



GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH  
ANNUNCIATION  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA



HOLY PENTECOST  
JUNE 8, 2025

# Holy Pentecost

## June 8, 2025

No Fasting all week! | Festal Modes | Festal Orthros Gospel (John 20:19-23)

On this Lord's Day, the 8th Day of June, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost following the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ; we also remember the Removal of the Relics of Theodore the Commander; Kalliope the Martyr; Melania the Righteous; Anastasios the New Martyr of Constantinople; Theophanes the New Martyr of Constantinople.

### Antiphon 1. Mode 2. Psalm 18.

**Verse 1:** The heavens declare the glory of God: the firmament shows the creation of his hands.

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

**Verse 2:** Day to day utters the word: and night to night reveals knowledge. *Ref.*

**Verse 3:** There is no speech nor language where their voices are not heard. *Ref.*

**Verse 4:** Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. *Ref.*

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

### Antiphon 2. Mode 2. Psalm 19.

**Verse 1:** May the Lord hear you in the day of afflictions; may the name of the God of Jacob defend you.

**Refrain:** Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Verse 2:** May he send you help from His holy place, and may He support you from Zion.

**Refrain:** Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Παράκλητε ἀγαθέ, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

**Verse 3:** May he remember every sacrifice of yours, and may your whole burnt offering be honored. *Ref.*

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

### Antiphon 3. Mode pl. 4. Psalm 20.

**Verse 1:** O Lord, the king shall be glad in Your power, and in Your salvation he will greatly rejoice.

**Verse 2:** You gave him his soul's desire, and You did not deprive him of his lips' request.

**Verse 3:** For You anticipated him with blessings of goodness; You placed a crown of precious stones on his head. **Verse 4:** He asked You for life, and You gave it to him, length of days unto ages of ages.

**Refrain (Apolytikion of the Feast):** Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!

### Entrance Hymn. Mode 2. Psalm 20:13. (Υψώθητι Κύριε).

Be exalted, O Lord, in your power: we will sing and praise your mighty deeds. Save us, O good Comforter. We sing to you: Alleluia!

### Apolytikia & Kontakia

**Of the Feast. Mode Plagal 4:** Εὐλογητὸς εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God. You sent down the Holy Spirit into the fishermen, and You gave them knowledge and wisdom in everything; and through them, as in a net You caught the whole world. O Lord who loves humanity, glory to You!

**Kontakion of the Feast. Mode Plagal 4:** Ὅτε καταβὰς τὰς γλώσσας συνέχεε, διεμέριζεν ἔθνη ὁ Ὑψιστος· ὅτε τοῦ πυρὸς τὰς γλώσσας διένειμεν, εἰς ἐνότητα πάντας ἐκάλεσε· καὶ συμφώνως δοξάζομεν τὸ Πανάγιον Πνεῦμα.

When the Most High came down and confused the tongues, he divided the nations. When He distributed the tongues of fire, He called all to unity. And with one voice we glorify the All-holy Spirit.'

**Instead of the Trisagion Hymn:** Ὅσοι εἰς Χριστὸν ἐβαπτίσθητε, Χριστὸν ἐνεδύσασθε. Ἀλληλουῖα.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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

#### **Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode Plagal 4. Psalm 18.**

Their proclamation went forth into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.

The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows the creation of His hands.

**The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (2:1-11):** WHEN THE DAY of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontos and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

**Alleluia.**

**The Gospel Reading is from John (7:37-52; 8:12):** ON THE LAST DAY OF THE FEAST, the great day, Jesus stood up and proclaimed, "If any one thirst, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, 'Out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, which those who believed in him were to receive; for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This is really the prophet." Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? Has not the scripture said that the Christ is

descended from David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" So there was a division among the people over him. Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. The officers then went back to the chief priest and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this man!" The Pharisees answered them, "Are you led astray, you also? Have any of the authorities or of the Pharisees believed in him? But this crowd, who do not know the law, are accursed." Nikodemos, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, "Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and you will see that no prophet is to rise from Galilee." Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

**Instead of ‘It is truly right’, Grave Mode (Μή τῆς φθορᾶς):** When you conceived, you experienced no deflowerment. \* You lent your flesh to the Logos, through whom all things were made. \* Therefore we magnify you, Virgin Theotokos, \* Mother who knew no man, space and holder of your Maker, who is uncontainable and infinite.

**Communion Hymn (Τό Πνεῦμα σου):** Your good Spirit shall guide me in a land of uprightness. Alleluia.

**Instead of ‘We have seen the true Light’, the Apolytikion of the Feast (Εὐλογητός εἶ):** Blessed are you...

**THE KNEELING VESPERS OF PENTECOST**

Abbreviated. After the Divine Liturgy

**Parish Council: Team B**

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



**Altar Guild**  
Donna Wagner

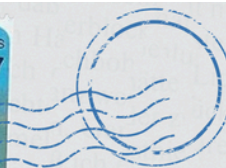


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**SUNDAY BULLETIN** – Wednesdays by 4pm to [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)  
*Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements*

**WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST** – Wednesdays by 4pm to [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)

**QUARTERLY OBSERVER** – June 10th to [observer@annunciationsac.org](mailto:observer@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



# 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](https://tiny.cc/grads25) TO SUBMIT YOUR  
INFORMATION BY SUNDAY, JUNE 8

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

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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**





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SUMMER  
DAY  
CAMP  
2025

## 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  
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# VOLLEYBALL IS BACK!

## JUNE PRACTICES

Thursday 6/5  
Tuesday 6/10  
Tuesday 6/17  
Tuesday 6/24

Youth (3rd Grade and Up) • 6:00pm  
Young Adults & Adults • 7:00pm

**Annunciation Hellenic Center**

For more info call or text  
Kate Margaritis @ 916-718-3749

# COME AND JOIN THE FUN



## 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 - Kourambiethes**

**Monday, June 30 - Koulourakia**

**Saturday, August 23 - Galactobouriko**

**Saturday, August 30 - Baklava**

**9:00am**

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





## ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE SUMMER LUNCHEON INVITATION



*Annunciation Hellenic Hall*

***Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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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**A SUMMER NIGHT WITH ANNUNCIATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH AND**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**

**SACRAMENTO REPUBLIC FC VS OAKLAND ROOTS SC**

**KICKOFF AT 8:00PM**

GATES OPEN AT 6:30PM

**TICKETS: \$34**

PRE-MATCH HIGH-FIVE TUNNEL • POST-MATCH GROUP PHOTO ON PITCH

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SAVE THE DATE

*Annunciation*  
**Ministries Kickoff**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER  
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY



**BACKPACK BLESSINGS**  
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JOIN US AS WE PRAY FOR GOD TO BLESS OUR STUDENTS  
AND KEEP THEM SAFE IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

**Sunday, September 7**

STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR  
BACKPACKS TO THE DIVINE LITURGY TO BE BLESSED





## 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 [greeksschool@annunciationsac.org](mailto:greeksschool@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](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org) with questions.

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

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**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](mailto: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 [PHILOTOCHOS@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG](mailto:PHILOTOCHOS@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG)  
EMAIL INQUIRIES TO [DESPINADEMAS@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto: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*





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# 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](https://pushpay.com/login) or contact the Annunciation Financial Office at [accounting@annunciationsac.org](mailto: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](https://annunciationsac.org/stewardship)  
or return a pledge card to the Church Office





# June 8-15

**Sunday, June 8**

**Holy Pentecost**

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

**Tuesday, June 10**

6:00pm Volleyball Practices

**Thursday, June 12**

11:30am ASL Luncheon

6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class

**Sunday, June 15**

**The Sunday of All Saints**

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

Graduate Recognition Sunday

## **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](http://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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