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COMMUNITY UPDATE

We welcome into the church:

Christian Sweatt, by Chrismation, February 25

Elyse (Anne) Sweatt, by Chrismation, February 25

We celebrate the marriage of:

Christian & Stephanie Sweatt, February 25

Yianni & Elizabeth Alexander, October 25 (*omitted from previous issue in error*)

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

Bill Triphon, January 2

Dr. John Hagelis, January 13

Mary Lydon, January 16

Stelyos (Stan) Kalafatis, January 22

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL • MAY • JUNE

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| Wednesday, April 2 | 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |
| Friday, April 4 | 6:00pm Akathist Hymn |
| Sunday, April 6 | Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Monday, April 7 | 6:00pm Great Compline |
| Wednesday, April 9 | 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts |
| Saturday, April 12 | Saturday of Lazarus 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |

HOLY WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

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| Palm Sunday, April 13 | 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom |
| Holy Monday, April 14 | 7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom |
| Holy Tuesday, April 15 | 10:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 7:00pm Service of the Bridegroom <i>Hymn of Kassiane</i> |
| Holy Wednesday, April 16 | 4:00pm Service of Holy Unction 7:00pm Matins for Holy Thursday <i>Holy Unction to be administered at both services</i> |
| Holy Thursday, April 17 | 10:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy St. Basil <i>Institution of the Holy Eucharist</i> 7:00pm The Passion of Christ/The Twelve Gospels |
| Holy Friday, April 18 | 9:00am The Great Hours 3:00pm The Descent from the Cross 7:00pm Service of the Lamentations |
| Holy Saturday, April 19 | 10:00am Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:00pm Vigil of Pascha 11:45pm Anastasi! Paschal Divine Liturgy |
| Holy Pascha, April 20 | 11:00am Agape Vespers <i>at Annunciation</i> 12:00pm Agape Vespers <i>at Hellenic Park</i> |

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| Wednesday, April 23 | St. George the Great Martyr 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

APRIL • MAY • JUNE

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|-------------------|---|
| Sunday, April 27 | Thomas Sunday 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 4 | Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 11 | Sunday of the Paralytic 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 18 | Sunday of the Samaritan Woman 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Wednesday, May 21 | Constantine and Helen 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, May 25 | Sunday of the Blind Man 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Thursday, May 29 | The Ascension of Our Lord 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 1 | Fathers of the 1st Council 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy |
| Saturday, June 7 | Saturday of Souls 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 8 | Holy Pentecost 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 15 | The Sunday of All Saints 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 22 | 2nd Sunday of Matthew 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Tuesday, June 24 | Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Sunday, June 29 | Saints Peter and Paul 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |
| Monday, June 30 | Synaxis of the Twelve Holy Apostles 8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy |

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN SATURDAY, JUNE 7

PASTORAL MESSAGE

A Message From Fr. Vinnie

Glory to God, we have embarked on our Lenten journey! This glorious journey is one that comes year after year, a journey that will end with the glorious Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ. These forty or so days will be rigorous and challenging but if we approach it with the right mindset, we will challenge ourselves to prepare to participate in this most special and blessed feast. Lent is an opportunity to rededicate ourselves and focus on getting closer to Christ. It is easy to become overwhelmed with the many duties and responsibilities that come with Lent so I'd like to offer a few suggestions to make this Great Fast more approachable:

1. Try not to sweat the small stuff! Remember, the overall goal of Holy and Great Lent is that we and our family members cleanse our souls, simplify our lives, exercise and practice a greater degree of love and self-sacrifice, and prepare for the Feast of Pascha. Don't stress about monitoring every single ingredient label for proper fasting items, or panic when we realize that we accidentally ate dairy or oil. Let's not set up standards of perfection that will quickly fall (and fail) to the practical realities of day to day life.
2. Prepare yourself! Setting ourselves up for success is often the key to a strong start (and stronger finish!). Create a Lent-friendly kitchen and plan meals ahead. Remember that prayer before and after meals is truly important. "A family that prays together, stays together!"
3. Eat together as a family and have conversations about church and the fast! Ask, "why do we fast?" Discuss the importance of the Sunday's of Lent.
4. At the very least, pick one service a week to go to. We are offering Great Compline on Monday, Presanctified Liturgy on Wednesday and Salutations to the Theotokos on Friday. Pick one of these beautiful weekday services and attend with your whole family. Following the service, enjoy a Lenten meal together at a local restaurant and talk about the service.
5. Find a church task during Lent and Holy Week for everyone to participate with. Bake prosphora (the Holy offering bread for Liturgy), egg dyeing, decorate the church during Holy Week etc. We are ALWAYS in need of volunteers to help especially during this time of year.

The harder and more diligently we prepare for Lent, the more joyous and rewarding the feast of Pascha will be. Join Fr. Timothy and myself on this most blessed journey of Holy and Great Lent. We are here for you and want to serve and assist you and your family as best as we can. May God give us the strength to endure Great and Holy Lent!

With love in the Lord,

Fr. Vinnie



LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

As we leave the dark days of winter behind us, we look forward to Spring and the sense of renewal it offers.

Spring offers us a sense of rebirth and a feast for the senses as nature awakens all around us. It is also at this time that we are on our journey through lent as we prepare for Pascha and Christ's ultimate resurrection.

Personally, I look forward to this time in our church. It is a time for a reset. A time to pause and reflect on the magnificence of our faith and Christ's love for all of us. There are so many opportunities for worship, and participation. We are meant to do this as a church family.

On behalf of the entire parish council I want to express that we look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you.

Kali Anastasi to everyone!

Dr. Stella Dariotis
Parish Council Member



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP 2025

"Give, and it shall be given unto you."

Luke 6:38



STEWARDSHIP FACTS

Q: DO MY RECURRING STEWARDSHIP PAYMENTS ROLLOVER FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR?

A: In past years, recurring stewardship payments have NOT rolled over to the next year and stewards were required to create new pledges and payments at the beginning of the year. For 2025, recurring payments from 2024 will continue on unless stopped by the giver. If you would like to check your 2025 stewardship status or make changes to your recurring payment, please login to your PushPay account at pushpay.com/login or contact the Annunciation Financial Office at accounting@annunciationsac.org.

Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?

A: In 2025, it will cost approximately \$3,500/day to keep the church open. Most operating expenses are paid from stewardship. Some examples are utilities, office staff and pastoral salaries, candles, permits, security, and facilities maintenance. Additional costs are directly related to church-funded ministries and programs.

Q: I ALREADY PAY FOR GREEK DANCE, GREEK SCHOOL, ETC. WHY DO I HAVE TO ALSO PAY FOR STEWARDSHIP?

A: These programs operate independently from our general operating budget. The church provides the facility, in addition to facility-related expenses, enabling their operation and receives no money from these ministries. It is also important that families participating in our children's ministries be currently pledged stewards.

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



PHILOPTOCHOS



Philoptochos News

Recently, we were made aware that the men and women who seek help at the Hope Cooperative Wellness Center need socks. So, a request to our parishioners for new socks was the start of an amazing sock drive that overflowed the red cart! Thanks to Koula Kokologiannakis, the Cretan Club's secretary, who created a link for their members to purchase socks from Amazon and have them shipped to her home, over 440 pairs of socks were donated. In addition, over 100 pairs of socks were donated by our parishioners to provide a total of over 500 pairs of socks to the guests of Hope Cooperative. A most successful project to help those in need!



Update: We are happy to report that our Christmas coat drive provided 53 new warm coats (this number has been updated from the Winter Observer article that stated 40 coats) for children who attend Leataata Floyd Elementary School. The members of Philoptochos are so grateful for the support of our Annunciation parish.

ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE (ASL) UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 • Following the Divine Liturgy
Thursday, June 12th, 2025 • 11:30am

CONTACT: Diane Petersen (916) 214-4644

PRICE: \$15 per person at the door

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER
ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH, SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL



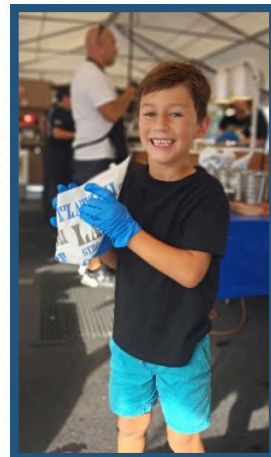
Fellow parishioners, please forgive us, the Festival Committee, if we've wronged you in the past year. (Yesterday was forgiveness Sunday.) Καλη Σαρακοστή!

As the Lenten season dawns anew today, we take time to enjoy this time of fasting as right behind it starts the season of festivals! I was recently talking with a cousin of mine, commenting on this festival I had been to or that one I was going to and she observed that for the less social media savvy, it's harder to learn about other local festivals. After this article, you'll find a list of all the Greek Festivals, and a few greater Mediterranean, within 100 miles of our Parish sorted by date, culminating with our **62nd Greek Festival on October 3-4-5, 2025**.

In order for us to make it to our festival with grounds ready to welcome guests and tons of goodies to serve, we need our Annunciation parishioners to show up with the donation of time, talent, and treasure. Here are ways you can help your Annunciation ministries (who are the beneficiaries of Festival funds) by supporting the Greek Festival:

Time & Talent: This is a multifaceted aspect. We need leadership but also labor. Without either, the festival cannot maintain our excellent food quantity, quality, and wonderful service.

- **Pre-Festival Leadership:** Volunteers are needed to chair the preparation of Paximathia, Melomacaronia, & Kourambietes. We have the recipes, we'll have the ingredients, all we need is your supervision.
- **Festival Leadership:** New chairs are needed for the Pandepoleon, Donations, and Raffle Booth. We're also looking for a new head of Procurement – this will be a 3-year path from internship with our current Procurement to autonomous leadership.
- **Pre-Festival Labor:** We need all hands on deck to make the mass quantities of food we serve our 10,000 guests. Sure, a yiayia can whip out a homemade 9x13 baklava (~30 pieces) in less than an hour, but did you know we made more than 9,000 pieces of baklava last year. Baklava, and all our other delicious foods, require upwards of 50 volunteers per day, to make. The old adage still rings true... *Many hands make light work*. Food preparations will begin after Easter. More information on specific baking days will be provided once we get closer via Friday emails and Sunday Bulletins.
- **Festival Labor:** Nearly every festival booth chair provided the same feedback: "We need more volunteers!" We hope you'll consider joining us for a volunteer shift. It's a great way to connect with friends and meet new people. We all need to channel Konstantine Kalfountzos' (right) pride and excitement to volunteer in the gyro booth last year. Recruitment will begin in late summer.



Treasure: Each year, we are blessed with contributions to help cover our event expenses. In early summer, our Donation and Sponsorship drive will begin. Once we get closer, donations can be made in person after church, to the church office, and online. More information will be provided via Friday emails and Sunday Bulletins.

- **Underwriting of Menu Items:** Eggs for pastries, meats for the grill, and much more are available to be underwritten!
- **Sponsor the Event:** From \$500 up to \$5,000+, we are truly grateful for these monetary contributions. Event sponsors are recognized on the website, at the event, and on social media. The Greek Festival has a strong, organic following on social media with over 5,000 followers! We will promote your sponsorship and your business name.

If you're interested in a leadership position, contact any of the Executive Board members (at least one can be found in the Narthex on Sundays) or email sacgreekfestival1@annunciationsac.org. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at baking days and volunteering in a festival booth!

Καλη Δυναμη!

Stefanie Hionis for the 2024 Greek Festival Executive Board: Stefanie Hionis, Christo Georgoulis, George Chuchas, Emily Coleman, Michael Dariotis, Dan Eriksson, Helen Grammatitakis, Julie Mamalis, & Demetri Romas

SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

Local Greek & Greater Mediterranean Festivals 2025



Oakland – May 16, 17, & 18 – <https://www.oaklandgreekfestival.com/>

Marin – May 23, 24, & 25 – <https://www.nativityofchrist.org/marin-greek-festival>

San Jose – 1st weekend of June – <https://www.saintnicholas.org/san-jose-greek-festival>

Vallejo – July 12 (unconfirmed) – <https://www.stscas.com/greek-festival/>

Belmont – Aug 30 & 31 – <https://www.belmontgreekfestival.com/>

Stockton – Sept 5, 6, & 7 – <https://stocktongreekfoodfest.com/>

Roseville – Sept 6 & 7 – <https://festival.saintanna.org/>

Reno – Sept 6 & 7 (unconfirmed) – <https://renogreekfest.com/>

Milpitas (Mediterranean) – Sept 12, 13, & 14 (unconfirmed) – <https://www.sjorthodox.org/festival>

Roseville (Egyptian) – Sept 13 & 14 (unconfirmed) – <https://stmccs.org/sacramento-coptic-church-egyptian-festival/>

Modesto – Sept 20 & 21 (unconfirmed) – <https://goannunciation.org/>

Fresno – Sept 19, 20 & 21 – <https://fresnogreekfest.com/>

San Francisco – Sept 19, 20 & 21 – <https://www.annunciation.org/our-annual-food-festival/festival>

West Sacramento (Mediterranean) – Sept 20 – <https://www.holyvirginmary-orthodox.org/event-details/mediterranean-food-and-music-festival-2>

Elk Grove – Sept 27 & 28 – <https://www.saintkatherine.org/foodfestival/>

Castro Valley – Oct 3, 4, & 5, 2025– <https://www.resurrectiongoc.com/greekfestival>

SACRAMENTO'S 62nd Greek Festival – October 3, 4, & 5, 2025

Disclaimer:

Stefanie makes no claims as to whether the other festivals are as fun and tasty as ours. She has attended some but not all; this is merely a list.

ANNUNCIATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Exciting news about the...

The Greeks in Sacramento

The stories of the Greeks in Phoenix, the Greeks in Chicago, and the Greeks in San Francisco were published by Arcadia Publishing Co. and now our story is coming to print!

The Annunciation Historical Society is writing a book about the Greeks in the greater Sacramento area, and you've got it! It's called, "The Greeks in Sacramento."

In keeping with the Society's mission, "to preserve and celebrate the rich history and traditions of the Greeks in the Sacramento region," this book will highlight the pioneering spirit of the Greek immigrants who helped

make Sacramento what it is today. The book, which will be part of the "Images of America" series, will focus on the formation and events of our Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation Parish and the Greek community.

We've been meeting for more than a year and are nearing completion. We were hoping to have the book available for our Greek Food Festival, 2025, but that's not possible. We will keep you informed of our timeline, so keep watching the Sunday bulletins and e-mail notifications. For any questions or further information, please talk to Terry Kastanis, Katerina Lagos, Maria Sampanis, Julie Mamalis, Jim Chuchas, or Toni Chapralis.

We are looking forward to the publication of "The Greeks in Sacramento" and think that you will like it, too!



Good Friday Services at our first church at 620 N Street



William Karneges in front of his candy store on 28th and J Street circa 1930

ANNUNCIATION GREEK DANCE MINISTRY

What an exciting past few months it has been for our Annunciation Greek Dance Ministry! Between our Elliniki Vrachia Glendi and FDF 2025 in Anaheim, CA, our dancers have been busy showcasing their steps, smiles, kefi, and love for Greek folk dance.

We wanted to celebrate all of our dance groups that participated in the 2024-2025 dance season:

- Ta Kamaria, directed by Stefanie Manolakas Mizner and Katherine Garrett, are our youngest and newest dancers. They performed quite possibly the cutest suite of dances at our Elliniki Vrachia Glendi.
- Ta Koukounaria, directed by Ioanna Gergiannakis and Marilena Pikios, participated in the Division III Exhibition Showcase at FDF and danced onstage with His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.
- Rizes, directed by Lindsey Fostinis Kivetos and Margo Tzitzikas, received the Founder's Special Achievement Award for their spirited tsamiko in the Division II Primary category.
- Oi Apogonoi, directed by Maria Demas Verrios, Spyro Avdis, and Giana Kordazakis, won the Choral award and received 4th place in the Division II Junior category.
- Nea Genia, directed by Evi and Dimitra Tsigaris, won first place in the Division I Intermediate category.
- Deos, our adult Advanced Senior group directed by Lindsey Fostinis Kivetos, Nena Kyrklidou, and George Kyriklidis, received the Division I Special Achievement award in recognition for their Pontic suite from Ak Dag Maten.

We want to thank our Annunciation community and our dance ministry families for their support this year. Between bringing dancers to weekly practices, volunteering your time and talents at one of our fundraisers or community events, and supporting dancers as they prepared for their performances, this program wouldn't be the thriving ministry it is without you all.

Here's to another fantastic dance season! We can't wait to see what 2025-2026 has in store.

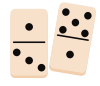
Interested in getting involved with our Greek Dance Ministry? Please reach out to dance@annunciationsac.org



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, Liz Dokimos: lizdokimos@comcast.net.

LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT



SATURDAY OF LAZARUS
APRIL 12

10am – 3pm
GRADES TK-12

DIVINE LITURGY • LENTEN BREAKFAST • TYING OF THE PALM CROSSES
PROSFORO BAKING • LESSONS & CRAFTS

REGISTER AT tiny.cc/youthretreat25

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

CONTACT NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

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SUNDAY SCHOOL



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

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

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 with questions.

tiny.cc/epistlereaders

ACOLYTES



ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION 2024-2025

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2024

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions
garyleonard@hotmail.com

ANNUNCIATION SUMMER DAY CAMP



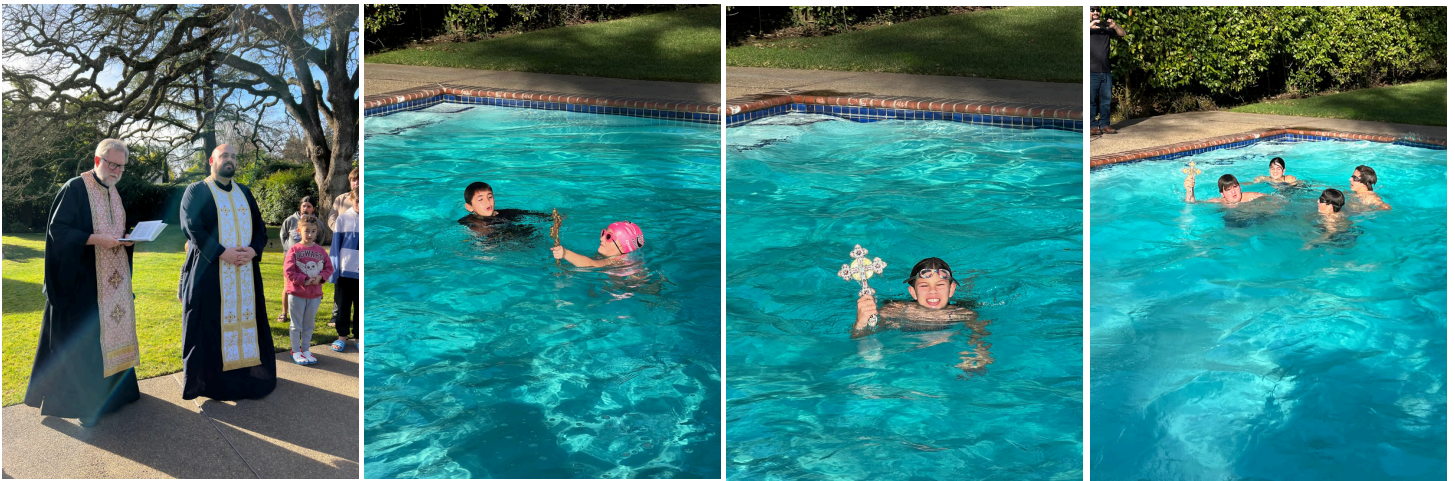
SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 23 - 27

MORE DETAILS TO COME

PARISH PHOTOS

Dive for the Cross • January 4, 2025



Greek School Vasilopita • January 2025



Parish Council Swearing In • January 12, 2025



PARISH PHOTOS

Dancer Recognition • March 2, 2025



GOYA Koliva Workshop • March 7, 2025



Myrrhbearer Meet & Greet Tea Party • March 9, 2025

Bay Area GOYA Retreat • March 16, 2025



PARISH PHOTOS

Sunday of Orthodoxy • March 9, 2025



Veneration of the Holy Cross • March 23, 2025



Great Vespers for the Annunciation • March 24, 2025



PARISH PHOTOS

Parish Feast Day • March 25, 2025



PARISH PHOTOS

Philoptochos Lenten Retreat • March 29, 2025



Parish Oratorical Festival • March 30, 2025



PLEDGED STEWARDS 2025

AS OF 3/31/2025

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN CHRIST

Nick & Shari Alexander
Peter Anagnoston
George & Alexis Anastasopoulos
David & Evelyn Anderson
Jason & Martha Anderson
Joshua (Anthony) & Rebekah Anderson
Peter Andrews
Elizabeth & Petros Angelakis
Philip & Julie Angelides
Kostas Angelopoulos
Geoffrey & Antonia Antipa
Demetra "Dea" Athon
Dennis Augostatos
Theodoros & Georgia Avdalas
Nicholas & Nikki Avdis
Spyridon & Georgia Avdis
Diana Bachelor
Dan & Katherine Ballas
Susan Bitar
Suzanne Blihovde
Jamie Bobolis
Denny Boom
Julia & Anton Boorinakis Harper
Greg Booros
John & Katina Bostanzoglou
P.J. & Vicky Bourdaniotis
Paul & Kostandina Bourdaniotis
Anna Brusco
Katherine Buttacavoli
Cathryn Calmes
Paul & Zaferia Cambra
Anthony & Michele Caposis
Peter & Fotine Casheros
Eleftheria Cazanis
Maria Cazanis
Vivian Cazanis
Gus Changaris
Tim & Antonia Chapralis
Evan Chavez
Jack Chesson
Adoni & Kristen Christie
Grigorios & Bettina Chrysoufakis
George & Christina Chuchas
James & Despina Chuchas
James & Toulia Clubb
Philip & Emily Coleman
Peter & Soteria Cononelos
Antonia Const
Jim Const
Dennis & Jeanlaurie Corelis
Stamatiki Coss
Carol & Berle Crisp
Timothy & Effie Crush
Christine Dariotis
Michael Dariotis
Aaron Davis

Linda Davison
Maria De Ville
Andrew & Christina Demas
John & Despina Demas
John & Marianna Demas
John & Penelope Demas
Louis Demas
Stasis & Jody Diavatis
Constantine & Victoria Dimitriades
Michael & Forest Dimitropoulos
Nicholas & Laura Docous
Thomas & Helen Dogias
Kathy Dokimos
Donald Dole
Katherine Dole
Elaine Donovan
Evangelina Douveas
Marina Downing
Demosthenes & Bessie Dulger-Sheikin
Scott & Angie Ebrahimi
Georgia Econome
Kiki Econome
Zachary & Sarah Edson
Nicholas & Jeanne Efstratis
Bill & Leah Evrigenis
Sophia Evrigenis
Samir & Nuha Fadayel
Michael & Elena Fazio
Dennis Ferreira
Vasiliki & Erik Fkias-Magnuson
George & Kathy Fotopoulos
Panagiotis Fotopoulos
Panayiotis Fotopoulos
Phillip & Soula Fotopoulos
Antonia Fotos
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Kyriako & Brenda Fotos
Kyriakos & Elaine Frangogiannis
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Andrew & Teresa Gates
Constantin & Maude (Micki) Genigeorgis
Alexis Genung
Nikolaos & Thalia Georgalis
Joann Georgallis
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