

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF LUKE NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Eighth Sunday of Luke November 10, 2024

Mode 3 | No Fasting | 9th Morning Gospe

This Lord's Day we remember Erastus, Olympas, Rodion, Sosipater, Quartus, and Tertios, Apostles of the 70; Orestes the Martyr of Cappadocia; our Holy Father Arsenius of Cappadocia; our Holy Father Gregory, Bishop of Assa.

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. Mode 3.

Εὐφραινέσθω τὰ οὐράνια, ἀγαλλιάσθω τὰ ἐπίγεια, ὅτι ἐποίησε κράτος, ἐν βραχίονι αὐτοῦ, ὁ Κύριος, ἐπάτησε τῷ θανάτῳ τὸν θάνατον, πρωτότοκος τῶν νεκρῶν ἐγένετο, ἐκ κοιλίας ἄδου ἐῥρύσατο ἡμᾶς, καὶ παρέσχε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Let the heavens rejoice; let the earth be glad, for the Lord has shown the mighty power of His arm. He trampled down death by death and became the first-born of the dead. From the depths of Hades, He delivered us and granted the world great mercy.

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 Entrance of the Theotokos, Mode 4: Ὁ καθαρώτατος ναὸς τοῦ Σωτῆρος, ἡ πολυτίμητος παστὰς καὶ Παρθένος, τὸ ἱερὸν θησαύρισμα τῆς δόξης τοῦ Θεοῦ, σήμερον εἰσάγεται, ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Κυρίου, τὴν χάριν συνεισάγουσα, τὴν ἐν Πνεύματι Θείῳ· ἡν ἀνυμνοῦσιν Ἄγγελοι Θεοῦ· Αὕτη ὑπάρχει σκηνὴ ἐπουράνιος.

The Savior's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

After the Trisagion Hymn:

A Psalm of David. Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 3. Psalm 46.

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King; sing praises. Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Galatians (1:11-19): Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (10:25-37): AT THAT TIME, as Jesus At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will

repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team B

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



Altar Guild Areti Yiaslas



Epistle Reader

Jasper Geranios

Memorials

The lives lost at the Holocaust of the Arkadi Monastery in Rethymno, Crete in 1866



Beginning December 1, online candles and tray donations will no longer be available.





Please join our Annunciation family as we honor and celebrate the retirement of Father James Retelas

FAREWELL COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, November 10, 2024 Immediately following the Divine Liturgy Annunciation Hellenic Center

Presentations will be made by our Annunciation ministries

Donations are accepted in support of a charity of Father James' choice by visiting tiny.cc/charitable-donation

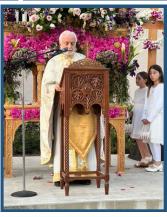
THANK YOU, FATHER JAMES

















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IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION, CLASSES WILL GATHER IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM 2209 FOR FELLOWSHIP AND A LIGHT THANKSGIVING LUNCH WHILE SHARING THE BLESSINGS THAT THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR.

LUNCH WILL CONCLUDE WITH THE DISMISSAL OF THE DIVINE LITURGY.



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

FOUR POSITIONS OPEN
THREE-YEAR TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

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 to be on the Parish Council. If you have any questions about being on the parish council or want to run for a position, please contact a member of Board of Elections committee. Their contact information is listed below. God asks us all to give of our time, talents and treasures to his house of worship. Serving on the parish council will allow you to share your talents and gifts with your church.

Duties of a Parish Council Member:

- Parish Council is a ministry and those who serve are called to represent Christ to all whom they meet in all aspects of their life.
- Regular attendance at Divine Liturgy services and participation in the sacramental life of the church.
- Oversee administration, financial health, and physical upkeep and improvements of our church and campus.
- Meet and work with others you may not have known well in this parish.

Candidate Qualifications:

- Be a parishioner of Annunciation 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:

- Vanessa Salas Kassotakis, vanessas201@gmail.com
- Yianni Kazanis, ioannis.kazanis@gmail.com
- Lindsey Kivetos, Ifkivetos@gmail.com
- Dr. Nicholas Rotas, nrotas1@mac.com



News from Philoptochos

Philoptochos Upcoming Baking Schedule

Monday, October 28 Monday, December 2 Monday, November, 4 Monday, December 9 Monday, November 11 Monday, December 16

For additional information call or e-mail Toula Delis at 916.745.5022 or toula10@yahoo.com

Coat Drive

The Annunciation Ladies' Philoptochos is collecting new warm coats for the children who attend the Leataata Floyd Elementary School in the Sacramento City Unified School District. The Red Cart will be in the Hellenic Center for the next few weeks to collect the coats for children aged 5 years old to 13 years old who attend this school. Thank you for your continued support of Philoptochos and our effort to assist those in need.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH ASSEMBLY

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Following the Divine Liturgy

Annunciation Hellenic Center

Annunciation Greek Dance Ministry Sees Candies Costume Fundraiser



DIAKONIA 2024-2025 LOAVES & FISHES

The Annunciation Greek Dance ministry is gathering items in need for Loaves & Fishes' programs to assist adults & children experiencing homelessness

ITEMS NEEDED:







Ta Kamaria & Ta Koukounaria: new/gently used children's books







Rizes & Oi Apogonoi: laundry detergent, fabric softener, toothpaste







Nea Genia & Deos: blankets (new or gently used). feminine hygiene products, diapers (in unopened packages)

Bring items to dance practice on Sunday. November 17

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT LOAVES & FISHES LOAVES & FISHES



ANNUNCIATION BOOKSTORE NEWS

We've been busy sourcing new products in preparation for upcoming events and the Advent Season. Come by after liturgy and see what's new in gifts, jewelry, books and children's gifts. Some of our favorite items are:

- Natural stone bracelets with a little gold cross charm.
- Turquoise "Van Cleef style" cross with gold trim.
- Square edge stone crosses with gold edges in turquoise or white mother of pearl.
- Beautifully illustrated children's books.
- Nativity icons and other popular saints in gold leaf.
- Jerusalem Stone Comfort Cross Each set includes two distinct crosses, one smooth and the other rough, symbolizing the dual nature of existence. The smooth cross, meant to be placed in the casket or urn with the departed, represents the serene peace experienced in heaven. The rough cross, remaining with the living, embodies the earthly challenges faced while preserving the memory of their beloved.

Save the date for these upcoming events:

- Christmas Tree Lane, November 19, 12:00 8:00 and November 20, 9:00 3:00. We will be offering an assortment of religious gift items to the general public as Jesuit HIgh School brings this popular annual event to Annunciation's Hall, chaired by Christine Dariotis.
- Children's Shopping Spree, December 1 after liturgy: In the spirit of St Nickolas, all children enrolled in the Annunciation religious education program will be given the opportunity to shop for others. We will offer wonderful Christmas items priced from \$1 \$10, gift wrapping included. Please send your kids to church this day with cash.

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

Annunciation Parish Calendar tiny.cc/parishcalendar



Our Annunciation's HISTORICAL SOCIETY's mission is to preserve and celebrate the rich history and traditions of the Greeks in the Sacramento region. Our first project is writing a small book highlighting the Greeks in the greater Sacramento area. (Similar books have been written about the Greeks in Phoenix, San Francisco, and Chicago.)

Historical photographs are essential and we would appreciate your help in finding interesting pictures. Do you have any good pictures you think we could use? These could depict agriculture, formation of the parish, social events, business, politics, culture, art, celebrations, armed forces, social life and sports --- all focusing on the Greeks in and around Sacramento.

Please look through your old family photos. If you have any relevant photographs you'd like to share for possible inclusion in our book, please speak with any of the society's members or contact Bill Triphon at btriphon@comcast.net.

Thank you.

Bill Triphon , Terry Kastanis, Jim Chuchas, Julie Mamalis, Katerina Lagos, Maria Sampanis, and Antonia Chapralis

JOURNEY TO FULLNESS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FULLNESS OF THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN FAITH

Wednesdays Beginning October 9 7:00 pm Annunciation Hellenic Center

All Welcome

Information: (916) 443-2033, ext. 221



Founded Pentecost, 33 AD



REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTER AT tiny.cc/sunday-school

NURSERY-5TH GRADE

Class begins at 10am.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Students attend the Divine Liturgy or assist our youth in class lessons and activities beginning at 10am. Middle School and High School lessons begin following Holy Communion.

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions



ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION

2024-2025

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2024

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions garypleonard@hotmail.com

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

Let us pray...

Let us pray every day for peace in our world: For peace in the Middle East and peace in Ukraine.

Prayer in Time of Drought:

A Composition of Kallistos, Patriarch of Constantinople.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

O MASTER, LORD OUR GOD, who didst hearken unto Elijah the Tishbite because of his zeal for thee, and for a time didst command that rain be held back and be not sent down upon the earth, and again at his prayer didst grant it fruitful rain: we entreat thee, O Master of all: out of thy deep compassion grant abundant rain to thine inheritance; and, overlooking our sins, do thou send down thy rains upon every place entreating and praying for it. Make glad the face of the earth, for the sake of thy poor people and infants, of animals and of all thy creatures, for they trust in thee, that thou wilt give them their food in due season. For thou art our God, the God who shows mercy and who saves, and unto thee do we send up glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

(2014-01-04). A Small Book of Needs (Kindle Locations 2979-2989). St. Tikhon's Monastery Press. Kindle Edition.

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

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Make your pledge online at annunciationsac.org/stewardship or return a pledge card to the Church Office



Happening through December 4TH



THE FAMILY WELLNESS INITIATIVE (FWI) FALL PILOT PROGRAM

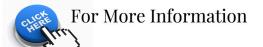
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NOVEMBER 4 TH TO DECEMBER 4 TH 2024

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS 9 AM-2:30 PM

Join us as we embrace healthy living and long term wellness. Enjoy walking together, chair exercises, balance classes, healthy lunches, games, and more!

Join anytime & invite a friend.





Scan for Schedule

PROGRAM LOCATION: THE ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

For more information contact Jim Kafouros: 916-531-7235





OVERVIEW

Hurricane Helene struck the southeastern US as Category 4 hurricane on Sept. 27, 2024, causing extreme flooding and storm surges across Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina, and causing additional damage to parts of Virginia and West Virginia. Full extent of Helene's impact is still being assessed, as are immediate needs on the ground.

Hurricane Milton struck the western coast of Florida on Oct. 9, 2024 as a Category 3 hurricane, resulting in storm surges and flooding across the central part of the state. Damages are being assessed and responders are attending to urgent needs in affected communities.

IOCC INVOLVEMENT

- IOCC Action Team: Action Team leaders have been deployed and are conducting clean-up and muck out operations (with volunteer assistance) in Virginia, Tennessee, and Florida.
- Monitoring the situation: IOCC's US Programs team has been participating in VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) coordinating calls: National VOAD, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Tennessee.
- Local Church partners: IOCC Frontliners have made Care Calls to parishes in the path of the hurricane, and are on the ground providing Emotional and Spiritual Care to communities in Asheville and Florida. A parish status database has been established to determine the needs and resources of individual parishes.
- Orthodox Church partners: Communications have been initiated with the larger Orthodox dioceses in the U.S. regarding potential support.
- IOCC is committed to short and long-term support of affected communities and does not act in a first-responder capacity.
- In US emergency response, IOCC works with governmental, non-profit, and ecumenical partners.

WAYS TO HELP

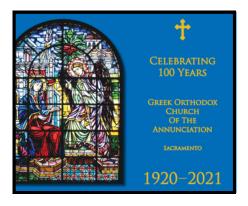
- Pray for those affected; pray for those responding to their needs.
- Cash donations give IOCC flexibility in crisis response. Please donate to the US Emergency Response Fund at iocc.org/Helene24 to support this work here in the United States.
- Visit our website and sign up to volunteer at iocc.org/actionteam
- Stay updated, and share:
 - o Blog (iocc.org/blog)
 - o Facebook (facebook.com/ioccrelief)
 - o Instagram (instagram.com/ioccrelief)
 - o Twitter (@IOCCRelief)











As a reminder. our 100th Anniversary Commemorative Album is available for purchase in our Annunciation Bookstore.



Coffee Hour Fellowship

The members of Philoptochos want to thank our parishioners who support us throughout the year by sponsoring Annunciation's Sunday coffee hours and bringing pastry and goodies to share. Your sponsorship and sharing promotes fellowship, and we are so grateful.

Please consider hosting a coffee hour anytime during the year! Cookies, fruit, or a cake would be great! Coffee will be made for you.

Contact Donna Wagner at 916-214-9794 to secure a date for hosting a regular coffee hour. When contacting Effie in the church office to schedule a memorial, please let her know if you also wish to host coffee fellowship. She can be reached in the office at 916-443-2033 ext 222.

Publication Submission Deadlines

Sunday Bulletin - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements

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

Quarterly Observer - December 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org

November 10-17

Sunday, November 10 Eighth Sunday of Luke

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

Farewell Coffee Fellowship in Honor of Fr. James

Monday, November 11 St. Vincent of Saragossa

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

Reception in Honor of Fr. Vincent's Name Day

Church Office Closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 13 7:00pm A Journey to Fullness

Thursday, November 14 6:00pm Byzantine Chant

Friday, November 15 Nativity Fast Begins

Sunday, November 17 Ninth Sunday of Luke

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



Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Sacramento Welcomes His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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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.

Rev. Fr. Vincent Minucci, Presiding Priest | frvincent@annunciationsac.org Rev. Fr. Timothy Robinson, Associate Priest | frtimothy@annunciationsac.org

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