



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LUKE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

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September 28, 2025

Grave Mode | No Fasting | 5th Morning Gospel

This Lord's Day, we remember Chariton the Confessor; Our Righteous Father Alkeisonus, Metropolitan of Nicopolis; Baruch the Prophet; Neophytos & Auxentios the Martyrs of Cyprus; and Wenceslaus the Martyr, Prince of the Czechs.

Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 103.

Verse 1: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and everything within me, bless His holy name.

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

Verse 2: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His rewards.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 3: The Lord prepared His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all.

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

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

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

Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 146.

Verse 1: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I shall praise the Lord while I live; I shall sing to my God as long as I exist.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob; his hope is in the Lord his God.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Verse 3: The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and Word of God....

Third Antiphon. Resurrection Apolytikion. Grave Mode.

Κατέλυσας τῷ Σταυρῷ σου τὸν θάνατον, ἠνέφξας τῷ Ληστῇ τὸν Παράδεισον, τῶν Μυροφόρων τὸν θρήνον μετέβαλες, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις κηρύττειν ἐπέταξας· ὅτι ἀνέστης Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, παρέχων τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

By means of Your Cross, O Lord, You abolished death. To the robber You opened Paradise. The lamentation of the myrrh-bearing women You transformed, and You gave Your Apostles the order to proclaim to all that You had risen, O Christ our God, and granted the world Your great mercy.

Apolytikion for Chariton the Confessor, Plagal 4 Mode: Ταῖς τῶν δακρύων σου ῥοαῖς, τῆς ἐρήμου τὸ ἄγονον ἐγεώργησας, καὶ τοῖς ἐκ βάθους στεναγμοῖς, εἰς ἑκατὸν τοὺς πόνους ἐκαρποφόρησας, καὶ γέγονας φωστὴρ τῇ οἰκουμένῃ, λάμπων τοῖς θαύμασιν, Χαρίτων Πατὴρ ἡμῶν Ὅσιε, πρέσβευε Χριστῷ τῷ Θεῷ, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

With the rivers of your tears you made the barren desert bloom; and with your sighs from deep

within, you made your labors bear their fruits a hundredfold; and you became a star, illuminating the world by your miracles, O Chariton our devout father. Intercede with Christ our God, for the salvation of our souls.

The Apolytikion of the Church, Mode 4: Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἀπ' αἰῶνος Μυστηρίου ἡ φανέρωσις, ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, Υἱὸς τῆς Παρθένου γίνεται, καὶ Γαβριὴλ τὴν χάριν εὐαγγελίζεται. Διὸ καὶ ἡμεῖς σὺν αὐτῷ 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, Mode 2: Προστασία τῶν Χριστιανῶν ἀκαταίσχυντε, μεσιτεία, πρὸς τὸν Ποιητὴν ἀμετάθετε, μὴ παρίδης, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἡ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, Θεοτόκε, τῶν τιμώντων σε.

O Protection of Christians that never falls, intercession with the Creator that never fails, we sinners beg you, do not ignore the voices of our prayers. O good Lady, we implore you, quickly come unto our aid, when we cry out to you with faith. Hurry to intercession, and hasten to supplication, O Theotokos who protect now and ever those who honor you.

After the Trisagion: Order of the New Testament Readings

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Grave Mode. Psalm 28.

The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace.

Bring to the Lord, O you sons of God, bring to the Lord glory and honor.

The reading is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (6:1-10): Brethren, working together with him, we entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At the acceptable time I have listened to you, and helped you on the day of salvation." Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in any one's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, tumults, labors, watching, hunger; by purity, knowledge, forbearance, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold we live; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (5:1-11): AT THAT TIME, Jesus was standing by the lake of Gennesaret. And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were

breaking, they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all who were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Please Join Our Annunciation Family in Welcoming
Fr. Chris Retelas from St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church, Anaheim

Parish Council: Team B

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

Memorials

Lefteris Giakoumakis (6 months), Leonidas "Leo" Sampanis (8 years)

Coffee Fellowship

Sponsored by The Sampanis Family

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62ND ANNUAL



FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD & 4TH, 2025: 11AM - 10PM
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\$5 ADMISSION (AGES 13 & UP)

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FESTIVAL BAKING

Beginners are welcome!
Come learn, support our parish, and enjoy lunch, fun, and fellowship.

Packaging Cookies & Baklava
Thursday, October 2
9:00 am

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



62nd Annunciation Greek Festival October 3-5, 2025



The Festival Board and our Chairpersons look forward to the challenge of making sure that we provide the same quality for this Greek Festival that we have delivered in the past. We would appreciate your support. Please contact any member of the Festival Board, the Church Office, or scan the QR code to go directly to our donations site.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Festival Board: Stefanie Hionis, Christo Georgoulis, George Chuchas, Emily Coleman, Mike Dariotis,
Dan Eriksson, Helen Grammatikakis, Julie Mamalis, Demetri Romas

Updated 09/22/25

Item	Cost per unit	Donor	Item	Cost per unit	Donor
Beverages		Completed!	Koulourakia	\$625.00	Completed!
Bottled Water	\$2,500.00	Bardis Homes & Reynen Bardis Home	Eggs	\$150.00	Margo Tzikas
Craft Beer	\$636.00	New Glory Craft Brewery	Butter	\$300.00	Margo Tzikas
Baklava	\$2,825.00		Spices	\$25.00	Alex & Koula Kokologiannakis Family
Filo 1	\$350.00	Dale Manolakis & Roy Shults	Misc. oil, sesame seeds	\$150.00	Margo Tzikas
Filo 2	\$225.00	Demetre, Dimitra & Dino Haralambakis	Kourambiethees	\$200.00	Completed!
Filo 3	\$150.00	Anne & Kallias Manolakis	Powder Sugar	\$200.00	George & Mary Ellen Kassotakis
Butter	\$200.00	Steve & Kate Margaris	Lamb	\$6,700.00	
Lemons	\$50.00	Heather Grey	Leg of Lamb - 1	\$1,000.00	In memory of Hal Athon
Spices	\$50.00	Alex & Koula Kokologiannakis Family	Leg of Lamb - 2	\$1,000.00	
Walnuts 1	\$600.00		Leg of Lamb - 3	\$1,000.00	
Walnuts 2	\$500.00	Kuchulis Family	Leg of Lamb - 4	\$500.00	The Elias Bardis Family
Walnuts 3	\$500.00		Leg of Lamb - 5	\$500.00	Azmie & Melanie Madanat
Walnuts 4	\$100.00	Sophia Evrigenis	Leg of Lamb - 6	\$700.00	Theodoridis Gutshall Family
Walnuts 5	\$100.00	Julie Mamalis	Leg of Lamb - 7	\$500.00	
Calamari	\$2,000.00		Leg of Lamb - 8	\$500.00	
Calamari	\$950.00		Leg of Lamb - 9	\$300.00	
Calamari	\$950.00		Leg of Lamb - 10	\$300.00	
Misc	\$100.00		Leg of Lamb - 11	\$200.00	
Chicken	\$1,733.00		Leg of Lamb - 12	\$200.00	
Chicken 1	\$833.00		Loukoumathes	\$1,000.00	Completed!
Chicken 2	\$400.00		Flour	\$300.00	Gasnakis Family
Chicken 3	\$300.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Honey	\$300.00	Gasnakis Family
Chicken 4	\$200.00	In Memory of Theodora Yazigi	misc ingredients	\$100.00	Sophia Evrigenis
Dinner Bread	\$700.00		misc ingredients	\$100.00	Nicolette & Frank Madrid
Bread 1	\$600.00		Yeast	\$200.00	Gasnakis Family
Bread 2	\$100.00		Loukaniko	\$400.00	Completed!
Dolmathes	\$1,600.00	Completed!	40 lb Loukaniko	\$400.00	Sylvia Maritsas in Memory of Tino Manus
Grape Leaves 1	\$300.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Melomakarona	\$485.00	
Grape Leaves, Ground Beef, Onions, Rice, Spices	\$1,300.00	Helen Grammatikakis	Orange juice & Eggs	\$80.00	
Fasoulakia	\$960.00		Orange juice & Eggs	\$80.00	
Green Beans	\$500.00		224 lbs Flour	\$95.00	
Frozen Carrots	\$200.00		225 lbs Flour	\$95.00	
Potatoes	\$160.00		250 lb Sugar	\$85.00	
Tomatoes	\$100.00		Spices & Nuts	\$50.00	George & Mary Ellen Kassotakis
Galaktobouriko	\$600.00	Completed!	Moussaka	\$3,085.00	
Milk & Semolina	\$400.00	In memory of Hal Athon	Ground Beef	\$100.00	Stella & Howard Norris
Milk & Semolina	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Ground Beef	\$100.00	Jim & Dessi Chuchas
Gyros	\$6,000.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	Spyridon & Georgia Avdis
Pork	\$300.00	Pikios Family	Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Pork	\$450.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Pork	\$285.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Pork	\$500.00		Ground Beef	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family
Chicken	\$500.00	Niko, Nikki, Spyro, & Vasia Avdis	Ground Beef	\$300.00	Pauline & Maria Cazanis
Diced Onions	\$200.00	Chris, Angie, Stathie, Daniel Georgoulis	Eggs	\$150.00	
Pitas	\$100.00	George & Tina Chuchas	Eggs	\$150.00	
Pitas	\$250.00	Despina Demas	Flour	\$35.00	Jim & Robin Kafouros
Pitas	\$300.00		Milk	\$50.00	
Pitas	\$300.00		Milk	\$50.00	
Diced Tomatoes	\$250.00		Milk	\$50.00	
Diced Tomatoes	\$250.00		Milk	\$125.00	
Diced Tomatoes	\$200.00		Milk	\$125.00	
Diced Tomatoes	\$50.00		Milk	\$250.00	
Diced Tomatoes	\$50.00	Althea Tatarakis	Oil	\$50.00	Steve & Lori Vourakis
Tzatziki 1	\$550.00		Onions	\$50.00	
Tzatziki 2	\$225.00	Doug & Donna Wagner	Parmesan	\$100.00	
Kafenion	\$700.00		Eggplant	\$250.00	
Frappe	\$200.00	Hionis Family	Eggplant	\$250.00	
Frappe	\$200.00	Dimitri Vouras	Spices	\$50.00	Heather Grey
Greek Coffee	\$300.00		Canned Tomatoes	\$50.00	

Salad - Horiatiki	\$2,250.00		Pastitsio	\$2,900.00	
Cucumbers	\$600.00		Ground Beef	\$100.00	The Sweatt Family
Dressing/spices	\$150.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Feta	\$450.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Olives	\$300.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Onions	\$100.00		Ground Beef	\$150.00	
Tomatoes-1	\$200.00		Ground Beef	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family
Tomatoes-2	\$150.00		Ground Beef	\$300.00	
Tomatoes-3	\$100.00		Eggs & Onions	\$200.00	Shari Moody
Tomatoes-4	\$100.00		Eggs	\$50.00	
Tomatoes-5	\$50.00		Eggs	\$100.00	
Tomatoes-6	\$50.00		Milk	\$200.00	
Saganaki	\$1,100.00	Completed!	Milk	\$300.00	
Saganaki Cheese	\$1,000.00	Nicholas Docous	Milk	\$500.00	
Brandy	\$100.00	Tom & Deloris Burton	Parmesan	\$100.00	Alice Lyons
Spanakopitas	\$2,300.00		Pasta & Spices	\$150.00	Bill Evrigenis & Family
Spanakopitas 1	\$100.00	Fr. Vincent, Pres. Nadia Minucci & Family	Oil	\$50.00	Elania Magana
Spanakopitas 2	\$100.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Canned Tomatoes	\$50.00	
Spanakopitas 3	\$100.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Paximadia	\$450.00	
Spanakopitas 4	\$100.00	Pearl Thomas	Eggs & Flour	\$200.00	Joann Georgallis
Spanakopitas 5	\$100.00	Gary & Irina Leonard	Eggs, Flour & Misc.	\$100.00	The Sweatt Family
Spanakopitas 6	\$100.00		Eggs, Flour & Misc.	\$150.00	
Spanakopitas 7	\$100.00		Pilafi	\$1,400.00	
Spanakopitas 8	\$100.00		Broth & butter	\$800.00	
Spanakopitas 9	\$100.00		Rice	\$600.00	
Spanakopitas 10	\$100.00		Raffle	\$5,500.00	
Spanakopitas 11	\$200.00	Chris, Kristen & Mina Kane	Raffle Tickets	\$2,500.00	
Spanakopitas 12	\$200.00		Raffle Item	\$1,200.00	Mgni Kondos, in honor of Greg Kondos
Spanakopitas 13	\$300.00		Raffle Item	\$900.00	Scribner's Bend Vineyard
Spanakopitas 14	\$300.00		Raffle Item	\$900.00	Lind Brothers
Spanakopitas 15	\$300.00		Stifado	\$3,400.00	
Tiropites	\$1,400.00	Completed!	Meat	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family
Tiropites 1	\$250.00	Michael & Deanna Haralambakis & Family	Meat	\$300.00	
Tiropites 2	\$250.00	Rula Manikas	Meat	\$300.00	
Tiropites 3	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family	Meat	\$400.00	Vasili & Judy Verrios
Tiropites 4	\$200.00	Michael Petrucci & Stella Dariotis	Meat	\$500.00	
Tiropites 5	\$200.00	In honor of Mary Dokimos Lydon	Onions	\$400.00	
Tiropites 6	\$200.00	Maria DeVillie	Onions	\$400.00	
Tiropites 7	\$100.00	Nitsa Dariotis	Onions	\$400.00	
Additional Misc. Items Not shown above			Spices	\$200.00	
225 lbs Flour-1	\$54.00		Canned Tomatoes	\$300.00	
225 lbs Flour-2	\$54.00		Tsourekia	\$200.00	Completed!
225 lbs Flour-3	\$54.00		Flour & Misc	\$200.00	Vougioukas family
225 lbs Flour-4	\$54.00		Yiaourtopita	\$525.00	Completed!
30 lbs Butter-1	\$50.00	Zoe Grossman	Flour & Misc.	\$200.00	The Elias Bardis Family
30 lbs Butter-2	\$50.00		Spices,Yogurt,Nuts,Eggs	\$325.00	Manuel & Dianna Tsihas
30 lbs Butter-3	\$50.00		Thank you, also, for the generous 2025 donations made by:		
30 lbs Butter-4	\$50.00		Diamond Sponsor	\$10,000.00	Angelic Corporation
30 lbs Butter-5	\$50.00		Diamond Sponsor	\$10,000.00	Charis Consulting
30 lbs Butter-6	\$50.00		Diamond Sponsor	\$10,000.00	Old Spaghetti Factory
Sugar-1	\$174.00		Diamond Sponsor	\$10,000.00	Pappas Investments
250 lb Sugar-2	\$67.00		Gold Sponsor	\$5,000.00	Kim Pacini Hauch - Remax Real Estate
250 lb Sugar-3	\$67.00		Gold Sponsor	\$5,000.00	The Bertakis-Spyridakis Family
Nuts-1	\$343.00		Gold Sponsor	\$5,000.00	Bennett Foundation
Nuts-2	\$343.00		Silver Sponsor	\$3,000.00	Terry Kastanis
Nuts-3	\$300.00		Silver Sponsor	\$3,000.00	Sacramento Advocates
Nuts-4	\$300.00		Silver Sponsor	\$3,000.00	PV AMPS Inc
Nuts-5	\$200.00		Silver Sponsor	\$2,500.00	AKT
Nuts-6	\$150.00		Silver Sponsor	\$2,500.00	Sysco
Nuts-7	\$150.00		Silver Sponsor	\$2,000.00	John & Marianna Demas
Nuts-8	\$150.00		Silver Sponsor	\$2,000.00	CGI
Nuts-9	\$50.00	Alan Grossman	Silver Sponsor	\$2,000.00	Comstock Johnson Architects
Nuts-10	\$43.00	Alan Grossman	Silver Sponsor	\$2,000.00	Kathleen C. Lecas
Nuts-11	\$43.00	Alan Grossman	Silver Sponsor	\$2,000.00	The Willows Ballroom
Honey-1	\$240.00	Boorinakis Harper Ranch	Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Avdis & Cucchi, LLP
Bourbon/Brandy-1	\$40.00	Ivana Krstic & Alex Watson	Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Renee Carter - Solutions West
Olive Oil	\$80.00	Irene DeKellis	Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Ralph Isola, DDS
Lemon Juice-1	\$80.00	Yianni & Vanessa Kassotakis	Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	George Kufasimis & Loula Kufasimes
Lemon Juice-2	\$40.00		Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	John Kyriakides
Pure Vanilla Extract	\$100.00	The Hansen Family	Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Drs. Nicholas & Carol Rotas & Family
3 gal. Veg. Oil-1	\$36.00		Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Cynthia Siokos & Buzz Wiesenfeld
3 gal. Veg. Oil-2	\$36.00		Bronze Sponsor	\$1,000.00	Wing Woman Events
Packaging	\$2,500.00		Pearl Sponsor	\$500.00	Ralph & Vassie Sett
Packaging	\$2,500.00		Pearl Sponsor	\$500.00	BRite
Volunteer Lunch	\$650.00	Roxie Deli	Pearl Sponsor	\$500.00	JM Equipment
Signage	\$500.00	ARC	Pearl Sponsor	\$500.00	California Moving Systems
Signage	\$1,000.00		Friend of the Festival	\$300.00	The Kiniris Family
Signage	\$1,000.00		Friend of the Festival	\$200.00	Nektarios, Maria Klostrakis & Family



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Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

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**DIVINE LITURGY BEGINS AT 10:00AM
CLASSES BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HOLY COMMUNION**

Please contact sundayschool@annunciationsac.org with questions



ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION 2025-2026

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2526

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions
garyleonard@hotmail.com

Epistle Reading Program

The Epistle Reading Program is open to our parish youth (ages 10+) and is a wonderful opportunity for our children to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, and serve our community!

Please register and select reading dates at the link below. A confirmation will be emailed, along with the reading(s) for the selected date(s). Assistance is available to prepare new readers. Readers are needed every Sunday.

Please contact Nicki Hansen at nhansen@annunciationsac.org with questions.





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REGISTRATION AND COURSE DETAILS AT tiny.cc/greek-school

CLASSES BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

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ANNUNCIATION VOLLEYBALL COME AND JOIN THE FUN

OCTOBER PRACTICES

Wednesday 10/8

Tuesday 10/14

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

St. Nicholas Volleyball Tournament, San Jose
October 18, 2025

SCAN FOR YOUTH
REGISTRATION





INTRODUCTION TO THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ORTHODOX FAITH?

In recent months, our Parish has been blessed with a number of people inquiring about the Faith. **Are you among these inquirers?** Or are you Orthodox, but you feel you need to learn more about your Faith? We would like to share the Faith with you in an organized and systematic way. **Beginning Monday, September 22**, the Autumnal Equinox(!), and continuing until Holy Week and Pascha, we will be offering an **Introduction to the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church**. We will meet in the downstairs Conference Room in the Hellenic Center most of the time and from time to time in the upstairs classroom 2206. Class will begin at 6pm (7pm during Lent) and meet for about an hour plus. If you cannot come in person, but you would like to participate via Zoom, please tell us, and we will endeavor to accommodate you as much as possible.

If you are interested in attending this class, please email me at frtimothy@annunciationsac.org. I want your name and an email address!

Fr. Timothy Robinson
Associate Priest

REQUIRED TEXTS:

- BESIDES HANDOUTS THAT I WILL EMAIL TO YOU BEFORE CLASS MEETS, PLEASE OBTAIN A COPY OF REV. FR. MICHAEL SHANBOUR, *KNOW THE FAITH: A HANDBOOK FOR ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS AND INQUIRERS* (ANCIENT FAITH PUBLISHING, 2019). THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OUR BOOKSTORE VERY SOON. IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE NOW DIRECTLY FROM ANCIENT FAITH OR FROM AMAZON IN PRINT OR VIA KINDLE.
- A MODERN LANGUAGE BIBLE, E.G. *THE ORTHODOX STUDY BIBLE*, OR AN EDITION OF THE NEW KING JAMES OR NEW AMERICAN BIBLE (ROMAN CATHOLIC) OR NEW REVISED STANDARD BIBLE (ECUMENICAL).



PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

Last year the members of Philoptochos asked for your help to provide socks for people who frequent Hope Cooperative, a non-profit organization that provides "Behavioral health, and supportive housing services to more than 10,000 people each year." We are once again asking you to help those who seek assistance and services at Hope Cooperative by donating gently used clothing items directly to **Hope Cooperative Wellness Center**, located at: 3737 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento 95821. Their telephone number is (916) 480-1801.

Thank you for your support of Philoptochos to help those in need. Please contact Pearl Thomas @ 916-508-4850, if you have any questions or concerns.



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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Four Positions Open - Three-Year Term Beginning January 2026

**Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, November 5 and Election Day is on Sunday, December 14.*

Our Parish Board of Elections Committee is seeking dedicated candidates to serve on the Parish Council and help strengthen our church. If you are interested in running or have questions about the role, please contact a member of the Board of Elections Committee listed below. God calls each of us to share our time, talents, and treasures in His house of worship, and serving on the Parish Council is a meaningful way to offer your gifts to the church.

Duties of a Parish Council Member:

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

Candidate Qualifications:

- Be a parishioner of Annunciation in good standing for at least one year.
- Have been Baptized/Chrismated into the Orthodox Christian Tradition.
- Live their life in accordance with the Faith and Canons of the Church.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be current in their stewardship and other financial obligations to the Church. Cooperate in every way towards the welfare and well-being of the Parish.
- Complete Parish Council leadership seminar (more information to come).

Board of Elections Committee Members:

- Yianni Kazanis - ioannis.kazanis@gmail.com
- Yianni Kassotakis - johnkassotakis@gmail.com
- Dr. Nicholas Rotas - nrotas1@mac.com



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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. Effie can be reached in the office at (916) 443-2033 ext 222.



WELCOME

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We're so glad you are here with us today!

If you are visiting, we warmly invite you to join us next door in the Hellenic Center following the Divine Liturgy for coffee fellowship.

Be sure to stop by the Welcoming Table during coffee fellowship to meet our team, ask questions, and learn more about our faith, parish, and ministries.

We look forward to greeting you!

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
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Please visit the Stewardship Table during coffee fellowship to learn more about our mission and how we strengthen our parish community with our time, talent, and treasure.

September 28 – October 5

Sunday, September 28	First Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School High School Sunday School Class Greek Dance Practices
Monday, September 29	6:00pm Introduction to the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church
Wednesday, October 1	6:00pm Greek School Classes
Thursday, October 2	9:00am Festival Baking
Friday, October 3	11:00am Sacramento Greek Festival
Saturday, October 4	11:00am Sacramento Greek Festival
Sunday, October 5	Second Sunday of Luke 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Family Church Day – No Sunday School Classes 11:00am Sacramento Greek Festival

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

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

Be sure to visit our Bookstore in the Annunciation Hellenic Center. The Bookstore is open Sundays after Church or contact bookstore@annunciationsac.org for an appointment.

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