



FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL

JUNE 1, 2025

Fathers of the 1st Council

June 1, 2025

No Fasting | Mode Plagal 4 | 10th Orthros Gospel

On this Lord's Day, the Seventh Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Fathers of the 1st Eumenical Council (Nicaea, 325 AD); Justin the Philosopher and Martyr and his Companions; Pyrrhos the Hieromartyr; Hieromartyr Patrick, Bishop of Prussa.

First Antiphon. Mode 2. Psalm 46.

Verse 1: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

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

Verse 2: For the Lord most high is fearsome; a great King over all the earth. *Ref.*

Verse 3: He subdued the peoples under us and the nations under our feet. *Ref.*

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... *Ref.*

Second Antiphon. Mode 2. Psalm 47.

Verse 1: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: God is known in her palaces; when he helps her. *Ref.*

Verse 3: For behold, the kings assembled; they came together. *Ref.*

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

Third Antiphon. Mode 4. Psalm 48.

Verse 1: Hear this, all you nations.

Verse 2: My mouth shall speak wisdom, and the meditation of my heart, understanding.

Verse 3: I will incline my ear to a parable; I will open my riddle on the harp.

Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4: Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Resurrectional Apolytikion. Mode Plagal 2: Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν· καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν ἄδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπ' αὐτοῦ· ὑπήντησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν. Ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your tomb, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary, who was seeking Your immaculate body. Unassailed by Hades, You divested it of spoils. Then You met the Virgin. You granted life. O Lord, risen from the dead, glory to You!

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For the Fathers. Mode Plagal 4: Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὁδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

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 τῇ Θεοτόκῳ 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 of the Feast. Mode Plagal 2: Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανίοις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἰμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * “I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you.”

After the Trisagion: **Order of the New Testament Readings**

Prokeimenon. Mode 4. The Prayer of Azariah.

Blessed are You, O Lord God of our fathers.

For You are righteous in all You did for us.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16–18; 28–36): IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or

apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' "And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from John (17:1-13): AT THAT TIME, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A
Bill Evrigenis – Team Leader, Takis Fotopoulos,
Chris Georgoulas, RJ Hansen, Niko Pikios, Demetri Romas



Altar Guild
Angela Calmes



Epistle Reader
Jasper Geranios

Memorial
George Nicholau (40 days)

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org

QUARTERLY OBSERVER - June 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

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

Annunciation Parish Calendar
tiny.cc/parishcalendar

Liturgical Item Needed

New Communion Chalice Set Needed for Divine Liturgy

Our parish recently acquired a new Communion chalice set, now being used in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. This beautiful set—including the chalice, diskos, asterisk, spoon, and spear—was needed to support the reverent offering of the Holy Eucharist.



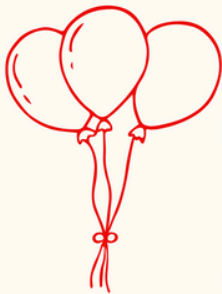
If you would like to donate toward the purchase of the set, in full or in part, please contact Fr. Vinnie at frvincent@annunciationsac.org.

Thank you for your continued love and generosity toward our parish.

You're Invited

Stewardship Appreciation Celebration

Honoring those who share their time, talents & treasures
with our community and make our parish life possible



Sunday, June 1

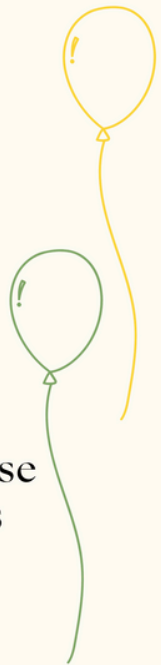
Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Annunciation Hellenic Center

Join us as we come together in gratitude to
celebrate the dedicated stewards of our parish
and the close of a wonderful Sunday School year!

**Lunch & Dessert ~ Music ~ Bounce House
Fellowship with Parish Friends & Families**

Let's celebrate the heart of our community—you!

All are welcome!





BAKING

Please join us as we begin baking for our 62nd annual Sacramento Greek Festival. Beginners are welcome! Come learn, support our parish, and enjoy lunch, fun, and fellowship.

Monday, June 23 - Kourambietes

Monday, June 30 - Koulourakia

Saturday, August 23 - Galactobouriko

Saturday, August 30 - Baklava

9:00am

Please contact Helen Grammatikakis at (916) 607-1627 with questions

CALLING ALL GRADUATES



CLASS OF 2025

HIGH SCHOOL • COLLEGE • GRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 15
AS WE RECOGNIZE OUR GRADUATES**

VISIT tiny.cc/grads25 TO SUBMIT YOUR
INFORMATION BY SUNDAY, JUNE 8

PLEASE CONTACT NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

ANNUNCIATION



SUMMER
DAY
CAMP
2025

PASSPORT TO FAITH A JOURNEY THROUGH GREECE WITH THE SAINTS

Join us as we travel through the beautiful regions of Greece and meet the holy saints who lived, loved, and served Christ in their homeland. Each day, we'll explore a new destination, dive into inspiring lives of faith, and grow closer to God through stories, crafts, music, games, and prayer.

JUNE 23 - 27
1 - 4 PM

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

GRADES TK-8 • \$75 PER CAMPER

REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 8

**CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS
NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG**



ANNUNCIATION



SUMMER
DAY
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CAMP COUNSELOR REGISTRATION

JUNE 23-27 • 12:45-4:15 PM

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GRADES 9–12)!

Do you want to grow in your faith, serve your church,
and help younger children deepen their love for Christ?

Join us as a Camp Counselor for our Summer Day Camp! This is a meaningful and fun leadership opportunity where you will help guide TK–8th grade campers through a week of faith, fellowship, and learning. Together, we'll explore the lives of the saints from different regions of Greece and discover what it means to live as a modern-day Orthodox Christian.

Camp Counselor role:

- Leading and assisting with daily camp activities: crafts, music, games, storytelling, and prayer
- Being a positive faith role model for campers
- Helping manage small groups and transitions between activities
- Participating in a daily 30-minute reflection and guidance session with Fr. Vinnie
- Attending a 30-minute Zoom Counselor Orientation (time/date TBA)

REGISTER BY JUNE 8

CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS
NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG





ANNUNCIATION GREEK FOLK DANCE

About Our Ministry

The Annunciation Greek Dance Program is dedicated to bringing our youth and young adults together in the spirit of Orthodox Christian fellowship and faith through folk dance and music.

Scan the QR code to learn more about our program and register!



Registration for the 25-26 season opens May 5 and closes on June 8



DSG BOARD

The Annunciation Dance Support Group is looking for volunteers to fill positions on the DSG Board and various committees to help support our Greek Folk Dance Ministry.

If you are interested in serving and are currently a parishioner in good standing, please fill out the following application by May 30: tiny.cc/dsgboard

Please contact dance@annunciationsac.org with questions.



**ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE
SUMMER LUNCHEON INVITATION**

Annunciation Hellenic Hall

Thursday, June 12th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Main Program: Bingo!

Reservations: Diane Petersen (916) 214-4644
(If you're not on the calling list, feel free to ask to be included.)

Tickets: \$15 at the door



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

As we wrap up another joyful and faith-filled year of Sunday School, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, families, and dedicated teachers and leaders. Your commitment and spirit make our parish thrive!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School will return for the 2025–2026 year on Sunday, September 14. We look forward to another blessed year of learning and growing in Christ together!

SAVE THE DATE

Annunciation Ministries Kickoff

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY





2025-2026 Greek School Teacher Pool

Looking to make a difference and help teach modern Greek?

The Annunciation Greek School Program invites individuals to join our teacher pool and help share the beauty of the Greek language. We offer classes for all levels—from beginner to advanced—for both youth and adults, whether for personal enrichment or preparation for *Ellinomatheia* certification. Teaching schedules will be determined based on enrollment. Registration opens in early July, and classes begin after Labor Day in September.

Join our team and make a difference!

For more information or to submit a c.v., please contact griekschool@annunciationsac.org

Annunciation Youth 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

Become a Sponsor! 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.



GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY – CHAPTER 4017
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

ELECTION NOTICE

May 10, 2025

ELECTION NOTICE TO ALL ELIGIBLE PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERS

DATE: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Annunciation Hellenic Center

This is to notify you that the Elections for the 2025-2027 Philoptochos Chapter 4017 Board of Directors will be held at the date, time and place mentioned above.

Eligibility to Vote: Full members who have fulfilled financial commitment to the chapter for the current year are eligible to vote.

For additional information or questions please contact Despina Demas at DespinaDemas@outlook.com or call Effie Theodor at 916.443.2033

A Call to Service

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR OUR 2025-2027 PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD

Share your gifts. Empower, inspire, and drive a positive change within our community. Join Philoptochos in its mission to promote charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic outreach; to preserve the sanctity of life and family; and to perpetuate and promote our Orthodox faith and traditions.

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW.

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION(S) BY JUNE 1, 2025 TO PHILOPTOCHOS@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG
EMAIL INQUIRIES TO DESPINADEMAS@OUTLOOK.COM



Philoptochos will host a session for anyone interested in learning about board service, what board members do and what is required during the Philoptochos meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00p.m. in room 2206 of the Hellenic Center



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



June 1-8

Sunday, June 1

Fathers of the 1st Council

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

Last Day of Sunday School

Stewardship Appreciation Celebration

Thursday, June 5

6:00pm Volleyball Practices

6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class

Saturday, June 7

Saturday of Souls

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Summer Hours Begin

Sunday, June 8

Holy Pentecost

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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

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

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

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

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