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## COMMUNITY UPDATE

### We welcome into the church:

Eric (Peter) Johnson, by Adult Chrismation, April 6

Eliana Hansen, May 17

Diana (Sophia) Bachelor, by Adult Chrismation, May 21

Haralambos Kazanis, June 21

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

Grammatiki "Kiki" Parker, April 4 (*Funeral at Mortuary in Marysville*)

Emmanuel Vasiliou, May 1

George Nicholau, May 8

# LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

Sunday, July 6	<b>Fourth Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, July 13	<b>Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the 4th Ecumenical Council</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, July 20	<b>6th Sunday of Matthew and the Holy Prophet Elias</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Thursday, July 24	6:00pm Vespers Dormition of St. Anna <i>at St. Anna, Roseville</i>
Friday, July 25	<b>Dormition of St. Anna</b> <i>at St. Anna, Roseville</i> Orthros 8:00am, Divine Liturgy 9:00am
Saturday, July 26	<b>St. Paraskevi the Righteous Martyr</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, July 27	<b>7th Sunday of Matthew and St. Panteleimon the Great Martyr</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Friday, August 1	6:00pm Paraklisis to the Theotokos <i>Fast for the Dormition of the Theotokos Begins</i>
Sunday, August 3	<b>8th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Monday, August 4	6:00pm Paraklisis to the Theotokos
Tuesday, August 5	6:00pm Great Vespers, the Transfiguration of our Lord
Wednesday, August 6	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Friday, August 8	6:00pm Paraklisis to the Theotokos
Sunday, August 10	<b>9th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Monday, August 11	6:00pm Paraklisis to the Theotokos
Wednesday, August 13	6:00pm Paraklisis to the Theotokos

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Thursday, August 14	6:00pm Great Vespers, The Dormition of the Theotokos
Friday, August 15	<b>The Dormition of the Theotokos</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, August 17	<b>10th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, August 24	<b>11th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Friday, August 29	<b>Beheading of St. John the Baptist</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, August 31	<b>12th Sunday of Matthew</b> Orthros 8:30am, Divine Liturgy 9:30am
Sunday, September 7	<b>Sunday Before Holy Cross</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Monday, September 8	<b>Nativity of the Theotokos</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Saturday, September 13	6:00pm Great Vespers <i>at Holy Cross, Jackson Road</i>
Sunday, September 14	<b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Wednesday, September 17	<b>St. Sophia and Her 3 Daughters, Faith, Hope and Love</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, September 21	<b>Sunday After Holy Cross</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am
Sunday, September 28	<b>First Sunday of Luke</b> Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

## REGULAR HOURS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

**ORTHROS 9:00AM, DIVINE LITURGY 10:00AM**



# PASTORAL MESSAGE

## A Favorite Saint

One of my favorite Saints is the holy New Hieromartyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Kosmas Aitolos (1714-1779). St. Kosmas was born in 1714 in Mega Dendron, Aitolia, Greece, to a father who was a weaver and a devout mother.

He attended village schools, but was tutored by an archdeacon. He attended a school on Mt. Athos. He became a monk and later priest at Philotheou Monastery where he remained for two years. After a time, he felt a calling to do missionary work in Greece, especially in the remote areas where there was a lack of churches and priests for the many unbaptized adults.

As an aftermath of four centuries of Turkish oppression in Greece, Kosmas received the patriarchal blessing in 1759 to travel wherever needed, for however long, with complete independence, to breathe life back into Christianity in Greece.

Kosmas travelled in Greece, its islands, and Albania for 25 years, founding over 200 schools, as well as charities and rural churches. He travelled by foot, by donkey and by ship. By the 18th century, many Greek people lived in communities with no functioning Church. When he came to a village he would ask the villagers to plant a large wooden cross in the village square. Then he would mount a bench next to the cross and preach to the villagers about the love of God and the Orthodox faith.

His efforts eventually drew the attention of the authorities. The Ottomans tried him on charges of conspiracy and sentenced him to hang in August 1779 in Albania. However, one account reports that he prayed and gave up his spirit before this could occur. Saint Kosmas was glorified and proclaimed a Saint by the Ecumenical Patriarchate in 1961. His feast day is celebrated August 24.

Here is an important thought: Without the dedication and self-sacrificial ministry of St. Kosmas and others like him, what would have happened to the Orthodox Christian Faith in Greece during these dark days?

### **A few selected Passages From The Teachings of Saint Kosmas Aitolos:**

LOVE: If we want to fare well in this life and to go to Paradise, and to call our God Father, we must have two loves: love for God and love for our neighbor. It is natural for us to have these two loves, and contrary to nature not have them. Just as a swallow needs two wings in order to fly in the air, so we need these two loves, because without them we cannot be saved.

So let us have love for God and for our fellow men. Then God comes and brings us joy and implants eternal life in our hearts, and we fare well in this life and also go to Paradise, there to rejoice forever.

Fortunate is the man who has these two loves in his heart, that for God and that for his brethren. He surely has God; and whoever has God has every blessing and does not accept sin.

Again, wretched is the man who does not have these two loves. Surely he has the devil and evil, and always sins. God, my brethren, asks us to have these two loves. As He Himself says in His Holy Gospel: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the Prophets."

Through these two loves all the Saints of our Church, men and women, attained sainthood and won Paradise.

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Whoever has blessed love, firstly for God and secondly for his fellow Christian, becomes worthy of receiving the Holy Trinity in his heart. If you wish to be saved, seek no other thing here in this world as much as love.

Those of you who earn your bread by means of your toil and sweat should rejoice, because that bread is blessed; and if you give a little of it as alms it is reckoned as much.

But those who live by means of injustice and grasping should mourn, for what you thus acquire is cursed; and if you give alms out of these they do not benefit you at all, but these become a fire that consumes you.

The Martyrs won Paradise through their blood; the Ascetics, through their ascetic life. Now you, my brethren, who have children, how will you win Paradise? By means of hospitality, by your love for each other, by giving to your brothers who are poor, blind, or lame.

**HUMILITY:** The Christian needs two wings in order to soar upward and attain Paradise: humility and love. When the first order of angels fell from angelic glory and became demons, but the other nine orders humbled themselves and worshipped the All-Holy Trinity, and remained in their place and rejoice forever.

We, too, my brethren, must reflect what an evil thing pride is – that it cast down the devil from angelic glory and he will always burn in Hades – and that humility kept the angels in Heaven, and they rejoice perpetually in the glory of the Holy Trinity.

Let us then, my brethren, avoid pride, because it is the first daughter of the devil, it is a path that leads to Hades; and let us have humility, because it is angelic, it is a path that leads to Paradise.

**CONFESSION:** If you want cure your soul, you need four things. The first is to forgive your enemies. The second is to confess thoroughly. The third is to blame yourself. The fourth is to resolve to sin no more.

If we wish to be saved, we must always blame ourselves and not attribute our wrong acts to others. And God, Who is most compassionate, will forgive us.

**FASTING:** We who are pious Christians must fast always, but especially on Wednesday, because the Lord was sold on that day, and on Friday, because He was crucified on that day.

Similarly, it is our duty to fast during the Lent seasons, as the Holy Spirit illumined the holy Fathers of the Church to decree, in order to mortify the passions and humble the body. Moreover, if we limit the food we eat, life becomes easier for us.

Fast according to your ability, pray according to your ability, give alms according to your ability, and always hold death before the eyes of your mind.

**KEEPING SUNDAY:** Do not separate yourselves from Christ and from the Church. Do you hear the priest ringing the bells? Rise at once, wash yourselves, and go to church. Attend the Orthros (Matins) attentively and likewise the Divine Liturgy. We should not work or do business on Sunday. The profit that you gain on Sunday is cursed. Keep Sunday as a day dedicated to God.

**THE JESUS PRAYER:** This prayer should never be absent from you: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy upon me, a sinner."

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Always say this prayer both with your mouth and with your mind, day and night, wherever you may be, whether eating, walking, working, or sitting. Always meditate on it, as it benefits you a great deal, frees you here from every evil, delivers you there from eternal Hell, and renders you worthy of going to Paradise, our heavenly country.

**TEACHING OF THE SCRIPTURES:** Heed all the thoughts of the Holy Gospels, because they are all diamonds, treasures, joy, delight, eternal life. The existence of many churches neither preserves nor strengthens our faith to the proper extent and in the proper manner, if those who believe in God are not enlightened by the Old and the New Testaments.

I have found the words and the commandments of Christ to be pure, holy, true, splendid, brighter than the sun; and whoever believes in Christ and calls Him God and lives in accordance with His teaching, contained in the Holy Gospels, is fortunate and thrice-blessed.

The Holy Spirit illumined first the holy Prophets, and they wrote the Divine Scripture; second, He illumined the holy Apostles; and third, He has illumined the holy Fathers, and they have explained the books of our Church, in order that we may know how to conduct ourselves.

Our Faith has been made secure by wise and learned Saints who both explained the Holy Scriptures precisely and have enlightened us through their divinely inspired discourses.

In Christ,

Fr. Timothy



# LETTER FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Annunciation Family,

As we close out another wonderful school year, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. This past year has been filled with vibrant ministry activities, meaningful fellowship, and moments of deepening faith. None of it would have been possible without the dedication and love of our clergy, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parish families. Thank you for making Annunciation a thriving, faithful, and welcoming community.

As summer begins, I hope this season brings rest, joy, and time with loved ones. But let us also remember that while school may pause for a few months, our church does not take a break. The doors of Annunciation remain open every week — for worship, for prayer, and for all those seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ. Our parish is not just a place we go; it is who we are, all year long.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for what the new year will bring! Mark your calendars now for two important Sundays in September: our annual Ministries Kickoff on Sunday, September 7, and the first day of Sunday School on Sunday, September 14. These events are a beautiful reminder that our parish life continues to grow and flourish, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

May God bless you and your families with a peaceful and joy-filled summer.

In Christ,

Michael Dariotis Jr.  
*Parish Council President*

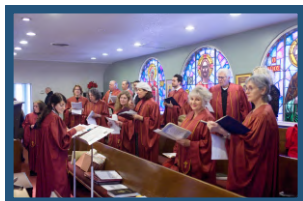




# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship in Action

This spring, four parishioners shared heartfelt reflections on what stewardship means to them. Their words, alongside images of our community in action, remind us that stewardship is more than a pledge—it's a way of life rooted in love, service, and faith.



### Jim Chuchas

In researching the definition of Stewardship, two elements in the definition got my attention. One element involved “the responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care.” Another element in the definition was related to the “practice of careful planning and management to ensure long-term sustainability.”



Regarding the first definition element of “responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care”:

Over 75 years ago, in July 1950, I was baptized at the first site of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church when it was located at 620 N Street. I was probably among the last few children to be baptized at the N Street location before it moved to Alhambra Blvd in 1951. My parents, George and Anna, fostered the importance of Orthodox faith in our family. They, along with my sisters Andreanna and Vassie and myself, would travel from Roseville in a 1942 Chevrolet Coupe to Sacramento, down Old Hwy 40 (Auburn Blvd) before Hwy 80 was built, to attend services at the Annunciation Church in Sacramento. My parents set the example at an early age regarding being active and involved stewards of our Orthodox Faith.



Many of the early founding members of our church, as well as my parents, came to this country at a very young age. They worked hard, sacrificed, and always had the importance of faith in God as a primary focus.

The selfless efforts of these early Annunciation faithful stewards for the past 100 years, along with the blessings of GOD, is why we still have our beloved Annunciation Church today. So, I feel a very serious sense of responsibility and duty to continue, through stewardship, to do what I can to leave our church in better stead for future generations.



Regarding the other element in the definition of stewardship, specifically “sustainability”: Yes, sustainability involves monetary support, but beyond that, and more importantly, it involves the sharing of blessings and God-given talents with others so that we may serve GOD. It also encompasses the importance for us as Stewards to welcome, share, and bring others to our faith.



Within a Parish, there is a lot of effort needed to provide “sustainability.” I liken this process to that of “rowing a boat.” If you have ever tried rowing a boat, and if you only have one oar, or if you have an uneven number of oars, the boat may be unbalanced and not get to the place where you want it to be very easily. Or, if you

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have just two oars manned by few doing all the work, you may become tired and discouraged. What is needed is for there to be many oars, manned by many different people, evenly distributed so that all pull together as one evenly. This will allow the boat to move through the water easily and in a more efficient manner.

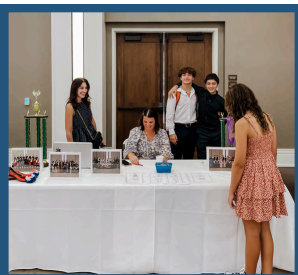
You may also need different types of oars that possess certain characteristics of weight, size, composition that can help with moving the boat successfully forward. This is the same for our Parish. We need the support of different parishioners with varied gifts, treasures, or talents to help with sustaining and growing our parish.



I'd like to take this opportunity to share an observation that I have seen evolve the past few years and provide a commendation to many of you, including some of our younger parishioners and younger families. I am so very pleased to not only see very familiar faces continuing to help throughout our parish, but I have been noticing newer and different faces taking their "oar," sharing their talents, becoming faithful Orthodox Stewards, and actively involved in supporting our parish in so many different roles. This effort is definitely helping to ensure continued "sustainability" of our parish.



Getting back to why I continue to be a Steward... Besides what I outlined earlier in my talk today... that I feel a sense of responsibility to those faithful Annunciation stewards who have gone before us and entrusted us with this beautiful parish, I also feel a deep and sincere sense of "gratitude." Gratitude to GOD for all the blessings in my life and my family's life. He has always been there for all of us.



As I referenced the metaphor of the "row boat" earlier in my talk related to "sustainability," I would like to reflect on another type of "boat"... specifically, "the boat of life," the boat that we are all in. For me, the church continues to be the one place that offers me and my family balance and stability in moving through the choppy waters of life. As I enter the church each week, it provides me with the "armor of God," as described in Ephesians, in order to navigate those difficult and tough times. It also continues to offer me a sense of renewal, hope, and solace as I face life's challenges, and for this I am so very eternally grateful to GOD and our church.



In closing, Fr. James would always say that we are not saved alone, but we are saved together. So, I ask you all to continue to join together, pick up your "oar," whatever it may be, that will help to support our beloved Annunciation. Please share your blessings and God-given talents so that we may move together as one in glorifying God, being mindful of the legacy that has been entrusted to us.

Thank you.

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## Christina George

When I was first asked to speak about stewardship, I'll admit—my first thought was, “Me?”

But then I paused and realized—“Why not me?” For one, I am a steward and passionately believe in sharing our time, talents, and treasures with our church. And two, this is something we all need to be thinking about, talking about, and, most importantly—living out.



Too often, we associate “church” with the building we walk into on Sundays. Or, on weekdays for Greek School, dance practice, baking, or festival prep. Yes, our church home is beautiful. But the Church is so much more than brick and mortar. It's the Body of Christ. It's us. It's this community. The people who show up, give back, and carry our faith forward.



Think about those who came before us—the yiayias, papous, godparents, parents, and friends—who built this parish from the ground up. They didn't just show up. They sacrificed. They gave their time—driving us to church, teaching Sunday School, and baking. They shared their talents—leading us in Dance Practice and Greek School. They gave of their treasure—pouring into each of us, this church community. And now, it's our time.

For me, stewardship started small. I moved to Memphis, TN at age 23 for a new job, and while most everything in my life was new, going to church remained my one constant.



I was a rather shy newcomer to the Greek Orthodox Church in Memphis (also named Annunciation). About a year into my time there, I was approached about teaching Sunday School.

My first reaction was “Me?” Can I do that? I travel too much, I'm too busy, the list goes on and on. But I then thought, well, why not carve out time? I'm already going to church—if there is anything I should be giving my time to, it's my church, it's my faith, right??



So, I said yes. I told myself that I'll do this just for one year. And just every other Sunday. I thought I'd quietly bow out after that. But I really enjoyed it. I connected with the students. With the community. With the Church. That one small “yes” led to another—joining Young Adult League—and another, volunteering at the Food Festival. So, what I thought would just be one year of volunteering turned into five straight years!

Eventually, I moved back home to Sacramento, and within a few months, I was approached about teaching Sunday School. I thought, okay, I can do this! I've done it before. I'll do it for this year and that's it. Well, I've now been teaching for 4 years!



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Then, I was asked to volunteer at the festival—I looked at the time slots—three hours each. Can I give three hours?! That's a lot for a weekend, right? But, then again, who am I kidding—I can watch three hours of my mindless television, so I can surely help out at the festival for three hours! And before I knew it—three hours turned into more! Time flew. It was fun! My church family grew. And I realized—I wasn't just giving to the church... I was growing with the church.

That's stewardship. Sharing your time, your talents, and your treasure—not because you have to, but because you want to. Because your faith matters. And because—just maybe—you'll find joy in the giving.

So let me ask you—what's your “yes”? Maybe it's:

- “I can give an hour.”
- “I'll bake one batch.”
- “I'll donate what I can today.”

Every yes matters. Every yes adds up. Every yes honors those who came before—And every yes lays a foundation for those who come next.

So if you're thinking, “Can I really add one more thing to my already full plate?” I promise you—you can. Just start small. Say yes. Say it once. Then again and again! And watch what God will do when you freely share your time, talents, and treasures with others.

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## Michael Haralambakis

I'm honored to share what stewardship means to me.

For a brief moment, I'd like to ask you to close your eyes. Once your eyes are closed, I want you to think about someone whom you deeply admire.

Who comes to mind?

What makes them so special to you?

Why do you admire them?

Please open your eyes.

When I think about this question, my grandparents, my Pappou Elias and my Yiayia Lucille, are right near the top of my admiration list.

Like so many who built this parish and community, they were proud and hard-earned members of what many historians refer to as the “greatest generation.”

A generation born between 1900 and 1930 who led with duty, sacrifice and faithful devotion. A generation who met extraordinary challenges and somehow always found solutions. They were builders, givers and they were no fuss.





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My Pappou carried a 6th grade education, was conscripted into the army for 2 countries, came to America with very little and built a life anchored in generosity, compassion and devotion to our faith.



My Yiayia, whom some of you remember very well, was the daughter of hay farmers, and remarkably went on to earn a Masters degree. There weren't many people, let alone women, born in 1919 who could claim that unique distinction. She spent 40 years as a teacher and Director of Sunday School here at Annunciation. 40 years. As my good friend Nick Rotas will tell you, Yiayia Lucille dished out love and discipline in equal measure.



When it came to the festival, Yiayia had a tendency to **"TELL YOU"** when and where you were needed, she didn't have much regard for how busy you were. "God and this church need you," she'd say with a sly grin, "...I'll ask for forgiveness about my management style later." :)



When I was much younger, and protesting going to church, I asked Yiayia if she believed God had a camera in the narthex and measured church attendance with a spreadsheet. She said YES...then she asked..."what's a spreadsheet?!" :)



And when I was older, Yiayia would tell me that the greatest gift I will ever receive in my life is my Orthodox Christian faith. She'd say - it's your armor, it's your compass, it will guide and protect you in everything. She'd remind me that ordinary people went to extraordinary measures and gave **EVERYTHING** to preserve our faith, culture and language against unimaginable conditions. And she'd challenge me by asking me the following - **what are you going to do with this gift?**



Yiayia's creed was simple - never take our faith for granted. Give back to it. Make your life a life of faith in action in service to Christ. **AND** always strive to make something better than how you found it. **Always** do your part to make something better in service to God. **That, for me, is stewardship.**

In 2019, I was fortunate to visit Constantinople and our Mother Church, and especially fortunate to receive holy communion from the Patriarch. It was a beautiful and eye-opening experience for me. I was struck by the humility of the Fenar and how remarkably accessible the Patriarch was. I was also struck by how challenging it is to practice Orthodox Christianity in Constantinople despite it being the home of the Patriarch. The reasons for this are well documented, and as I had time to think about my experience, I came back to my Yiayia's teachings:

**Never take our faith for granted...**  
**It's the greatest gift you will ever receive...**  
**What will you do with this gift...**

What I've learned is that our faith, church and parish community grow in direct proportion to the time, talent and treasure we offer it. They work hand in hand. Brick by brick, volunteer hour by volunteer hour, and dollar by dollar, Annunciation

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thrives today because of those who've come before us and those today, **ALL OF YOU**, who offer your time, talent and treasure.

Stewardship inspires me because I want to do my part to ensure our faith, culture and community thrive. I want to honor those who came before us...and I want to give my time, talent and treasure to thank God for the blessings in my life, including meeting Deanna, my lovely wife, right here at Annunciation when I was a **volunteer steward** at the festival :)

In closing, as Fr Vinnie has shared, today is indeed meant to be a celebration. A celebration to honor, recognize and thank **YOU**, our stewards, for the generosity and love you show to our faith, parish and community. We hope it will be the first of many Stewardship Appreciation Days, and we hope it will further open a door for us to learn and grow together as a parish in service to the extraordinary gift we share together - the gift of our faith. Thank you.



## Stephania Panayotopoulos

When the stewardship committee asked me to speak on this most imperative topic, I thought — how can I speak on something so important when I am knee-deep in one of the most chaotic seasons of my life? Four children, in four different schools, in four different directions! But once my children fell asleep on the way home from church, and there was quiet - fleeting quiet...but quiet — I thought, now is exactly the time when I should be sharing and setting this example. I could stand up here with the attention of the congregation and talk about why monetary donation is so critical - but we all know this. Instead, I wanted to share why giving is a core value in our family, and how I lead with this value as a mother. A mother who learned from her mother



Growing up I moved around a great deal due to my late father being a partner with Ernst & Young. A new house, a new school, the process of putting myself out there to make friends always followed by some uncertainty. But there was always an anchor, a constant, a cement that grounded us each time we had to start over. That anchor was the church — my mother made sure each time we built a new house that we were in close proximity to what would center us. She set that example, and that became the story that lit me up. This example became my path in motherhood as well, and I am indebted to her for the teaching and grounding she instilled. Unknowingly really, I did the same thing with our family when we made the move to Granite Bay just two and half years ago. And with focused intention, we chose for Annunciation to be our constant as well — to be the place where we shared our time, talents and treasure.



With a masters degree in journalism and a professional history in PR and the newsroom, stories are what have always ignited me. Stories surrounding the moments when someone's life changes because of a simple act of kindness, or when they realize that giving is indeed fulfilling. That is stewardship. That is love in action



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But how do we tell that story? And more importantly, how do we live that story as an example to our children; just as the example has been shown and shared in this parish for over one hundred years! I believe that stewardship is a sacred responsibility—a way of living that reflects gratitude for God’s blessings and a commitment to giving back with intention, love and great purpose. At Annunciation, stewardship isn’t just about financial contributions; it’s about being present, participating, and nurturing the life of our parish through our time, talents, and treasure. 1 Peter 4:10–11 tell us “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.”

As a mother, I often find that the lens through which I view stewardship is deeply shaped by how I want my children to experience faith, community, and compassion. I want to model a life of service—not just attending church, but being the Church. That means showing up, offering what I know how to do best, and giving financially to the best of my ability. Motherhood, paired with living by example, is one of the most powerful ways to teach children the importance of giving, and how we can all tell our stories. Children learn by observation and they internalize these actions as normal and worthwhile. This tells me all those countless hours giving time in the costume closet are making an impression! This example of service is impactful; they see giving this time to the church as normal, and something mama does regularly to serve the community and God.

And because they see this behavior as normal and ongoing, it then becomes part of the family culture and the story I want to tell. I always want to model that generosity isn’t just something you do occasionally; it’s a way of living. And living this way, living Christ-like, allows me to convey that this type of service renders both joy and fulfillment. My hope is that it helps them associate giving — not with sacrifice, but with purpose. These instances are when when we see the stories piece together. These stories are much more impactful than abstract lessons. They get to see the story being lived as they adopt the practice as normal. Living by example doesn’t just tell children what’s important—it shows them.

To me, stewardship is a living expression of gratitude—an active, ongoing commitment to give back to God with love and purpose. At Annunciation, I view stewardship not as an obligation, but as a privilege. It’s how I say “thank you” through my time, talents, and treasure.

## Time

I strive to give my time by showing up—not only for services every Sunday, but also for events, various ministries, and moments that bring our community together. Whether it’s volunteering at the festival, sourcing in the costume closet for hours on end, providing meals to our dancers and DSG family during live week, or simply lending a hand when someone needs support, I see my time as an offering—one that strengthens our bonds and helps sustain the rhythm of parish life, and set an ongoing example for our children.

# STEWARDSHIP



## Talent

God gives each of us unique talents, and it's our duty to share them. In Romans 12: 6-7, we learn that "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching" I try to use my skills in ways that support the church's mission—whether that means helping with ministry communications, being a part of the Sunday School board, or organizing outreach efforts. Offering our talents are how we bring the Church to life beyond the walls of this building.



## Treasure

Supporting the church financially is also a vital expression of stewardship. My contributions are prayerful investments in our future—a way to ensure that the next generation has the same opportunities to grow in faith, culture, and fellowship. I give as a reflection of trust in God's provision and a desire to keep our church thriving. Ultimately, stewardship is about love in action. It's how we live our faith daily, care for our spiritual home, and ensure that Annunciation continues to be a place of worship and growth.



In closing, I'd like to sign off with an excerpt from my daughter Antonia's recent oratorical festival speech; The practice of stewardship lays a beautiful foundation to be philanthropic. Jesus is the doorway to eternal life as is stewardship in an avenue to so many more philanthropic opportunities. How can you use your time, talents and treasure to live in His image and likeness?

## STEWARDSHIP 2025

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

Luke 6:38



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





# STEWARDSHIP

## Stewardship Appreciation Celebration

On Sunday, June 1, our parish family gathered in love and thanksgiving for our Stewardship Appreciation Celebration—an afternoon dedicated to honoring the faithful stewards who give so generously of their time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. These individuals and families are the heartbeat of our community, helping to make every ministry, event, and service possible.

In addition to recognizing our parish stewards, we also celebrated the joyful conclusion of our Sunday School year, offering thanks for our teachers, students, and families who help pass on the faith to the next generation.

The celebration overflowed with warmth and joy as parishioners of all ages enjoyed a delicious lunch and desserts lovingly prepared and served by the Parish Council, a bounce house that brought smiles and laughter to our youngest stewards, and most of all, fellowship—a time to connect, relax, and rejoice in the blessings of our parish life.

To all who serve in visible and quiet ways—from ministry leaders and choir members to altar servers, bakers, teachers, and so many more—thank you. Your faith, dedication, and love for Christ and His Church are a living example of stewardship in action.

We look forward to all that God has in store for us in the seasons ahead, and we pray that the spirit of gratitude and service continues to strengthen and unite us.



# PHILOPTOCHOS



## Philoptochos News

Our Philoptochos Board of Director's election is June 10. Our current Board President, Despina Demas, has led us in our efforts to fundraise for our National, Diocese, and local commitments for 4 years. Bravo, Despina! We elect our Board every 2 years with our main goal of helping those in need.

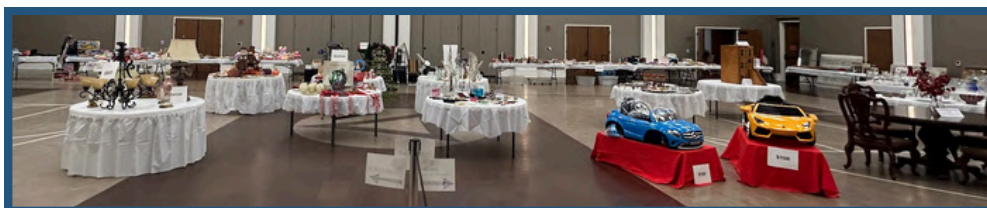
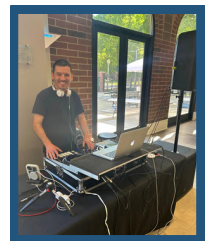
Even though we will not meet until September, our Board and its members will be at work purchasing backpacks and school supplies, assisting families who have met with hard times, and continuing to help with our Parish needs. This year, our goal for the start of school is to assist the Leataata Floyd and the David Lubin Elementary Schools. Last year, we funded the entire amount of over \$1000, for the school supplies with your coffee hour donations.

Our next challenge is to support the work of the Orthodox Christian Missions Center (OCMC) and International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC). Father Retelas who retired from being our parish priest is now devoting his energies to these charities. He has asked us to boost our support of their projects that include support to orphanages and schools, food distributions, and agricultural activities to support the livelihoods of those in poverty. Please visit their website: [ocmc.org](http://ocmc.org) for more detailed information. We look forward to this challenge.

Our Philoptochos would not be able to provide backpacks, warm coats and socks to the unhoused, funds for children with cancer to attend Camp Agape, and add support to the OCMC and IOCC without you, our parishioners. Your donations to our charities, irrespective of the amount, will help those in need.

Our last fundraiser, YiaYia's Treasures, would not have been possible without much help. Please see the pictures below and recognize an event that was able to happen because of our Chair, Desi Kiriakes, Philoptochos members and our Church community. Items that did not sell were donated to the Sac H&I homeless transitional facility, the United States Mission who assist the unhoused to find shelter, and other charities.

Our Philoptochos strength grows with your support – please consider becoming a member and supporting our chapter



# PHILOPTOCHOS



## Philoptochos Board for 2025-2027

It is my distinct honor to introduce our Philoptochos chapter Board of Directors for the 2025-2027 term and thank them for the willingness to serve and dedicate their time and expertise to our chapter. I am incredibly grateful for their commitment to Philoptochos and deeply believe that their contributions will be invaluable to our mission to help those in need and to preserve and perpetuate our faith and traditions.

Please join me in welcoming and thanking: Christina Chuchas, Kathy Dokimos, Alexis Genung, Maria Higdon, Desi Kiriakes, Ivana Krstic, Sandra Kordazakis, Nicolette Madrid, Julie Mamalis, Rula Manikas, Angeliki Mavrikou, Stephanie Raptakis, Althea Tatarakis, Effie Theodor, Pearl Thomas, Faye Vallas, Donna Wagner, Elaine Wright.

I am looking forward to serving our community along with these incredible ladies.

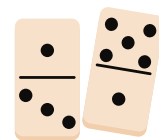
In Christ,

Despina Demas

# 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



Maybe you've spent time reading the Greek Heritage Panels at the Convention Center.



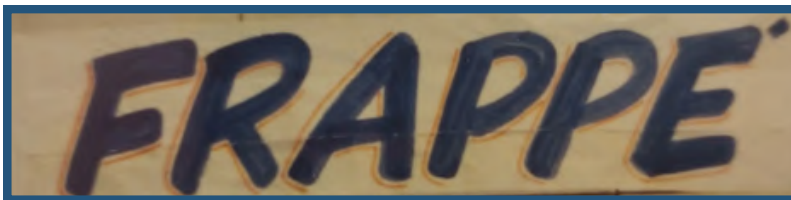
If you lived in Sacramento in the 1980's, you might remember this festival logo making it's way around town via the SacRT busses.



You've followed these signs and ordered a meal from any of our many food booths while reading from this stylized menu.



These lovely ladies have welcomed you to our festival grounds, both at the Convention Center and at our current site, since 1972.



Now, you might be wondering what these various items have in common...





# SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL

Demetre Fotos, youngest of the six Fotos siblings, is an artistic powerhouse. He's been with the Festival since the start—62 years ago; he's designed much of the Festival's visual aesthetic with his artwork. The few pictures shown here are but a miniscule caption of the depth of Demetre's contribution.

In the early years, Demetre did logos, signage, and danced with The Olympians – a Sacramento dance group which predated FDF. In 1972, with a team of 3 others, he built the Erechtheum and the Caryatids. In 1975, Demetre spent hundreds of hours painting the Heritage Panels, whose information was researched by sisters, Georgia Econome and Anne Manolis. Demetre has carefully erected the panels for nearly every festival for the past 50 years. In recent years, with the bulk of his art completed, he would lovingly collect the menus, revising or replacing them as needed, and redeploying them for the next festival. And now, after 62 years of commitment, Demetre Fotos is hanging up his festival paintbrush. AXIOS!

Demetre's artistic contributions and vibrant spirit serve as a wonderful example of how we can give our time and talent to benefit the Festival and our Annunciation Church. He is truly an inspiration; we are grateful for his decades of service.

As Demetre knows, volunteering at the Festival is a great way to give back to our church and make new friends. We hope you'll join us over the summer and for the three-day event the first weekend of October. Here are our greatest needs:

- **Pre-Festival Labor:** We need all hands on deck to make the mass quantities of food we serve our 10,000 guests. Our next baking day, Kourambiethes (set for June 23), and all our other delicious foods, require upwards of 50 volunteers per day, to make our goods. The current baking schedule is below, but keep an eye out for Friday emails and Sunday Bulletins with more up to date info. The old adage still rings true... Many hands make light work.
- **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. Recruitment will begin in late summer.
- **Contributions:** The Festival underwriting and sponsorship program will begin late-June. Donations can be made by several methods: reaching out to any board member, calling the church office, via the QR codes below, or our website: <http://sacramentogreekfestival.com/sponsors>.



Sponsors



Underwriters



## BAKING

Saturday, August 2  
Dolmades

Saturday, August 23  
Galactobouriko

Saturday, August 30  
Baklava

Baking begins at 9:00am

# 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.stscsh.com/greek-festival/>

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

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

Reno – Sept 5 & 6 – <https://renogreekfest.com/>

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

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 62<sup>nd</sup> Greek Festival – October 3, 4, & 5, 2025



Stefanie Hionis for the 2025 Greek Festival Executive Board: Stefanie Hionis, Chris Georgoulas, George Chuchas, Emily Coleman, Michael Dariotis, Dan Eriksson, Helen Grammatitakis, Julie Mamalis, & Demetri Romas



# LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT



On Saturday of Lazarus, our youth gathered for a meaningful and joy-filled Lenten Youth Retreat, marking the beginning of Holy Week with prayer, service, and hands-on learning. The day began in the most fitting way—with the Divine Liturgy, where our young participants joined the faithful in worship and communion, setting a sacred tone for the day ahead.

Following Liturgy, our entire parish family came together for the beloved tradition of the Lenten Breakfast, a time of fellowship that beautifully connected all generations. The youth then joined parishioners in tying palm crosses, which were distributed to the congregation on Palm Sunday, reminding us that every age has a role in preparing the Church for Holy Week.

## Youth Retreat Highlights

### Paschal Candle Decorating

Participants decorated their own Paschal candles, which they later brought to Holy Friday and Holy Saturday services—adding their personal prayers and light to the church.

### Prosphoron Baking

The children learned to make Prosphoron, the holy offering bread, and baked loaves that were used in the Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy—a beautiful act of stewardship and participation in the life of the Church.

### Hymn of the Three Young Men

The youth practiced the Hymn of the Three Young Men, preparing to lead the parish in singing it during the Holy Saturday Vespertine Divine Liturgy. Their voices lifted this ancient hymn with faith and joy as we celebrated Christ's triumph over death.





# ANNUNCIATION SUMMER DAY CAMP



## PASSPORT TO FAITH

This past June, our parish came alive with the joyful sounds of laughter, prayer, and learning as nearly 50 young members of our community gathered for the Annunciation Summer Day Camp, held June 23–27. This year’s theme, *Passport to Faith: A Journey Through Greece with the Saints*, guided campers on a spiritual and cultural pilgrimage across Greece—learning from the lives and virtues of four inspiring saints.

Each day, campers explored a new region of Greece and encountered a saint whose life and teachings helped illuminate core virtues of the Orthodox faith. Through stories, crafts, games, music, dance, and prayer, our youth deepened their understanding of the Church, grew in their faith, and discovered ways to live out these virtues in their own lives.

### DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Monday: St. Gregory Palamas of Thessaloniki – Prayer**

Campers began their journey with St. Gregory Palamas, learning about the power of prayer and stillness. They crafted prayer tools to help them begin or strengthen their personal prayer practices.

#### **Tuesday: St. Dionysios of Zakynthos – Forgiveness & Peace**

Campers continued on to Zakynthos and heard the incredible stories of St. Dionysios, known for his humility and miraculous acts of mercy. Inspired by the tradition of his worn slippers, each camper decorated a pair of slippers as a reminder to “walk in his footsteps” of peace and forgiveness.

#### **Wednesday: St. Savvas of Kalymnos – Icons, Humility & Service**

Kalymnos was the next stop, where campers explored the quiet holiness of St. Savvas. They created their own icons and used natural sea sponges to paint beautiful Kalymnian landscapes—honoring the island’s famed sponge divers.

#### **Thursday: St. Nektarios of Aegina – Patience & Wisdom**

The journey continued to Aegina, where campers met St. Nektarios, a saint known for his love of learning, patience in trials, and devotion to others. In his honor, each camper assembled an IOCC School Kit filled with essential supplies that will be sent to children in need around the world—living out his legacy of education and compassion.



# ANNUNCIATION SUMMER DAY CAMP

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

### Daily Greek Dance Lessons

Each day, campers learned a traditional dance from the region we explored—connecting more deeply with Greek culture in a fun and active way.

### Church Lessons with Fr. Vinnie & Fr. Timothy

We were blessed to have daily church lessons with Fr. Vinnie and Fr. Timothy, who helped our campers reflect on the saints and their virtues, and thoughtfully answered the many meaningful questions our campers had throughout the week.

### Friday Celebration: Scavenger Hunt & Glendi

The week concluded with a campus-wide scavenger hunt that helped campers explore and connect with their church home, followed by a glendi, complete with fellowship, music, and dancing.

## WITH GRATITUDE

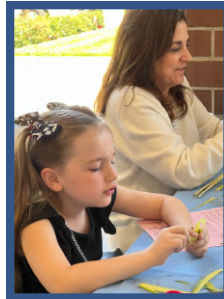
We are so thankful to the many hands and hearts who made this week possible—our high school camp counselors, dedicated parent volunteers, and beloved clergy. Your time, love, and example left a lasting impression on our campers and helped make this a truly unforgettable experience. And to our families—thank you for sharing your children with us for this joyful and faith-filled week. We look forward to continuing the journey with you in the months ahead, and can't wait to welcome you back next summer!



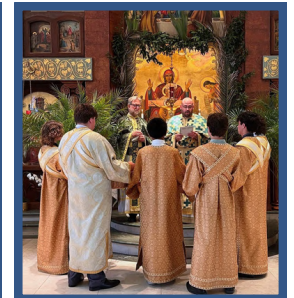
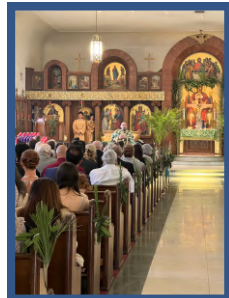


# PARISH PHOTOS

Saturday of Lazarus • April 12, 2025



Palm Sunday • April 13, 2025



Holy Week & Pascha





# PARISH PHOTOS

District Oratorical Festival • April 27, 2025



Graduate Recognition • June 15, 2025

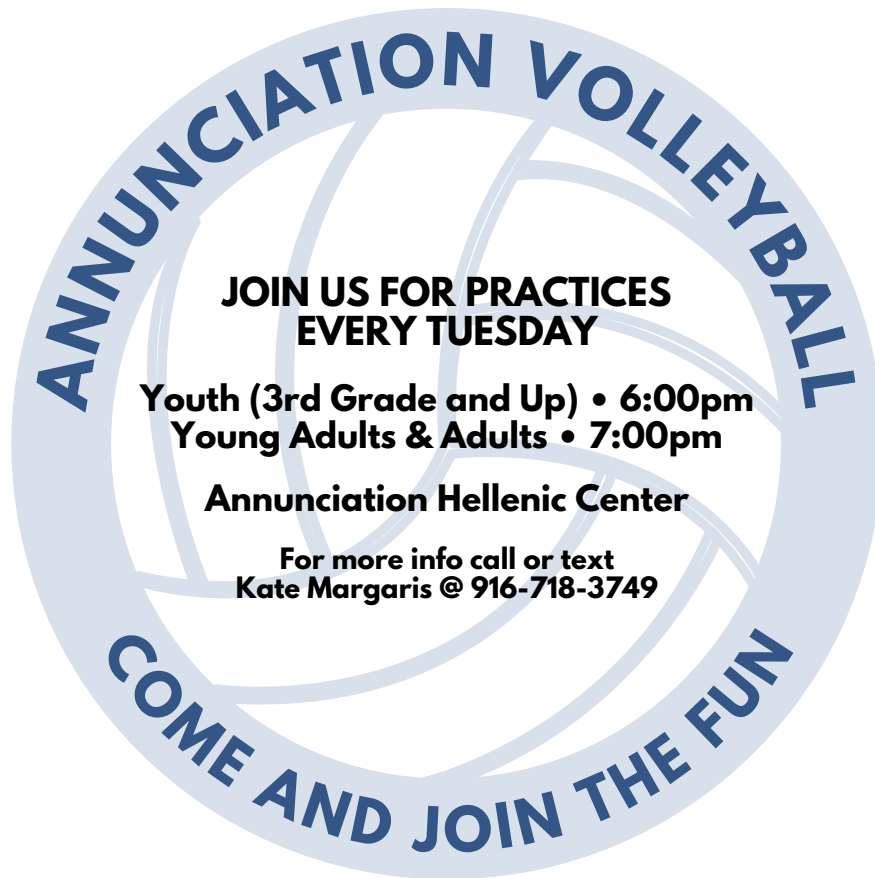


Philotochos Swearing-In • June 22, 2025





# UPCOMING EVENTS



**JOIN US FOR PRACTICES  
EVERY TUESDAY**

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

**Annunciation Hellenic Center**

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

## **COLLEGE/GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT BLESSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10**

**JOIN US AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DIVINE LITURGY  
FOR A SPECIAL PRAYER AND BLESSING OFFERED  
TO OUR COLLEGE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS  
HEADING OFF OR RETURNING TO SCHOOL**

**For more information or questions please email Fr. Vinnie  
[frvincent@annunciationsac.org](mailto:frvincent@annunciationsac.org)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & ΠΟΔΟΣΦΑΙΡΟ**  
**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  
SACRAMENTO GREEK FESTIVAL BOOTH IN FAN ZONE  
SECTION 101 • SPECIAL GROUP PRICING • TAXES & FEES WILL APPLY

**PURCHASE TICKETS AT [HTTPS://SACREPUBLICFC.GROUP/GREEKNIGHT](https://sacpublicfc.group/greeknight)**



CONTACT NICKI HANSEN FOR MORE INFORMATION • [NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG](mailto:NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG)



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## BACKPACK BLESSINGS



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



SAVE THE DATE

## Annunciation Ministries Kickoff

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER  
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY



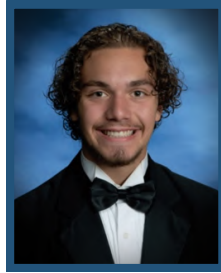


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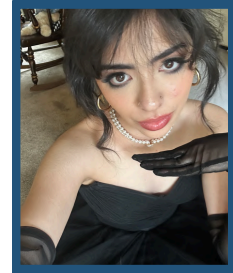
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**TOBY ADAMS**  
Meraki High School  
Attending Nursing School  
at George Fox University



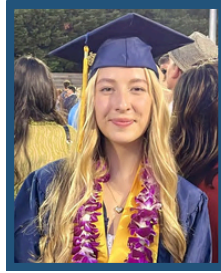
**AGAMEMNON BOURDANIOTIS**  
Rio Americano High School  
Attending Hellenic College Holy Cross



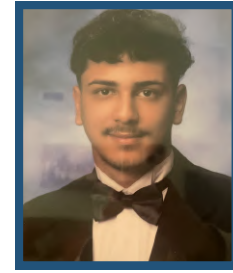
**BRIANA CHURCH**  
El Sereno High School  
State Medal for Civic Engagement  
Attending Sac City College  
Studying International Relations



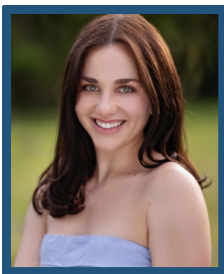
**LUKE DARIOTIS**  
Jesuit High School  
Attending Pepperdine University  
Playing on the Pepperdine Golf Team



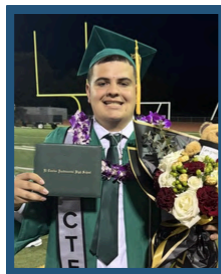
**MARZIA EBRAHIMI**  
Oak Ridge High School  
Attending Folsom Lake College



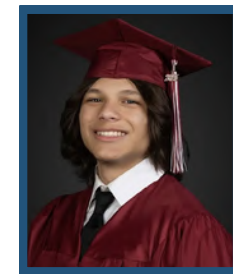
**ANTHONY HAMAMEH**  
Natomas Pacific Pathways Prep  
Joining the Police



**ZOE HOFIONI**  
Rio Americano High School  
Valedictorian  
Attending Santa Clara University  
Studying Political Science



**ANTHONY KLOSTRAKIS**  
El Camino High School  
Merit & Eagle Polytechnical Certification  
Attending UC Merced  
Studying Engineering



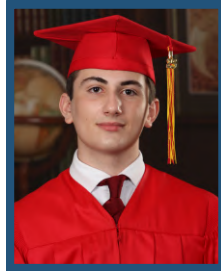
**CHRISTOPHER PERINATI, JR.**  
C.K. McClatchy High School  
Attending Sacramento City College  
Studying Business Economics

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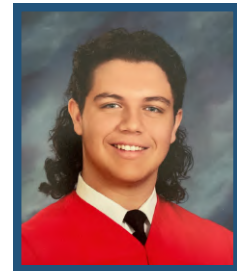
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**LEONIDAS (LEO) REYES**  
Natomas High School  
Attending American River College  
Studying Mechanical Engineering



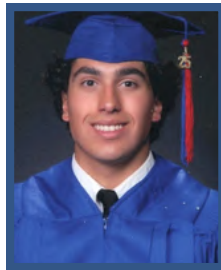
**GEORGE TSAKOPOULOS**  
Jesuit High School  
Magna Cum Laude  
Orchestra Director's Award  
Attending George Washington University  
Studying Economics



**GEORGIOS TZITZIKAS**  
Jesuit High School  
Honors in Digital Photography  
Attending Hellenic College Boston



**SOPHIA VOUDOURIS**  
Oak Ridge High School  
Attending UCLA  
Studying Computer Science

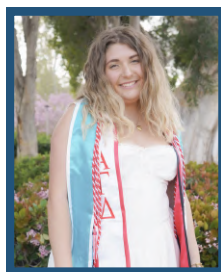


**CHRISTOPHER WARREN**  
Folsom High School  
Becoming an officer in  
the United States Navy

## COLLEGE GRADUATES



**MARINA ALEXANDER**  
San Diego State University  
BA in Journalism & Public Relations  
Magna Cum Laude  
Future Plans: Working with  
professional sports media



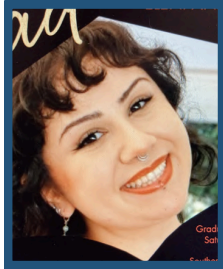
**MARIKA ALEXANDER**  
San Diego State University  
BS in Kinesiology  
Summa Cum Laude  
Future Plans: Doctorate  
in Physical Therapy



**ATHENA BOURDANIOTIS**  
Hellenic College Holy Cross  
BS in Psychology  
Minor in Education  
Future Plans: Masters degree in English  
with a teaching credential

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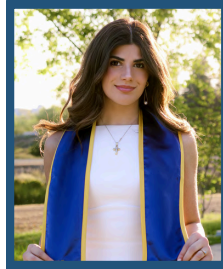
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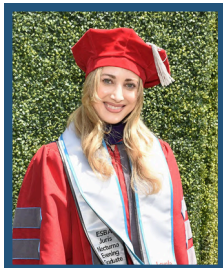
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