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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### We welcome into the church:

Marcella Schappert, Adult Chrismation, formerly Baptist, October 29  
Emma Katsifolis, daughter of Demetrios and Georgianna Katsifolis, November 11  
Jane Barry Jacobs, "Ioanna," Daughter of Jay and Chloe Jacobs, December 17  
Jackson Bryce Jacobs, "John," Son of Jay and Chloe Jacobs, December 17  
Levi Conrad Jacobs, "Matthew," Son of Jay and Chloe Jacobs, December 17

### We celebrate the marriage of:

Dimitri Stavrakaras and Christine Balalis, November 25

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

Apostolis "Paul" Peters, November 3  
Katherine Marefos, November 14  
James George Salidas, November 17  
Karen Castenon, November 17  
Helen Gianakakis, November 28  
Christopher J. Eliopulos, December 8  
Jordan Nikolaidis December. 11  
Constantino Kuchulis, December 14

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### Quarterly Observer

March 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org

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# ANNUNCIATION PARISH CALENDAR

STAY UP-TO-DATE ON UPCOMING  
SERVICES AND EVENTS WITH THE

## *Annunciation Parish Calendar*

[annunciationsac.org/calendar](http://annunciationsac.org/calendar)



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## JANUARY

Monday, January 1	Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Saint Basil the Great
Sunday, January 7	Synaxis of Saint John Baptist
Sunday, January 14	Leave-Taking of the Theophany
Wednesday, January 17	Saint Anthony the Great
Sunday, January 21	12th Sunday of Luke
Sunday, January 28	15th Sunday of Luke
Tuesday, January 30	The Three Hierarchs

## FEBRUARY

Friday, February 2	The Meeting of the Lord in the Temple
Sunday, February 4	15th Sunday of Matthew
Saturday, February 10	Saint Haralambos
Sunday, February 11	16th Sunday of Matthew
Sunday, February 18	Sunday of the Canaanite
Sunday, February 25	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee: Triodion Begins

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



# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## MARCH

<b>Sunday, March 3</b>	Sunday of Prodigal Son
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	Saturday of Souls
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>	Saturday of Souls
<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	Forgiveness Sunday Vespers of Forgiveness, 6:00pm
<b>Monday, March 18</b>	Great Compline / Clean Monday, 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday, March 20</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
<b>Friday, March 22</b>	Salutations to the Theotokos: First Stanza, 7:00pm
<b>Saturday, March 23</b>	Saint Theodore & the Miracle of the Kollyva
<b>Sunday, March 24</b>	Sunday of Orthodoxy Great Vespers for the Annunciation, 6:00pm
<b>Monday, March 25</b>	The Annunciation: Parish Feast Day
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6:00pm
<b>Friday, March 29</b>	Salutations to the Theotokos: Second Stanza, 7:00pm
<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

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# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## It's a New Year- It's a New Morning (PROI)

Dear Faithful of Annunciation:

A blessed New Year to all of you!

For the past twenty plus years, we as a Church family have been focused on planning and building new facilities. By God's grace, we are now enjoying the wonderful amenities of our Hellenic Center. But the real Church "building" is made of people (1 Corinthians 3:9)! All of us. While the structures are important, and we thank God that He has helped us pay for them, we always need to focus on our "spiritual infrastructure," to turn our attention to the growth of our Church, both qualitatively (spiritual health) and quantitatively, i.e. the number of people attending the Liturgy. *"Go out to the highways and hedges, and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."* (Luke 14:23). Qualitative growth is experienced through the sacramental life of every believer and reflected in our core mission statement displayed on our marquis in front of the Church for all to see:

*"To know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*  
(Ephesians 3.19)

All of our ministries and programs derive from this goal and must comport with our WHY, *"to keep, practice and proclaim the Orthodox Christian Faith pure and undefiled."*

Since the birth of the Church on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit continues to offer us renewal. In Acts 2:17, the Apostle Peter quotes the Prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Let us dream together now and allow the Lord to continue to work wonders in our beloved Church of the Annunciation. Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to grant us renewal in a new morning, a new *PROI*!

What is PROI? The word *proi* literally means "morning" in Greek. Here it is a useful acronym: "Parish Renewal & Outreach Initiative."

Actually, this is nothing new. It is a renewed expression for an ancient paradigm, the spiritual parallel for our building program, "The Build, "A Modern Campus for An Ancient Faith."

PROI is the personal and spiritual infrastructure for renewal and outreach whose primary goal is to reach out to the faithful to attend the Divine Liturgy on a regular basis.

How?

Identify 72 individuals or couples who already faithfully attend the Divine Liturgy and ask them to be ambassadors to no more than eight of our Annunciation families. The 72 will each be assigned to one of four cohorts (18 in each) named for the four Evangelists and be given one of four Sundays to invite their respective families to join them in Church on their "assigned" Sunday. The specific mission of the 72 PROI ambassadors is to establish a relationship with their families (love them, pray for them) and to share why being in Church

# PASTORAL MESSAGE

together is important. In other words, we are inviting people who do not attend regularly to come to Church at least once per month.

## FAQs

*Q: Why 72 ambassadors?*

The Biblical example: "After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go." (Luke 10:1)

*Q: What if one or more of my families is not interested?*

A: All you can do is invite them. There is no "hard sell" here. Just continue to love them and pray for them.

*Q: What if we can't recruit the requisite 72?*

A: We start with whomever responds, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20)

*Q: How long of a commitment will be requested of a PROI ambassador?*

A: 12 months

*Q: When will PROI be launched?*

A: 2024, hopefully in the 1st quarter, before Great Lent

*Q: What's next?*

A: Identify and equip the four cohort leaders who will then reach out to recruit 18 PROI ambassadors for their respective cohort.

Please pray that our Lord will bless PROI for the glory of His Name and edification of His Church.

With love in Christ,



Father James

# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

As the year draws to a close and a new year begins, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parishioners for your continued support of our church and its ministries. This past year has been a year of milestones. The retiring of the Build, another very successful Food Festival, flourishing Greek Dance Program and several fruitful church ministry events. Our vibrant community continues to grow, and I am constantly reminded that all things are possible with Christ.

I was commuting home earlier this month and a radio station was discussing New Years resolutions. I changed the channel and came across a radio reading of “The Dash” by Linda Ellis. It was poignant and had a pithy cadence. It made me pause and think about the premise. That premise being that we all have a birthdate that will be listed on our grave and we all will have an end date, but what is truly important is the dash. How we fill that dash and what we choose to prioritize are critical things to consider. My papou, George Nicholau, just turned 105 and his axioms align with a dash that is spilling over the brim. He continues to tell me to always “enjoy the pursuit” regardless of the task at hand.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my koumbaro, George Dariotis, for entrusting me with the honor of serving out the remainder of his term. I often can still catch a glimpse of his smile while stationed in the narthex out of the corner of my eye and I can still hear him cheering us on when in the hall kitchen. I will strive to reach toward the high bar that he set.

Wishing you and your families overflowing dashes and many blessings this New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

George Chuchas  
*Parish Council*





# ANNUNCIATION RECEIVES A GIFT

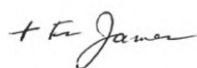
In March 1980, the Greek Orthodox Angelic Corporation was formed, per the Articles of Incorporation, “to construct, operate and maintain housing under the federal housing program on a non-profit basis for elderly and handicapped persons.” The land was gifted to the Corporation by Angelo Tsakopoulos, Gus and Andy Gianulias and Jerry Pavlatos. The 70-unit Hellenic Senior Center at 7847 Rush Drive in the Pocket Area was constructed by the company owned and operated by Chris Bardis. The first directors of the Corporation were Elias Bardis, Manuel Fotos, Steve Jordan, Katherine Georgallis, Paul Peters and Angelo Tsakopoulos.

Since opening its doors in 1981, the Hellenic Senior Center has provided excellent care and housing for seniors without discrimination. On December 17, 2023, on behalf of the \*Angelic Board, President Michael Dariotis apprised Annunciation Church that, after 42 years, the Center had been sold and that a portion of the proceeds were used to retire “The Build” loan of \$2.2 million.

Glory to God! What an amazing Christmas gift to our beloved Annunciation.

\*We are especially thankful to all the members of the Angelic Board: Nicholas Avdis, Panorea Avdis, Michael Dariotis, Elisabeth Dokimos, George Koufasimis, Julie Mamalis, Sam Manolakas, Demetri Romas, Dr. Nicholas Rotas and Donna Wagner.

With love in Christ,



Father James



# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP 2024 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.



### Annunciation Ministries Made Possible by Our Stewards

Acolytes • Altar Guild • Annunciation Bookstore • Annunciation Choir  
Annunciation Endowment Fund • Annunciation Historical Society • Athletics Ministry  
Annunciation Senior League • Byzantine Chant Choir • Dance Support Group & Ministry  
Epistle Reading • Fr. Demetri T. Dogias Library and Archives • GOYA • Greek School  
Hellenic Golf Classic • Hellenic Orthodox Education & Cultural Center • HOPE • JOY  
Myrrh-Bearers • Orthodox Basic Training • Parish Council • Philoptochos Society  
Stewardship Committee • Studies in the Faith • Sunday School • Young Professionals

Make your pledge online at  
[annunciationsac.org/stewardship](https://annunciationsac.org/stewardship)  
or return a pledge card to the Church Office

# STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## New Year, New Opportunities to Serve

At the beginning of each year, many of us often do the same thing: make New Year's resolutions! Whether it is improving our health, better managing our finances, or maybe learning a musical instrument, we often see January first as a new opportunity to make some improvement (real or perceived) to our lives.

But do we include any resolutions that concern our religious and spiritual life or the Church? For instance, we could make Church-oriented resolutions regarding our time (e.g., church attendance), talents (e.g., volunteering at the parish), and treasures (e.g., financial gifts to the church). In fact, I've done something similar in previous years, with quantitative goals for church attendance, being involved with parish ministries, and increasing my financial gifts to the parish. So, please consider our parish and Church stewardship when crafting your New Year's resolutions – you can fit it in alongside your reading list, travel goals, and new exercise routine!

See you in church this new year,

RJ Hansen  
*Stewardship Ministry*

## PARISH FINANCIALS

INCOME	01/01/2023 -12/31/2023	2023 BUDGET YTD
Pledges	\$563,902.84	\$86,097.16
All Other Revenue	\$401,719.84	\$126,978.16
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$965,622.68</b>	<b>\$213,075.32</b>
EXPENSES		
Staff Expenses	\$220,496.28	\$71,250.72
Program Services	\$26,754.21	\$12,745.79
Other Operating Expenses	\$385,445.61	\$135,153.39
Archdiocese National Ministries	\$151,470.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$784,166.10</b>	<b>\$219,149.90</b>
Balance as of 12/31/23	\$181,456.58	
STEWARDSHIP	2023 Pledges as of 12/31/2023	
Stewardship Budget	\$650,000.00	
Pledged to Date	\$439,306.97	
Total Amount Received	\$563,902.84	Includes December appeal receipts of \$6,365
Total Members Pledged	449	



# PHILOPTOCHOS

## Philoptochos

Our **NEW WARM COAT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN ATTENDING MUSTARD SEED SCHOOL** was very successful this year thanks to the generosity of our Annunciation parishioners. We received 74 coats that were delivered to the school before Christmas! Thank you, thank you, thank you.

We also want to thank our parishioners for their continued support in providing monetary donations for the **SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK**. Over the course of 2 months, we received your generous donations at the coffee hour table to help the food bank provide over 5,000 meals to families in need.



# ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

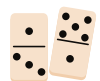
## ASL 2024 Luncheon Schedule

Date	Location
02/15/2024	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).



# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

## Sacramento Greek Festival



We hope that everybody enjoyed their Christmas & New Year's festivities.

Once again, the 2023 Greek Festival Executive Board would like to take a moment to thank all who volunteered, donated, underwrote, sponsored and supported the 2023 Greek Festival. We appreciate each and every one of you, your efforts, and your assistance.

As is our norm, a portion of the Festival's proceeds are donated to charities. This year's local recipients were the Sacramento Children's Crisis Nursery and Boy Scouts, in addition to IOCC and HCHC.

After a busy 2023 planning and executing, the Greek Festival Executive Board and Chairpeople are all taking a much-needed winter break before jumping back into the Festival swing of things.

Important 2024 dates to be aware of:

- **Mark your calendars! 2024 Festival will be held October 4-5-6, 2024.**
- First 2024 Board meeting will be held in early February
- First 2024 Chairman meeting will be in early March
- Festival baking begins after Easter. Baking days will be announced via the weekly emails and Sunday bulletins as we get closer.
- Underwriting / Donations / Sponsorship activities will begin when summer rolls around.
- Festival set up on our Annunciation campus will begin Monday, September 29th and continue until we open our doors on Friday, October 4th.

While the current festival activity list is quiet, consider how you'd like to support the 2024 Festival. Volunteering for baking days, food preparation, festival set – up and tear down, leadership, sponsorship. These are all areas where assistance is needed in addition to the actual day of event activities. We look forward to seeing new and old faces at our upcoming Festival activities.

If you are interested in a leadership role within the Festival, please contact Dan Eriksson ([eriksson@surewest.net](mailto:eriksson@surewest.net)) or Stefanie Hionis ([skchaprals@yahoo.com](mailto:skchaprals@yahoo.com)).

Respectfully,

The Greek Festival Executive Board



# IOCC COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

*Cocktails for a Cause*

**TO BENEFIT IOCC**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023**

**TOTAL RAISED**

**\$74,462**

## **EXAMPLES OF THE IMPACT THIS TOTAL CAN MAKE**

SHELTER AND A HOT MEAL FOR **2,127** UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES

ONE-MONTH SUPPLY OF GROCERY STAPLES FOR **3,545** FAMILIES IN GREECE

ONE-MONTH SUPPLY OF EMERGENCY FOOD FOR **1,489** FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND

ONE-MONTH SUPPLY OF NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR **992** FAMILIES IN ETHIOPIA

DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND EYEGLASSES FOR **1,241** CHILDREN

HEARING AIDS FOR **173** CHILDREN IN JORDAN

SMALL BUSINESS LOANS FOR **49** FAMILIES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

***Together, we raised awareness and support for IOCC's ongoing humanitarian relief efforts. THANK YOU!***

TO CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF IOCC AND LEARN  
MORE ABOUT THEIR PROGRAMS, VISIT [IOCC.ORG](http://IOCC.ORG)

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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL GREEK CLUB • ANDONI AND MARY MARAGAKIS  
PHILOPTOCHOS • FR. JAMES RETELAS AND PRESVYTERA BARBARA  
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

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ST. ANNA PHILOPTOCHOS • ST. KATHERINE PHILOPTOCHOS  
ANNUNCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL • ST. KATHERINE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
ST. ANNA SUNDAY SCHOOL • ANNUNCIATION ENDOWMENT FUND  
JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL GREEK CLUB (ANDREAS KUSH AND KYRIAKOS SIOUKAS)  
DESPINA DEMAS • VOULA CAZANIS • FAYE AND JIM VALLAS • RULA MANIKAS  
MONI VAN CAMP • SAM MANOLAKAS • CHRISTOPHER ROTAS • MANUEL AND  
DIANNA TSIHLAS • NOT FOR PROFIT BAND • CELEBRATIONS PARTY RENTALS

## EVENT COMMITTEE

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## TEAM NICK VORESIS

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THANKSGIVING DAY 2023

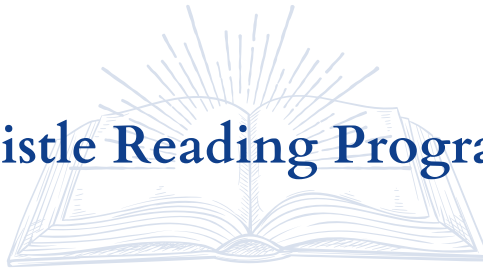
On Thanksgiving Day 2023, Team Nick Voresis was back for an 11th year at Sacramento's Run to Feed the Hungry and was the second most fundraising team at the event. Together, our 32 team members raised \$3,577, which will allow the Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services to provide 17,887 meals for our neighbors in need.

**Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support of Team Nick Voresis and SFBFS!**



# 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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Bowling & Burgers

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

**6:00-8:00PM**

**CAPITOL BOWL**

900 W CAPITOL AVENUE  
WEST SACRAMENTO, CA 95691

**\$20/GOYA MEMBER**

INCLUDES BOWLING, SHOES,  
BURGER & FRIES

**REGISTER AT [tiny.cc/goyabowl24](https://tiny.cc/goyabowl24)**

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT NIKKI AVDIS AT [GOYA@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG](mailto:GOYA@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUNCIATION  
SACRAMENTO  
PRESENTS

## ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΒΡΑΔΙΑ

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024  
5:30 PM

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

Dance Group Performances by  
Τα Καμάρια - Τα Κουκουνάρια  
Οι Απόγονοι - Νέα Γενιά - Δέος

Live Music and Special Guests from  
Lakonia and Macedonia

DANCERS FREE  
GENERAL ADMISSION \$50  
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$25

*Tickets include dinner & dessert*  
*Pre-purchase online in advance to guarantee a seat*  
<http://tiny.cc/dsgpreview>



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us for  
tea & treats at a

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*Save the Date*

## **GODPARENTS SUNDAY**

**APRIL 7, 2024**

Children are encouraged to invite their Godparent(s) to join them for Holy Communion and fellowship on this special day.

If Godparents cannot attend, family members are welcome to join in their place.





# UPCOMING EVENTS



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SATURDAY OF LAZARUS  
APRIL 27, 2024

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# PARISH PHOTOS

## Sunday School Thanksgiving Lunch • November 19, 2023



## Sunday School Christmas Program • December 10, 2023





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Sunday School Christmas Program • December 10, 2023



The Build Loan Retirement Announcement • December 17, 2023



Christmas Eve Morning at Annunciation • December 24, 2023





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## Dive for the Cross • January 6, 2024



## Sunday School Children's Sermon • January 7, 2024



## Choir Presentation to Nikitas Skondras & Parish Council Swearing-In • January 7, 2024





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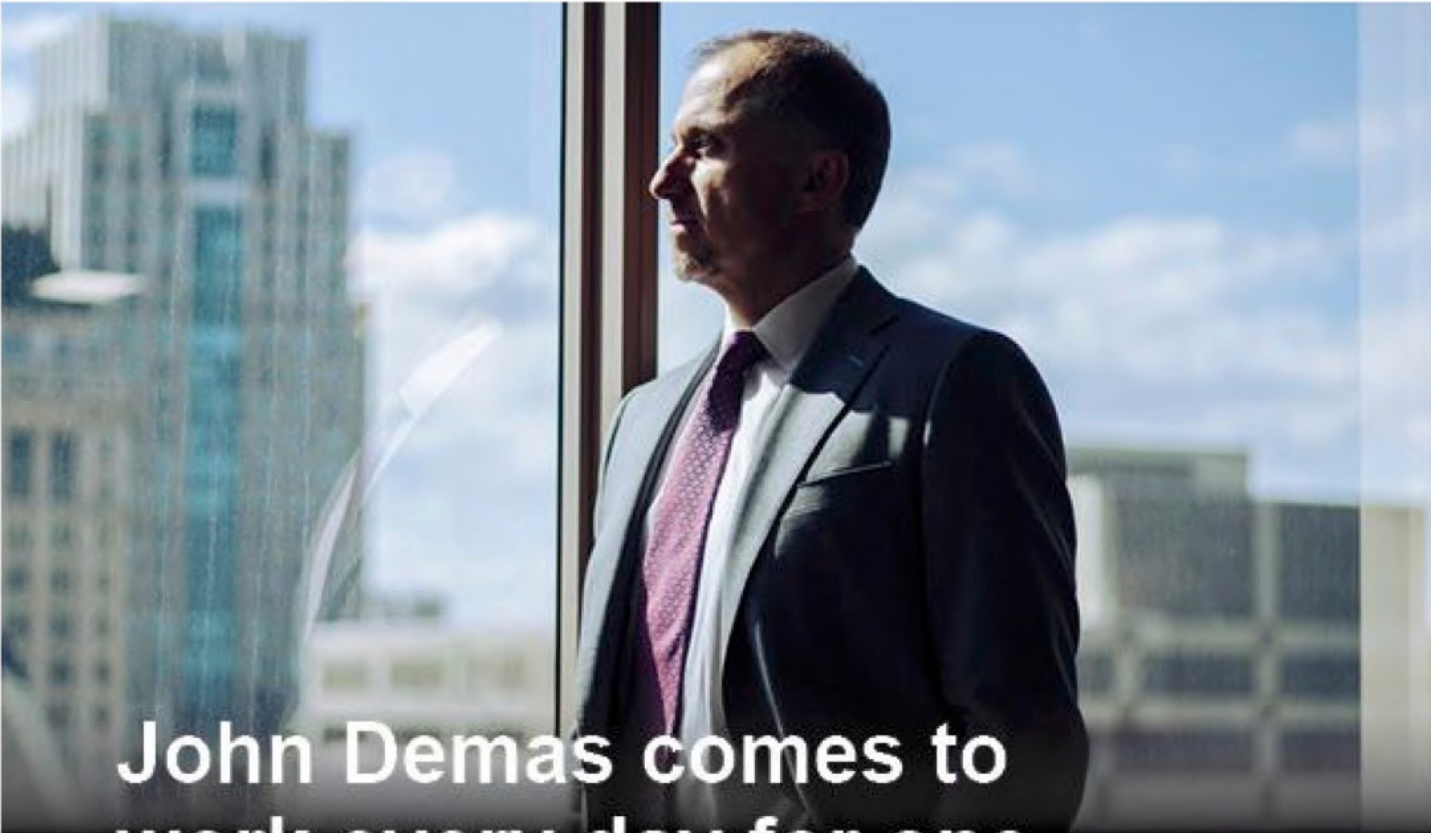
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