednesday, December 6	St. Nicholas the Wonderworker
Sunday, December 10	Tenth Sunday of Luke
Tuesday, December 12	St. Spyridon the Wonderworker
Friday, December 15	St. Eleftherios the Martyr
Sunday, December 17	Eleventh Sunday of Luke
Friday, December 22	Great Hours of Christmas 10:00am
Sunday, December 24	Sunday Before Christmas Great Vesper of the Nativity 7:00pm
Monday, December 25	The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Sunday, December 31	Sunday After Nativity

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

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## Advent

Beloved,

For Presvytera Marsha and me, there are some markers that signal the beginning of the Advent Season. We do love this time of year. Autumn. Cooler temperatures. One of the markers, and perhaps this is trivial, is the appearance of cranberries in the markets. Cranberries are not available, except frozen, the rest of the year. I make my own delicious cranberry sauce. Pumpkin pie. I love pumpkin pie. I am less enthusiastic about other pumpkin products. I do not order “Pumpkin Spice Lattes” at coffee shops. Sorry. I actually like the taste of coffee! Christmas around the World! Saturday, November 11. We host a number of Orthodox and “Byzantine Rite” Churches in our Hellenic Center. They bring food, things to sell, and good cheer. What a wonderful way to begin the Advent season.

**Give Thanks:** The Church begins this Advent Season with the Advent Fast on November 15, the week before Thanksgiving, and yes, we keep the Fast, but for us Americans, one of the signals of Advent is the American Feast of Thanksgiving. I am always grateful to those who instituted this national observance. Thanksgiving is essentially Christian. The Psalms exhort us over and over to “Give thanks to the Lord.” The Apostle Paul writes: “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6) God is very good to us. Our lives, our prayers should include giving thanks to God for His many gracious blessings, as well as thanking those around us who have helped us. By the way, the Church gives us “oikonomia” to break the fast and eat guilt-free turkey on Thanksgiving! Or, if you are vegetarians, like us, more fish. And homemade cranberry sauce. And pumpkin pie.

**Fast:** The Church invites us to fast before the Feast of Advent during November and December. The fast is far more relaxed than Lent. Fish is allowed on most days except Wednesdays and Fridays (usually strict fast days anyway). The fast gets stricter after December 12. The problem is, of course, that most of us are invited to “Holiday” parties where it is hard to fast. Can you tell your host ahead of time that you are eating vegetarian? There are lots of vegetarians and vegans out there these days. Most people gladly make exceptions.

Why do we persist in this practice? What do we hope to accomplish? Orthodox fasting is not self-punishment. During fasting seasons it is just more of what we observe nearly every week when we keep a vegan fast on Wednesday and Friday. We are not trying to earn points with God or impress other people. God is not impressed with our ascetical efforts. Just as the Gospel is only good news for sinners who repent, so fasting is only an effective tool for sinners who fast. Through it we humble ourselves, submit to a discipline (very important!), and cooperate with God’s grace to learn self-control. I am not sure about you, but I need self-control! Talk to your kids about fasting and get them involved with you. You set the example and invite them to participate. If you fast, those cookies will taste even better on Christmas day!

**Love:** What is the Season of Advent truly about? It is a celebration of God’s love. “God so loved the world that He gave his unique Son to us!” (John 3:16) God teaches us what love is: It is a commitment to benefit someone else. It is giving. Besides all of God’s gifts to us, His gift to us humans is ultimately Himself. How do we honor this feast? Giving presents to one another is fine. But the Lord reminds us that giving to people and expecting something in return shows little virtue: “If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.” (Matthew 5) The Lord then goes on to exhort us to give to those who cannot give back, to lend expecting nothing in return, to go above and beyond the norm in generosity.



# PASTORAL MESSAGE

This season of “giving” really calls us to put our thankfulness into action by getting our eyes off ourselves. To whom should we give? To God! We give to God by supporting His work in this world, by giving, first, to His Church. And we honor God by giving to those truly in need. So, exchange some presents. Be moderate! But besides this, as a family, set aside some money to give to God and to charity. Invite your children to participate in this with their money, allowance, etc. IOCC. They are working in Ukraine. Philoptochos. If you know someone who is struggling financially, you could become a “secret Santa” for them. It works better if you give them something in such a way that they are not embarrassed. The point is that you are trying to tell someone that you care about them. You are expressing love. No expectation of any recompense. This could be a family project, and you will be amazed by the spiritual benefits.

**Pray:** And finally, let us, in these increasingly troubled times, pray for peace. At Christ’s glorious birth in a humble cave, the angels announce to the shepherds: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2:14) At every service in our Church, we pray for peace. When the world seems relatively peaceful, we might take this for granted. But not right now. Let us pray every day for peace in this world. Let us pray for an end to the scandalous war in Ukraine, for an end to the hostilities between Israel and the Palestinians. Let us pray that people around us and around the world will hear and believe the Gospel of Peace, the Good News about the birth of our Savior.

Give thanks, fast, love God and others, pray. Once again, prepare your heart to receive the King of Glory, the God of the Universe, Who comes to us in humility and obscurity, the ultimate expression of God’s love for us. By the way, if you want my recipe for cranberry sauce, I will be happy to share it. Simple. Here’s a hint: Grand Marnier!

Fr. Timothy



**CHRIST IS BORN**  
*glorify Him!*

JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN WORSHIP  
TO CELEBRATE THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**CHRISTMAS MORNING**

**ORTHROS 9:00AM**  
**DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM**



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# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Annunciation,

In early October, the Sacramento Greek Festival celebrated its 60th Anniversary. I think it may have been the best Festival ever, from the quality of the food to the happiness of the crowd. More than 10,000 people attended this year!

Watching the Annunciation dancers perform was a great joy, from the little ones to the adult group. They lingered into the evening, continuing to sing and dance with friends and family of all ages. This is truly what it's all about, and why we all work so hard to put on an amazing Festival. We are sharing our beautiful faith and culture, not only with the Sacramento community, but with our children and the next generation.

I want to extend a very special thank you to the Festival Chairs, Stefanie Hionis and Dan Eriksson. They spend countless hours away from their families and their jobs to plan the event each year. We are extremely blessed to have these incredible individuals who remain calm as they take on great challenges. I also want to thank each booth chair for their dedication and hard work. Our chairs take great pride in their booths and their departments, and it shows in the compliments we receive from our guests.

I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all of our Festival volunteers, our dancers, their parents, directors and our guests. Each and every one of you has contributed to making the Festival a great success. In my opinion, it is the best Greek Festival on the West Coast!

This year was bittersweet for me. We were missing one of our most dedicated volunteers, my brother George Dariotis. After spending many years working in the kitchen with him, it was difficult not to have him by my side. I would like to thank the Festival Chairs and our church community for honoring his memory at the end of the Festival. Christine and I were deeply touched.

With gratitude,

Michael Dariotis Jr.  
Parish Council President

INCOME	01/01/2023 -10/23/2023	2023 BUDGET YTD
Pledges	\$423,734.57	\$226,265.43
All Other Revenue	\$211,299.98	\$277,668.02
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$635,034.55</b>	<b>\$503,933.45</b>
EXPENSES		
Staff Expenses	\$170,359.64	\$121,387.36
Program Services	\$20,721.75	\$18,778.25
Other Operating Expenses	\$407,513.03	\$113,085.97
Archdiocese National Ministries	\$88,357.50	\$63,112.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$686,951.92</b>	<b>\$451,984.08</b>
Balance as of 08/11/23	\$71,075.49	
STEWARDSHIP	2023 Pledges as of 10/23/2023	
Stewardship Budget	\$650,000.00	
Pledged to Date	\$410,937.01	
Total Amount Received	\$423,734.57	
Total Families Pledged	395	

# STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## Time, Talent, Treasure

God is generous and kind. He gives us so much, yet to whom much is given, we also know that much is expected (Luke 12:48). We remember in the parable of the bags of gold (Matthew 25:14-46) that we are called to use our gifts (whether money, skills, time, energy, education, intellect, strength, or influence) for good in this world. We are called to do the best we can, with what we have been given. But in this parable, there was one servant who chose to bury his talent in the ground, as an illustration to us of using our God given gifts for earthly pursuits (keeping them for ourselves, idleness, or letting our gifts be bound by fear or failure, worry about what others may think of us, or a fear of the hard work and responsibility involved in using them). But when we use our gifts, we know that it is pleasing to God and we are given more. So, not only do we need to be sure that our God given gifts are not going to waste or bound by earthly cares, but also that our work in this world, the use of our gifts must come from the heart and be an act of love.

After all, all of Christianity comes down to how we use our gifts to love God and to love others. Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment we have been given is to love God and secondly, to love others (Matthew 22:36-40). Therefore, we must aim to use our gifts and to do all things, out of a place of love. Love outshines every gift from knowledge to influence and even our unique skills and abilities. Things done without love, profit us nothing. So today, consider how well you are using your gifts, and consider how often you use your gifts from a place of love. How do we know if we are acting out of love? Remember to filter all you are doing through 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8; "Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

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## 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.



Become a 2023 Steward at [www.tiny.cc/stewardship2023](http://www.tiny.cc/stewardship2023)

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## Philoptochos News

### 2023 Holiday Food Drive



When Philoptochos sees hunger, we aspire to offer sustenance. Once again this year, our Philoptochos is supporting the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services organization to help eliminate hunger in our community and ensure there will be food on every table this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our goal is to provide 7,000 or more meals to those in need this holiday season.

Please help end hunger in our community by donating to this worthy cause. Every dollar donated, yes just \$1, helps provide five meals for local families. Donations can be mailed to the church office or can be left at church on Sundays. Please make checks payable to Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos and include a note on the memo line of your check designating your donation to "Feed the Hungry".

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wright at (916) 747- 5359.

### Christmas Around the World

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Christmas Around the World Festival on Saturday, November 11th (please refer to the flyer). This one-day event, which Philoptochos has participated in for over twenty five years, brings together churches from all over our area. Come enjoy a delicious selection of Armenian, Ethiopian, Greek, Middle Eastern, Russian, and Ukrainian foods and pastries.

In addition to our food booth, we will also have a treasure/rummage table. Donations for the treasure/rummage table are gratefully being accepted. Please bring any treasures that you are able to part with to church on Sunday, November 5 or Thursday, November 9. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Chapralis at (916) 455-3289 or Helen Grammatikakis at (916) 607-1627.

Proceeds from the sales at our Philoptochos food booth and treasure/rummage table help support the Annunciation Benevolent Fund.

### Pie Raffle



With the holidays quickly approaching, our lives tend to become quite busy and at times stressful. Why not let Philoptochos help take some of the burden off your shoulders? On Sunday, November 19th, at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we will be having our annual pie raffle. Come purchase a ticket for your favorite pies, and perhaps you will be the winner of some dessert goodness; and just in time for Thanksgiving too!



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## Homeless Ministry

As the leaves turn color and slowly dance their way to the ground, it gives me pause to think about all the wonderful blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Unfortunately, not everyone can take that time. Sadly, there are those in our local community who are struggling to survive, living on the streets and for some, fighting the demons that lie within. In our effort to answer God's call to help those in need, Philoptochos is initiating our Homeless Ministry and teaming with HOPE Cooperative (a local private, non-profit agency that provides behavioral health and supportive housing services to the unhoused community) to provide some consistently needed basic supplies. Please help by dropping off any of the following supplies in the barrels located in the hall foyer:

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

For additional information or questions please contact Linda Hakala at [Philoptochos@annunciationsac.org](mailto:Philoptochos@annunciationsac.org)

## Educational Initiatives & Seminars Human Trafficking Forum

The Philoptochos Society in association with the Jenna McKaye Foundation hosted a Human Trafficking Forum on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Jenna McKaye, Human Trafficking Victims Advocate, spoke about her history as a victim and joined the panelists during the discussion and audience exchange.

The panel included Allison Boos, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations; William Fry, Detective, Special Investigations Bureau, Sacramento Sheriff Department; Christina Trujillo, Detective, Sacramento Police Department; Faith Whitmore, CEO, Sacramento Family Justice Center, and Jenna McKaye, Founder, Jenna McKaye Foundation.

The specific topics focused on defining types of human trafficking, discussing and identifying who can be victims, and looking at trauma informed and victim centered care. For those who may want to receive further information, the State of California Department of Justice suggests, among others, the following sites: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/statistics> and <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/state/california>.

Many thanks to Helen Nickolson for her tireless efforts in bringing this educational forum together.

If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sex trafficking and are in need of help, call the **National Human Trafficking Resource Center** at 1-888-373-7888 or the **Sacramento Regional Family Justice Center** at 1-844-664-7233.

# PHILOPTOCHOS

## Human Trafficking Forum



## Dial-a-Baklava

Are you invited to a holiday potluck and need to bring a scrumptious dessert? Are you hosting a holiday meal at your home and need the perfect dessert to complete the meal? Well, Philoptochos can help you with that. Our bakers are busy preparing baklava, melomakarona, kourambiethes and paximathia that are a delicious addition to any holiday table; not to mention a wonderful treat to simply have at home and enjoy. Please contact Toula Delis at (916) 745-5022 or Despina Demas at [despinademas@outlook.com](mailto:despinademas@outlook.com) for pricing information and/or to place an order.

## Your Donations at Work

For many years, the Annunciation Parish has contributed to Philoptochos causes, including our annual backpack and children's coat drives and various relief efforts to help those in need. Thanks to your generous support, last year, we provided 120 backpacks to John Sloat Elementary School and 75 coats to children attending Mustard Seed School.

**Leataata Floyd Elementary School.** This year we were able to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to 120 children at Leataata Floyd Elementary School. Most of the student body lives in the public housing complex across the street from the school. Leataata Floyd lived in the same housing complex for over 40 years. She was a beloved member of the community, advocating for the improvement of the housing complex, helping to coach, mentor and volunteer her time at the school for the neighborhood children. One hundred percent of the student body comes from low-income households.

**The Maui Wildfires.** In August 2023, a series of wildfires burned on Maui. The area hardest hit was Lahaina, with much of the town being reduced to ashes and ruins. Shops and restaurants that attracted tourism were destroyed, making recovery a struggle. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to collect \$200, which was then donated to the IOCC for the Maui Wildfire Fund. Your donations will help Lahaina and those who live and work there.

For each of these worthy causes and many others, we have requested your assistance, whether it be to donate jackets, food, or make a monetary donation at coffee hour, and you have always responded positively to our requests. Although our budget provides base funding amounts for our many charitable causes, the need is much greater than we can provide for on our own. Each and every donation we receive, no matter how big or small, helps enable Philoptochos to provide extra help for our charities.

# PHILOPTOCHOS

Thank you, Annunciation Parish, for your support of Philoptochos in our continuing efforts to provide assistance to those in need. We are forever grateful to you.



Best Wishes

On behalf of the Annunciation Philoptochos Board, I would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Nativity.

Despina Demas, President  
Annunciation 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,  
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

*Annunciation Greek Orthodox Ladies' Philoptochos Society*

## Annual Pie Raffle



### Sunday, November 19, 2023

**During Coffee Fellowship in the  
Annunciation Hellenic Center**

**Tickets**  
\$1 each  
6 for \$5  
22 for \$10  
45 for \$20

**Please make checks payable to  
Philoptochos**

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# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



# THANK YOU!!!

Our Festival hit 60 years due to the wonderful volunteers at our great parish: Young & Young at Heart. Those there at the start and others here for their first time. And every single one in between. We, as Greeks, pride ourselves on our φιλοξενία (philoxenia) and our festival is the prime way we demonstrate it. On Sunday, via the Festival's Facebook page, we received the following messages from one of our Saturday guests.

Hello, I grew up with Greek neighbors in IL. Loved the food! My daughter has never had the chance to experience the culture until Saturday. We were so excited. Loved the food and music. My departed moms favorite song was Never on a Sunday and the band played it! I cried. My daughter danced the night away after learning the greek dance. We by far rank this festival the best. Everyone was so kind and talkative and excited to share their culture. We drove about 2 hours one way to attend. Loved, Loved, Loved it.

My daughter and I both appreciate the detailed schedule, map and very detailed menu with prices. We have not seen that at any other festival. It helped my daughter know what was available for her due to dietary allergies. The prices were as amazing as the food. We went to all the tasting options numerous times and then back for more to take home! Festivals can be so pricey with entrance fees and high costs of food and drinks. We truly appreciate your festival keeping the prices affordable to overly enjoy all the food. 😊

Sure, our Festival is major fundraiser for the parish, but really, this is why we do what we do. To share our love of our culture, our faith, our fellowship, our φιλοξενία. Thank you for your participation and support.

Many people have sent me messages of the “congratulations on a wonderful festival” variety and I thank them on your behalf. A great number of people play a role in the execution of the Festival and to them I say, “Thank you! Thank you on behalf of the entire Annunciation parish for throwing an excellent 60th Greek Festival!”

Eternally Thankful,

Stefanie Hionis for the 2023 Greek Festival Board





# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

**Thank you to our 2023 Festival Chairpeople!  
We appreciate your hard work and dedication!**

<b>Festival Board</b>	
Co-Chairs	Dan Eriksson, Stefanie Hionis
Members	Emily Coleman, George Chuchas, Michael Dariotis, Chris Georgoulis, Helen Grammatikakis, Julie Mamalis, Demetri Romas
<b>Pre-Festival Activities Chairpersons</b>	
Décor & Hellenica	Julie Mamalis
Design & Contracting	Dan Eriksson
Donations	Michael Dariotis, Gerri Magers
Graphic Design	Nikiforos Kalfountzos
Planning	Stefanie Hionis
Public Relations & Social Media	Koula Fotopoulos, Sandra Kordazakis
Purchasing	Helen Grammatikakis
Signage	Manuel Tsihlas, Demetre Fotos
Transportation & Parking	Stefanie Hionis
Vendor Relations	Christos Fotopoulos
Website	Stefanie Hionis
<b>Overall Food Chairperson</b> Helen Grammatikakis	
<b>Individual Food Chairpersons:</b> Helen Grammatikakis, Faye Vallas, Donna Wagner, Kate Margaris, Maria Sampanis, Emily Coleman, Stefanie Hionis, Marika Tsardoulis, Maria Verrios, Antonia Chapralis	
<b>Set Up/Breakdown</b>	
Planning & Execution	Dan Eriksson
<b>Festival Event Chairpersons</b>	
Admissions	Emily Coleman, Dallas Calmes
Annunciation Bookstore	Stephanie Bobolis
Church Tours	Father James Retelas, Father Timothy Robinson
Entertainment Manager	Nicole Pikios
Clover Guru	W. Nicholas Rotas
Estiatorio	Gary Leonard, Irina Rebegeanu, Manuel Tsihlas
Festival Souvenirs Booth	Christina Chuchas, Eleni Crush, Katherine Rotas
Food Demos	Katina Bostanzoglou, Kristen Kane, Maria Sampanis
Grill	Perikli Kalfountzos
Gyros	Miltos Apostolidis, Nick Avdis, Chris Georgoulis, Demetri Romas
Heritage Panels & Art	Demetre Fotos
Horiatiki Salata	Jim Chuchas
Kafenion	Anastasios & Stefanie Hionis
Kitchen Managers	George Chuchas, Michael Dariotis
Loukoumathes	Yiota Makris, Francine Curtis-Smith, Vivian Vail
MC	Tim Hayes
Meze	Chris & Kristen Kane
Office	George Asimakopoulos, George Chuchas, Anna Nikolaou, Dianna Tsihlas
Pandopoleon	Nicki Voresis Hansen, Pres. Barbara Retelas, Elaine Wright
Raffle	Bill Triphon
Runners	Ryan Coleman
Saganaki	Dan Eriksson
Taverna	George Anastasopoulos, Christine Dariotis, Peter Fotopoulos, Takis Fotopoulos
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# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



Tim & Antonia Chapralis celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 6, 2023 with a blessing from Fr. Timothy



# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL





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# ANNUNCIATION VOLLEYBALL

## ANNUNCIATION VOLLEYBALL ST. NICHOLAS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SAN JOSE • OCTOBER 27-29, 2023



Please join us in congratulating our Annunciation Volleyball program on a great season! Four teams (two young adult and town adult) competed in the St. Nicholas Volleyball Tournament in San Jose.



# FR. DEMETRIUS T. DOGIAS PARISH LIBRARY



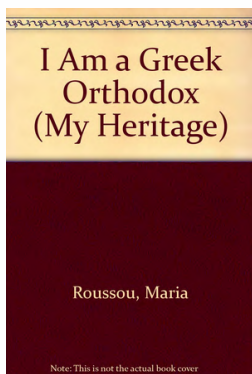
## News from the Fr. Demetrius Dogias Parish Library

### Brief Facts

**PURPOSE:** To preserve and archive the print and digital, religious, historic, cultural, and ethnic resources of the parish.

- Lucille Vlahos established the library in 1971 as a resource for Sunday School teachers.
- The collection was moved to its current location in October, 2016.
- Terry Kastanis served as the parish librarian (Hartophylax) from 2007 until June, 2022. Antonia Chapralis was appointed librarian/archivist in July, 2022.
- The collection consists of nearly 2,000 cataloged items which are arranged by the Dewey Decimal System.
- In addition to religious books, the library contains publications from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, books of fiction, Greek history and travel, cookbooks, children's books, and books by local authors.
- Parish archives, e.g. Sunday School or Food Festival, are arranged by the ministry or parent organization. There are over 1,500 items in this collection.
- An extensive family photo collection, along with the Eugene Fotos collection, resides in our library.
- Long range plans include collaboration with the newly formed Annunciation Historical Society in order to digitize the collection, host relevant parish activities, and produce material of interest to our community.
- An on-line catalog of the collection is accessible on the internet by accessing the parish home page, [annunciationsac.org](http://annunciationsac.org).

**Books can be checked out!**



### Here's a book you might be interested in...

"I Am a Greek Orthodox" is a children's book written by Maria Roussou and narrated by Panos Papamichael, an 11-year-old boy in London. This simple book for younger children clarifies what one will experience while attending church. It explains our faith and the Divine Liturgy, as well as our traditions. The chart of "The Orthodox Year" is an easy-to-grasp overview of our church calendar.

Yes, it's simple but in addition to learning basic facts about our Greek Orthodox faith, children will be able to relate what they see in this story to their own lives. So, check it out!

# ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

## ASL 2023-2024 Luncheon Schedule

Date	Location
12/07/2023	Annunciation Hellenic Center, Sacramento
02/08/2024	St. Katherine Tsakopoulos Hall, Elk Grove
04/18/2024	Annunciation Hellenic Center, Sacramento
06/13/2024	Annunciation Hellenic Center, Sacramento

# 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).

# ANNUNCIATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Following the Divine Liturgy

Annunciation Hellenic Center



# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
**ANNUNCIATION**  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



## 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:**

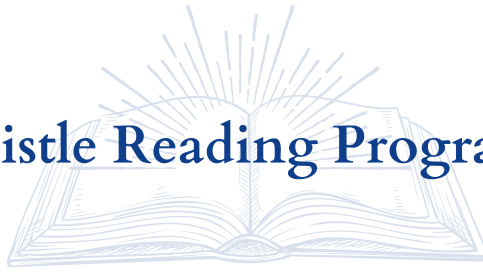
- Nicholas Rotas, Ph (916) 660-6868 nrotas1@mac.com
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Fourteenth Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	4	5	<b>St. Nicholas the Wonderworker</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Philoptochos Baking	7 11:30am ASL Luncheon	8 GOYA Meeting	9
<b>Tenth Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Christmas Program Parish Council Elections <i>Observer: Artilda Dye</i>	11	12 <b>St. Spyridon the Wonderworker</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Philoptochos General Meeting	13 9:00am Philoptochos Baking	14	<b>St. Eleftherios the Martyr</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	16 <i>Last Day to Purchase Sacramento Kings Game Tickets</i>
<b>Eleventh Sunday of Luke</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy Choir Christmas Concert	18 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting	19	20 9:00am Philoptochos Baking	21	22 10:00am Great Hours of Christmas	23
<b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>Sunday Before Christmas</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm Great Vesper of the Nativity <i>No Sunday School Class</i>	25 <b>Christmas Day</b> <b>The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy	26	27 10:30am Bridge-Dominos Group Meeting	28	29	30
<b>Sunday After Nativity</b> 9:00am Orthros 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>No Sunday School Class</i>	31					

# EPISTLE READING PROGRAM

## Epistle Reading Program



The Epistle Reading Program is open to our parish youth (ages 10+) and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and serve our community!

Please register and select reading dates at the link below. A confirmation will be emailed, along with the reading(s) for the selected date(s). Assistance is available to prepare new readers. Readers are needed every Sunday.

Please contact Nicki Hansen at [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org) with questions.

[tiny.cc/epistlereaders](https://tiny.cc/epistlereaders)

# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation.

**REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR**

Register at [tiny.cc/sundayschool23](https://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](mailto:sundayschool@annunciationsac.org) with questions



# SUNDAY SCHOOL



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKSGIVING LUNCH FOR STUDENTS**

Sunday, November 19  
Following Holy Communion

Annunciation  
Hellenic Center Foyer



## **Sunday School Christmas Program**

**Sunday, December 10**

Immediately Following  
the Divine Liturgy

Annunciation  
Greek Orthodox Church



# DANCE SUPPORT GROUP

## ANNUNCIATION DSG BAKLAVA SUNDAS & FRAPPÉS

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 12

IN THE FOYER  
FOLLOWING LITURGY

BAKLAVA  
SUNDAS - \$5

VANILLA ICE CREAM  
WITH BAKLAVA CRUMBLES

FRAPPÉ - \$5

ALL PROCEEDS TO  
BENEFIT THE  
ANNUNCIATION DANCE  
PROGRAM

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# DANCE SUPPORT GROUP



Annunciation Sacramento

## Greek Dance

# COFFEE FUNDRAISER

Help us raise funds for our dance program: handmade costumes from Greece, musicians, and workshops.



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Please help us  
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# RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY



## TEAM NICK VORENIS

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Team Nick Vorenis is back for an eleventh year of participation in Sacramento's Run to Feed the Hungry. Over the past ten years, Team Nick Vorenis has raised over 63,000 meals for Sacramento families in need. Join the team and make a difference in our community!

### ABOUT RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

#### WHAT

10K Run & 5K run/walk to support Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

#### WHEN

Thanksgiving morning - Thursday, November 23, 2023 — Rain or Shine!  
10K - 8:15am • 5K - 9am

#### WHERE

The event features a loop course that starts on J Street just west of the entrance to the Sacramento State campus and runs through the beautiful tree-lined streets of East Sacramento

#### TEAM REGISTRATION

Youth (17 & under) - ~~\$35~~ FREE with team code  
Adults (18 & older) - ~~\$50~~ \$25 with team code

### READY TO JOIN TEAM NICK VORENIS? FOLLOW THE ONLINE INSTRUCTIONS BELOW:

- Contact Nicki at [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org) for additional details and **team codes**
- Visit [www.RunToFeedTheHungry.com](http://www.RunToFeedTheHungry.com)
- Click **REGISTER**
- Click **SIGN IN** to create an account or enter an existing password
- Register using the **TEAM MEMBER - ADULT** or **TEAM MEMBER - YOUTH** option
- Scroll down to **TEAMS** and select **"Add this participant to a team created by someone else"** and select **TEAM NICK VORENIS** from drop down
- Enter team code in the **PROMO CODE** box at the bottom of the page
- Complete the registration process

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT TEAM NICK VORENIS & RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

#### DONATE

- Visit [tiny.cc/teamnick](http://tiny.cc/teamnick)
- All donations go directly to the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

#### SPREAD THE WORD

- Talk to your family and friends about how they can help
- Share event and team information to your social media



**THANK YOU for your support. See you Thanksgiving Day!**

Have questions or need assistance? Contact your Team Captain at [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## ANNUNCIATION MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURING



# 1968

## A CRACK IN TIME

APRIL 4TH, 1968. THE KALLIMARMARO STADIUM IS ABUZZ, WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED AND MILLIONS LISTENING THROUGH THEIR RADIOS. THE AEK – SLAVIA PRAGUE BASKETBALL GAME HAS JUST BEGUN. AT THE END OF THIS NIGHT, GREEK HISTORY WILL HAVE CHANGED FOREVER.

**SATURDAY  
NOV 11**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM  
SCREENING BEGINS AT 7:00PM

**ANNUNCIATION  
HELLENIC  
CENTER**

**Q & A WITH FILMMAKER & SPECIAL GUEST, TASSOS BOULMETIS**  
**SNACK BAR BY ANNUNCIATION GOYA**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



## CRETAN CRAB FEED

HOSTED BY DIAS SACRAMENTO  
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FEATURING LIVE MUSIC  
**FROM CRETE:**  
KOSTAS KAKOUDAKIS ON LYRA  
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STELIOS SOMARAKIS ON GUITAR

Annunciation Hellenic Center

**SATURDAY**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

616 ALHAMBRA BOULEVARD  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95816



**TICKETS: \$80 PER PERSON | \$25 FOR CHILDREN 6-12**  
**FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 5 | \$25 AFTER 10PM**

Purchase Tickets Online: <https://sacramentocretans.com/company.site>  
Contact Us for Questions or to RSVP: [SACRAMENTOCRETANS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SACRAMENTOCRETANS@GMAIL.COM)  
or Call Stelios Katzakis (209) 614-1320

# UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR A  
**VERY MERRY  
FAMILY NIGHT**

MUSIC  
GAMES  
HOT COCOA  
DINNER & DESSERT  
TREE DECORATING

**FRIDAY  
DEC 1**

**5:30pm  
to  
8:30pm**

**ANNUNCIATION  
HELLENIC  
CENTER**

**TICKETS**  
ADULTS \$10 | CHILDREN \$5  
[tiny.cc/verymerry23](https://tiny.cc/verymerry23)

CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS  
[NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG](mailto:NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAB YOUR COWBELLS AND RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH  
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND THE



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024**

**SACRAMENTO KINGS VS INDIANA PACERS**

**GAME BEGINS AT 7:00PM**

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

**TICKETS: \$48**

**SPECIAL GROUP PRICING • LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE  
ALL TICKET HOLDERS WILL RECEIVE A KINGS SHIRT OR SCRAF AT GAME  
SECTION 222, ROWS A & B • TAXES & FEES WILL APPLY**

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT [WWW.KINGSGROUPS.COM/AGOC](http://WWW.KINGSGROUPS.COM/AGOC)  
BY DECEMBER 16**



**CONTACT NICKI HANSEN FOR MORE INFORMATION • [NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG](mailto:NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG)**



# PARISH PHOTOS • FALL AT ANNUNCIATION

## Backpack Blessings • September 10, 2023



## Ministries Kickoff • September 10, 2023





# PARISH PHOTOS • FALL AT ANNUNCIATION

Sunday School • September & October 2023





# PARISH PHOTOS • FALL AT ANNUNCIATION

## Oi Apogonoi Dancers • October 22, 2023



## Halloween Family Night • October 28, 2023





# PLEGGED STEWARDS 2023

AS OF 10/31/2023

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

Nick & Shari Alexander	Gus Changaris	Georgia Econome
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Christ & Helen Anastasopoulos	Timmy & Penny Chatzis	Peter & Anastasia Efstathiou
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David & Evelyn Anderson	Nadira Chouicha	Elene & Tim Eliopoulos
Peter Andrews	Tony & Kathi Chrisopoulos	John & Stella Eliopoulos
Philip & Julie Angelides	Mary Christi	Dan & Maria Eriksson
George & Vickie Angelidis	Adoni & Kristen Christie	Bill & Leah Evrigenis
Geoffrey & Antonia Antipa	Annette Christopoulos	Sophia Evrigenis
Milton & Panorea Apostolidis	Grigorios & Bettina Chrysofakis	Samir & Nuha Fadayel
Dina Apostolou	George & Christina Chuchas	Michael & Elena Fazio
Paul & Elizabeth Arellanes	James & Despina Chuchas	Vasiliki & Erik Fkiaras-Magnuson
Vasiliki & John Argyris Wheeler	James & Toulou Clubb	Christos Fotopoulos
George Asimakopoulos	John & Linda Compoginis	George & Kathy Fotopoulos
Dennis Augostatos	Peter & Samantha Cononelos	John & Theofani Fotopoulos
Theodoros & Georgia Avdalis	Antonia Const	Panagiotis Fotopoulos
Nicholas & Nikki Avdis	Jim Const	Panayiotis Fotopoulos
Spyridon & Georgia Avdis	Dennis & Jeanlaurie Corelis	Peter & Koula Fotopoulos
Maria Avgeris Lappas	Stamatiki Coss	Phillip & Soula Fotopoulos
Spencer Awes	Carol & Berle Crisp	Antonia Fotos
Christine Balalis	Vasiliki Cronin	Demetre & Christine Fotos
Manny & Sunday Balalis	Eleni Crush	Kyriako & Brenda Fotos
Dan & Katherine Ballas	Timothy & Effie Crush	Ruseta Fotos
Elias & Jane Bardis	Mary J. Curtis	Kyriakos & Elaine Frangogiannis
Susan Bitar	Christine Dariotis	Christina & Robert Freeworth
Jamie Bobolis	Michael Dariotis	Gus & Stelene Galaxidas
Stephanie Bobolis	Magdalene & Matthew David	George & Katerina Gasnakis
Denny Boom	Linda Davison	Maria Gassoumis
Julia & Anton Boorinakis Harper	Maria De Ville	Andrew & Teresa Gates
Alexander, Athena & Agamemnon Bourdaniotis	Irene DeKellis	Constantin & Maude (Micki) Genigeorgis
Athena Bourdaniotis	Edie Delegans	Alexis Scandalis Genung
Eleni Bourdaniotis	Andrew & Christina Demas	Nikolaos & Thalia Georgalis
P.J. & Vicky Bourdaniotis	John & Marianna Demas	Joann Georgallis
Paul & Kostandina Bourdaniotis	John & Penny Demas	Christina George
Ted & Lily Bourdaniotis	Stasis & Jody Diavatis	Dianna George
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Katherine Buttacavoli	Nicholas & Laura Docous	Antonia & Cooper Gianulias
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Voula Cazanias	Jamie Durrell	John Hagelis
Tonia Champas	Scott & Angie Ebrahimi	George Hagios

# PLEDGED STEWARDS 2023

AS OF 10/31/2023

Linda & Richard Hakala  
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Richard (RJ) & Nicki Hansen  
Demetre & Dimitra Haralambakis  
Larry Haralambakis  
Michael & Deanna Haralambakis  
Thomas & Phyllis Harper  
Katina Harris  
Elias & Catherine Hatzakos  
Richard & Kim Hauch  
Bia & Steve Hayes  
Domna & James Hebenstreit  
Wyatt & Eva Hershon  
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William Hill  
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Mary Hionis  
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George Jouganatos  
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Gary & Irina Leonard  
Esther Lilakos  
Jesus Loaiza  
Kathy Loper  
Helen Loris  
Diane Lydon  
MariBeth Lydon  
Mary Lydon  
Alice & Randy Lyons  
Elaina & Gary Magana  
Geraldine Magers  
Stanley Makris  
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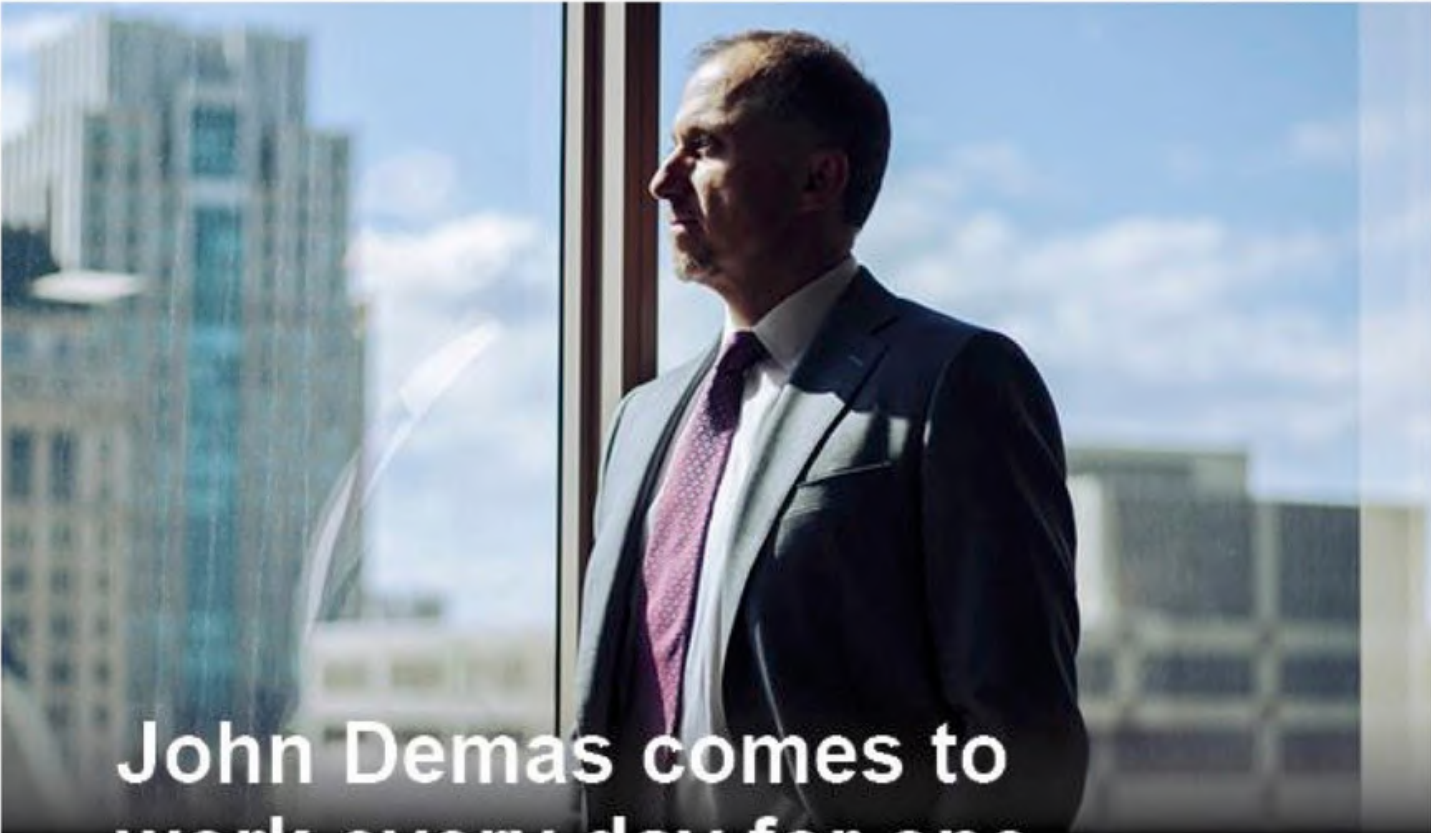
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