



SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST DECEMBER 28, 2025

The Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

December 28, 2025

No Fasting | Mode 4 | 7th Orthros Gospel

On this Lord's Day, the we continue to celebrate the Afterfeast of the Nativity of our Lord. We also remember the holy and righteous Joseph the Betrothed, David the King, and James the brother of the Lord. We also remember the 14,000 infants (Holy Innocents) slain by Herod in Bethlehem; we also remember the 20,000 Martyrs burned in Nicomedia; the Holy Martyr Glycerus; and Simon the Myrrhbearer, Founder of Simonopetra Monastery of Mount Athos.

Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalms 9, 110.

Verse 1: I will give thanks to You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your wondrous things.

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

Verse 2: In the council of the upright and in the assembly. Great are the works of the Lord.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 3: Sought out in all things with regard to His will.

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

Verse 4: Thanksgiving and majesty are His work, and His righteousness continues unto ages of ages.

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 111.

Verse 1: Blessed is the man who fears the Lord; he will delight exceedingly in His commandments.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: His seed shall be mighty on earth.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθείς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Verse 3: Glory and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness continues unto ages of ages. Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 4: For the upright, light springs up in darkness.

Save us, O Son of God, who were born of a Virgin. 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 Logos of God....

Antiphon III. Apolytikion of the Feast. Mode 4

Ή Γέννησίς σου Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν,ἀνέτειλε τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ φῶς τὸ τῆς γνώσεως· ἐν αὐτῆ γὰρ οἱ τοῖς ἄστροις λατρεύοντες, ὑπὸ ἀστέρος ἐδιδάσκοντο, σὲ προσκυνεῖν, τὸν Ἡλιον τῆς δικαιοσύνης, καὶ σὲ γινώσκειν ἐξ ὕψους ἀνατολήν. Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Your nativity, O Christ our God, has caused the light of knowledge to rise upon the world. For therein the worshippers of the stars were by a star instructed to worship You, the Sun of Righteousness, and to know You as Orient from on high. Glory to You, O Lord.

Resurrection Apolytikion, Mode 4: Τὸ φαιδρὸν τῆς ἀναστάσεως κήρυγμα, ἐκ τοῦ Ἁγγέλου μαθοῦσαι αἱ τοῦ Κυρίου Μαθήτριαι, καὶ τὴν προγονικὴν ἀπόφασιν ἀπόρρίψασαι, τοῖς Ἀποστόλοις καυχώμεναι ἔλεγον Ἐσκύλευται ὁ θάνατος, ἠγέρθη Χριστὸς ὁ Θεός, δωρούμενος τῷ κόσμῳ τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

When the women Disciples of the Lord had learned from the Angel the joyful message of the Resurrection and rejected the ancestral decision, they cried aloud to the Apostles triumphantly: Death has been despoiled, Christ God has risen, granting His great mercy to the world.

Apolytikion of the Ancestors of God, Mode 2: Εὐαγγελίζου Ἰωσήφ, τῷ Δαυῒδ τὰ θαύματα τῷ Θεοπάτορι· Παρθένον εἶδες κυοφορήσασαν, μετὰ Μάγων προσεκύνησας, μετὰ Ποιμένων εδοξολόγησας, δι' Ἄγγέλου χρηματισθείς. Ἱκέτευε Χριστὸν τὸν Θεόν, σωθῆναι τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν. Annunciate the miracles to David the ancestor of God, O Joseph. You saw the Virgin pregnant. You glorified with the shepherds. You worshipped with the Magi. And you were warned by an Angel. Entreat Christ God to save our souls.

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 τὴ Θεοτόκω 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 for the Nativity, Mode 3: Ή Παρθένος σήμερον, τὸν ὑπερούσιον τίκτει, καὶ ἡ γῆ τὸ Σπήλαιον, τῷ ἀπροσίτῳ προσάγει. Ἄγγελοι μετὰ Ποιμένων δοξολογοῦσι. Μάγοι δὲ μετὰ ἀστέρος ὁδοιποροῦσι· δι' ἡμᾶς γὰρ ἐγεννήθη, Παιδίον νέον, ὁ πρὸ αἰώνων Θεός.

On this day the Virgin gives * birth to the Super-essential. * To the Unapproachable, *earth is providing the grotto. * Angels sing and with the shepherds offer up glory. * Following a star the Magi are still proceeding. * He was born for our salvation, a newborn Child, the pre-eternal God.

After the Trisagion Hymn:

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 4. Psalm 67.

God is wondrous in His saints. Bless God in the churches.

The Reading is from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Galatians (1:11-19): Brethren, I would have you know that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ. For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it; and I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers. But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned to Damascus. Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and remained with him fifteen days. But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Alleluia

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (2:13-23): When the wise men departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt have I called my son." Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, was in a furious rage, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had ascertained from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more." But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." And he rose and took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaos reigned over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazarene."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A

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

Altar Guild

Christine Dariotis & Rula Manikas

Memorials

Paula Titus (40 days), Mary Kyriakides (1 year), Fay Kirkopulos (5 years), Irene Kirkopulos (27 years), Harry Kirkopulos (41 years), Sophia Kyriakides (26 years), Kyriako (Charles) Kyriakides (38 years), Stamatios Kypridakes (27 years), Stella Kypridakes (21 years), Apostolos Chrisopoulos (27 years), Argiro Chrisopoulos (23 years)

40 Day Blessing

Stepheno, Son of Mike & Stephanie Raptakis

Coffee Fellowship

Sponsored by The Chrisopoulos Family & The Kyriakides Family

PUBLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINES

SUNDAY BULLETIN - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org
Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements
WEEKLY EMAIL BLAST - Wednesdays by 4pm to nhansen@annunciationsac.org
QUARTERLY OBSERVER - March 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org



PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER COAT DRIVE

On Monday, December 15th, we delivered 67 coats to the Leataata Floyd Elementary School. This was 27 coats more than last year! Philoptochos would not be able to help as many children who need a warm coat without your support.



SOCK DRIVE

Please put your donations of socks on the **Red Cart** as we will continue our sock drive for another week. Thank you, Annunciation Parishioners, for your generosity and support to help those in need.

NEW WEBSITE





COSTUME CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!

Before we begin to purchase costumes, we are asking for your help!



LATE 1800s-EARLY 1900s INSPIRED CLOTHING

- Long dresses or skirts
- Simple blouses
- Knit cardigans
- Sweater vests
- Neutral or muted colors



1950s "CHURCH CLOTHES" FOR BOYS & GIRLS

- · Dresses with color
- · Button-down shirts
- Sweaters
- Vests or slacks



Kids' Large-XL

Adult Small-Medium

Please drop off donations in the designated box by the costume room before December 21



DIVE FOR THE CROSS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026 2:00PM

AT THE DARIOTIS FAMILY HOME

GRADES 1ST-12TH
DIVERS WILL BE GROUPED BY GRADE

REGISTER BY JANUARY 2 AT tiny.cc/dive26

CONTACT NICKI HANSEN WITH QUESTIONS NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG



ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE DIVINE LITURGY & COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

JOIN US FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY AS WE CELEBRATE THE SYNAXIS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND A MORNING OF PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FRIENDSHIP WITH OUR ASL COMMUNITY

JANUARY 7
10:00 AM

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ALTAR BOY REGISTRATION 2025-2026

2nd Grade and Up

Visit tiny.cc/altar2526

Please contact Gary Leonard with questions garypleonard@hotmail.com



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





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.





BEAUTIFYING THE LITURGICAL EXPERIENCE



Our parish is undertaking a special campaign to replace and renew several liturgical items that have fallen into disrepair. These sacred vessels and furnishings are not merely functional, they reflect our love and reverence for God, and the beauty of our worship. Your generosity will help ensure that the Divine Services are celebrated with the dignity and splendor worthy of the Lord.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this effort. If you are interested in learning more and would like to see a full list of items needed, please email Fr. Vinnie at frvincent@annunciationsac.org



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).





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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.





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 <u>annunciationsac.org/stewardship</u> or return a pledge card to the Church Office



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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.

December 28 - January 4

Sunday, December 28 Sunday After the Nativity of Christ

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

Family Church Day - No Sunday School Classes

Thursday, January 1 Circumcision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saint Basil the Great

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

Church Office Closed

Friday, January 2 6:00pm Greek Dance Practices

Saturday, January 3 2:00pm Dive for the Cross

Sunday, January 4 Sunday Before Epiphany

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

Family Church Day - No Sunday School Classes

Greek Dance Practices

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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

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

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

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

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