

THE SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

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*Mode 2 | No Fasting (Regular Fasting Schedule) | 2nd Morning Gospel*

This Lord's Day, we remember the Lord's parable of the Prodigal Son; we also continue to celebrate the Afterfeast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Savior in the Temple (February 2); we also remember Theodore the Commander & Great Martyr; The Holy Prophet Zacharias (Zachariah); Nicephoros & Stephanos the Martyrs; and Cuthman of Steyning.

## Antiphon I. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

**Verse 1:** My heart overflowed with a good word; I tell my works to the King.

Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

**Verse 2:** My tongue is the pen of a swift-writing scribe.

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

**Verse 3:** Grace was poured out on Your lips.

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

**Verse 4:** Therefore God blessed You forever.

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

Glory... Both now...

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

## Antiphon II. Mode 2. Psalm 44.

**Verse 1:** Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐν ἀγκάλαις τοῦ Δικαίου Συμεὼν βασταχθεὶς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

**Verse 2:** Stretch Your bow, and grant prosperity, and reign.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Verse 3:** Your arrows are sharp, O Mighty One. The peoples shall fall under You.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

**Verse 4:** Your royal scepter is a scepter of uprightness.

Save us, O Son of God, who were held in the arms of righteous Symeon. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Glory. Both now. Amen. Only begotten Son....

## Antiphon III. Festal Apolytikion. Mode 1.

Χαῖρε κεχαριτωμένη Θεοτόκε Παρθένε· ἐκ σοῦ γὰρ ἀνέτειλεν ὁ ἥλιος τῆς δικαιοσύνης, Χριστὸς ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, φωτίζων τοὺς ἐν σκότει. Εὐφραίνου καὶ σὺ Πρεσβύτα δίκαιε, δεξάμενος ἐν ἀγκάλαις τὸν ἐλευθερωτὴν τῶν ψυχῶν ἡμῶν, χαριζόμενον ἡμῖν καὶ τὴν Ἀνάστασιν.

Lady full of grace, rejoice, O Virgin Theotokos, for Christ our God, the Sun of righteousness has risen from you and He illumined those in darkness. And you, righteous Elder, be glad in heart, receiving in your embraces the One who liberates our souls and bestows on us the Resurrection.

**Resurrection Apolytikion, Mode 2:** Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ ζωὴ ἢ ἁθάνατος, τότε τὸν ἄδην ἐνέκρωσας, τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς θεότητος· ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεῶτας, ἐκ τῶν καταχθονίων ἀνέστησας, πᾶσαι αἱ δυνάμεις τῶν ἐπουρανίων ἐκραύγαζον· Ζωοδότα Χριστέ, ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν δόξα σοι.

When you descended unto death, O Lord Who Yourself are immortal Life, then did You Mortify Hades with the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the nether world, all the Powers of the heavens cried out, "O Giver of life, Christ our God, glory to You!"

**Apolytikion of the Church, Mode 4:** Σήμερον τῆς σωτηρίας ἡμῶν τὸ Κεφάλαιον, καὶ τοῦ ἁπ' 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 for the Presentation, Mode 1:** Ὁ μήτραν παρθενικὴν ἀγιάσας τῷ τόκῳ σου, καὶ χεῖρας τοῦ Συμεὼν εὐλογήσας ὡς ἔπρεπε, προφθάσας καὶ νῦν ἔσωσας ἡμᾶς Χριστέ ὁ Θεός. Ἄλλ' εἰρήνευσον ἐν πολέμοις τὸ πολίτευμα, καὶ κραταίωσον Βασιλεῖς οὓς ἡγάπησας, ὁ μόνος φιλόανθρωπος.

You sanctified a virgin womb by your birth, and fittingly blessed Symeon's hands; you have come now too and saved us, O Christ God. But give peace to your commonwealth in times of war, and strengthen its Rulers, whose friend you are, Only Lover of mankind.

*After the Trisagion Hymn:*

**Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Mode 2. Psalm 117.**

The Lord is my strength and my song, and He became my salvation.

The Lord chastened and corrected me, but He did not give me up to death.

**The Reading is from the Holy Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (6:12-20):** Brethren, "all things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food" -- and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two shall become one flesh." But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body and in your spirit which belong to God.

**Alleluia**

**The Gospel Reading is from Luke (15:11-32):** The Lord said this parable: "There was a man who had two sons; and the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me.' And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in

loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine arose in that country, and he began to be in want. So he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would gladly have filled his belly with the pods that the swine ate; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants.' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to make merry. Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what this meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has received him safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

## THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

### Parish Council: Team A

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

### Altar Guild

Stelios & Angela Katzakis and Family

### Artoklasia

Offered by The Rebegeanu/Leonard Family

### Tray Offering

In Support of Kids 'n' Cancer

### Publication Submission Deadlines

**Sunday Bulletin** – Wednesdays by 4pm to [nhansen@annunciationsac.org](mailto:nhansen@annunciationsac.org)

*Limited to Annunciation parish and parochial ministry activities and announcements*

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## **ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTO FDF 2026 COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

9:16 am Rizes • Primary Category  
11:44 am Nea Genia • Advanced Intermediate Category  
3:55 pm Oi Apogonoi • Junior Category

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

8:00 am Rizes • Primary Category  
1:09 pm Ta Koukounaria • Division III  
3:41 pm Nea Genia • Advanced Intermediate Category  
5:13 pm Oi Apogonoi • Junior Category

**WATCH LIVE AT [youtube.com/FDFLIVE](https://youtube.com/FDFLIVE)**

*Schedule is in Mountain Standard Time - one hour ahead of CA*



*Please join us in praying for the safe travels of our  
dancers, directors, dance families, and Fr. Vinnie as they  
head to Phoenix, AZ, for FDF 2026 next weekend.*

*Good luck, dancers! Your Annunciation family is cheering for you!*

# ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

**\$15 PER PERSON  
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Annunciation Philoptochos Society presents

## **A Scrumptious Cake Raffle**



**Sunday, February 22**  
Following the Divine Liturgy  
Annunciation Hellenic Center

Raffle tickets for these beautiful cakes on fancy platters  
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tea & treats at a

# MYRRHBEARER MEET & GREET



Sunday, March 1

*Hellenic Center Foyer  
Following the Divine Liturgy*

*Girls 2nd grade and up*



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# 2026 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ORATORICAL FESTIVAL

SENIOR DIVISION (GRADES 10-12)  
JUNIOR DIVISION (GRADES 7-9)



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH FESTIVAL SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY

### AWARDS

**National finalists are eligible to receive the following:**

- St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival Scholarship: \$750 to \$3000
- FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism: to be announced

**Finalists at any level are eligible to receive the following:**

- Chrysostom Scholarship to Hellenic College: \$2,500 up to \$30,000 per year

**Find registration, tips, manual & additional information at  
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Questions? Interested in participating?  
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# Lenten Retreat

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER  
MICHELLE MOUJAES  
FROM FAITHTREE RESOURCES

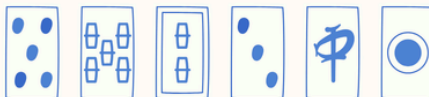
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MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

## *Mahjong Group*



The Annunciation Senior League invites you to join us every Friday for Mahjong and good company. Whether you're an experienced player or brand new to the game, you're welcome to join us as we learn together, share conversation, and enjoy time in fellowship.

Mahjong offers a wonderful opportunity to exercise the mind while building friendships within our parish community. All ages and skill levels are welcome!

FRIDAYS  
10:00 AM

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Please call or email Fr. Vinnie or Fr. Tim to schedule

frvincent@annunciationsac.org  
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ANNUNCIATION SACRAMENTO  
LENTEN  
YOUTH  
RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY OF LAZARUS  
APRIL 4, 2026

ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO COME



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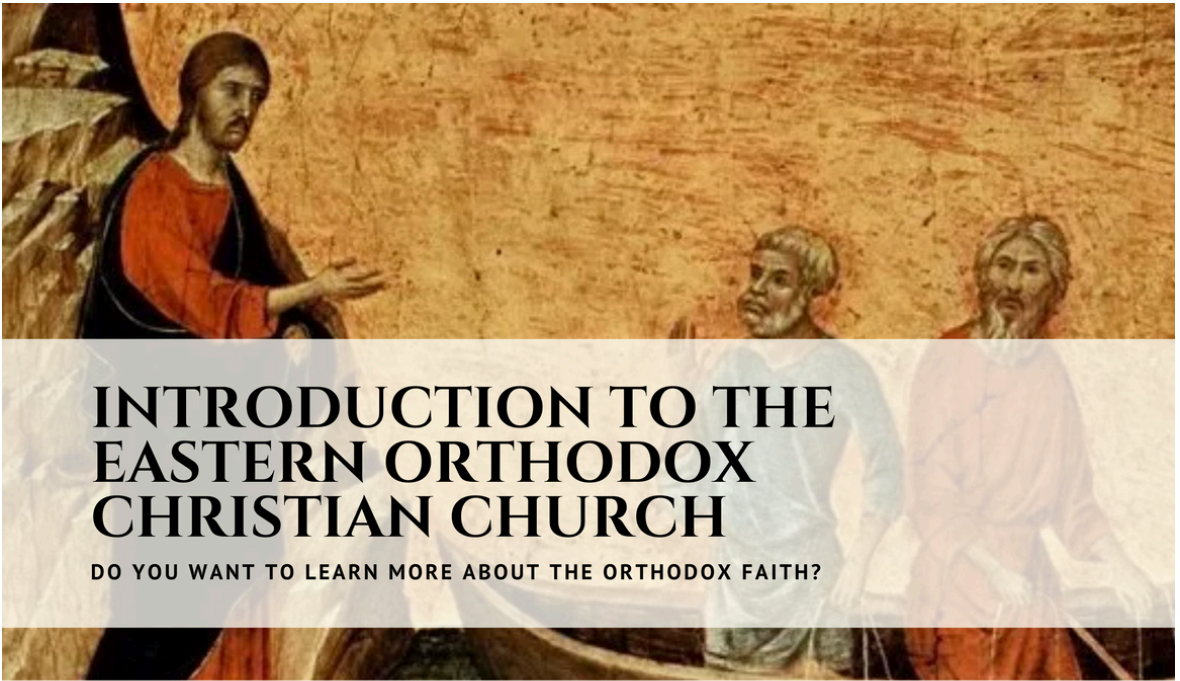
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# INTRODUCTION TO THE EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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](mailto: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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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**

ANNUNCIATION  
SACRAMENTO



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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!

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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 together.*

# February 8-15

**Sunday, February 8**

**Sunday of the Prodigal Son**

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

Sunday School Classes

High School Sunday School & Sr. GOYA Meeting

Philoptochos Super Bowl Nacho Sunday

Greek Dance Practices

**Monday, February 9**

5:30pm Greek Dance Practices

6:00pm Introduction to the Orthodox Church

6:00pm Parish Council Meeting

**Tuesday, February 10**

**Saint Haralambos**

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

6:30pm Philoptochos Meeting

**Thursday, February 12**

6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class

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**Friday, February 13**

10:00am Mahjong Group Meeting

1:30pm Annunciation Historical Group Meeting

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**Saturday, February 14**

**Saturday of Souls**

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

FDF 2026, *Phoenix Arizona*

**Sunday, February 15**

**Judgment Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)**

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

Family Church Day - *No Sunday School Classes*

Philoptochos Kids 'n' Cancer Coffee Reception

FDF 2026, *Phoenix Arizona*

## THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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