



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LUKE
OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Plagal 4th Mode | No Fasting | 6th Morning Gospel

This Lord's Day, we remember Charitina the Martyr; Methodia the Righteous of Kimolos; Eudokimos the Unknown of Mount Athos; and Peter, Alexis, Jonah, Hermogenes & Tikhon, Metropolitans of Moscow.

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. Plagal 4th Mode.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and condescended to be buried for three days, so that from the passions You might set us free. Our life and resurrection, O Lord, glory to You.

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, ἁμαρτωλῶν δέησεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεῦσον εἰς ἱκεσίαν, ἣ προστατεύουσα αἰεὶ, 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. Plagal 4th Mode. Psalm 75.

Pray and return to the Lord Your God.

In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

The Apostle reading is from the Apostle Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (1:21-24; 2:1-4): Brethren, it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has commissioned us; he has put his seal upon us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. But I call God to witness against me – it was to spare you that I refrained from coming to Corinth. Not that we lord it over your faith; we work with you for your joy, for you stand firm in your faith. For I made up my mind not to make you another painful visit. For if I cause you pain, who is there to make me glad but the one whom I have pained? And I wrote as I did, so that when I came I might not suffer pain from those who should have made me rejoice, for I felt sure of all of you, that my joy would be the joy of you all. For I wrote you out of much affliction and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to cause you pain but to let you know the abundant love that I have for you.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from Luke (6:31-36): THE LORD said, "And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Please Join Our Annunciation Family in Welcoming Fr. Innocent

Parish Council: Team A

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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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).

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 Margaris
(916) 718-3749

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

SCAN FOR YOUTH
REGISTRATION



SAVE THE DATE

ASL October Luncheon

Thursday, October 16

The Old Spaghetti Factory | 1910 J Street, Sacramento

Additional Details to Follow



PHILOTOCHOS 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

**REGISTRATION STILL OPEN
FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**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.





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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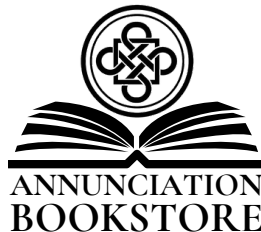


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COFFEE HOUR FELLOWSHIP

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.



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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 or contact the Annunciation Financial Office at accounting@annunciationsac.org.

Q: WHAT DOES MY STEWARDSHIP PAY FOR?

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

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

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

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



October 5-12

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

Monday, October 6

6:00pm Introduction to the Eastern Orthodox Christian Church

Wednesday, October 8

6:00pm Greek School Classes

6:00pm Volleyball Practices

Sunday, October 12

Sunday of the 7th Ecumenical Council

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

Sunday School

High School Sunday School Class & Sr. GOYA Meeting

Dance Practices

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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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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