



SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN
MAY 17, 2026

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No Fasting | Mode Plagal 1 | 8th Orthros Gospel

On this Lord's Day, the Sixth Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Man born blind whom Jesus healed; we also remember the Holy Apostles Andronicus and Junia; Theophanes and Nectarios, Builders of the Holy Monastery of Varlaam of Meteora; Nicholas the Younger who was martyred in Metsovo, Epirus; Theodotos the Martyr of Ancyra & the 7 Virgin-martyrs; Athanasios, Archbishop of Christianopolis; and the New Martyrs of Batak, Bulgaria.

Apolytikion of Pascha, Mode Plagal 1: Χριστὸς ἀνέστη ἐκ νεκρῶν, θανάτῳ θάνατον πατήσας, καὶ τοῖς ἐν τοῖς μνήμασι, ζῶην χαρισάμενος.
Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs he has granted life.

First Antiphon. Mode 2. Psalm 65

Verse 1: Shout to God all the earth.

Refrain: Ταῖς πρεσβείαις τῆς Θεοτόκου, Σῶτερ, σῶσον ἡμᾶς.

Verse 2: Sing now to His Name. Give glory to His praise. *Ref.*

Verse 3: Say to God, How fearful are your works! *Ref.*

Verse 4: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You. *Ref.*

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... *Ref.*

Second Antiphon. Mode 2. Psalm 66

Verse 1: Let God be gracious to us and bless us!

Refrain: Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Υἱὲ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ νεκρῶν, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἄλληλουῖα.

Verse 2: May He cause his face to shine upon us and have mercy on us. *Ref.*

Verse 3: That we may know His way on the earth, Your salvation among all the Gentiles. *Ref.*

Verse 4: Let all the peoples give thanks to you, O God, let all the peoples praise you. *Ref.*

Glory to the Father... Both now and forever... Only begotten Son and Word of God...

Third Antiphon. Mode Plagal 1.

Refrain of Pascha, Mode Pl. 1 (Χριστός ἀνέστη): Christ is risen....

Entrance Hymn. Mode 2. Psalm 67

Bless God in the Churches, the Lord from the fountains of Israel. Save us, O Son of God, risen from the dead. We sing to you, Alleluia!

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode Plagal 1: Let us worship the Word who is unoriginate * with the Father and the Spirit, and from a Virgin was born * for our salvation, O believers, and let us sing His praise. * For in His goodness He was pleased * to ascend the Cross in the flesh, and undergo death, * and to raise up those who had died, * by His glorious Resurrection. ..

Τὸν συνάναρχον Λόγον Πατρὶ καὶ Πνεύματι, τὸν ἐκ Παρθένου τεχθέντα εἰς σωτηρίαν ἡμῶν, ἀνυμνήσωμεν πιστοὶ καὶ προσκυνήσωμεν, ὅτι ἠυδόκησε σαρκί, ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, καὶ θάνατον ὑπομεῖναι, καὶ ἐγείραι τοὺς τεθνεώτας, ἐν τῇ ἐνδόξῳ Ἀναστάσει αὐτοῦ..

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 of Pascha, Mode Plagal 4: Εἰ καὶ ἐν τάφῳ κατήλθες Ἀθάνατε, ἀλλὰ τοῦ ᾄδου καθεῖλες τὴν δύναμιν· καὶ ἀνέστης ὡς νικητῆς, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, γυναιξὶ Μυροφόροις φθεγγάμενος, Χαίρετε, καὶ τοῖς σοῖς Ἀποστόλοις εἰρήνην δωρούμενος, ὁ τοῖς πεσοῦσι παρέχων ἀνάστασιν.

Though You went down into the tomb, O Immortal One, yet You brought down the dominion of Hades; and You rose as the victor, O Christ our God; and You called out "Rejoice" to the Myrrh-bearing women, and gave peace to Your Apostles, O Lord who to the fallen grant resurrection.

After the Trisagion: Order of the New Testament Readings

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Grave Mode. Psalm 63.

You shall guard us, O Lord; You shall preserve us.

Save me, O Lord, for the holy man has ceased.

The Apostle reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (26:1, 12-20): IN THOSE DAYS, as we apostles were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by soothsaying. She followed Paul and us, crying, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she did for many days. But Paul was annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, "I charge you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers; and when they had brought them to the magistrates they said, "These men are Jews and they are disturbing our city. They advocate customs which it is not lawful for us Romans to accept or practice." The crowd joined in attacking them; and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and every one's fetters were unfastened. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." And he called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their wounds, and he was baptized at once, with all his family. Then he brought them up into his house, and set food before them; and he rejoiced with all his household that he had believed in God.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from John (9:1-38): AT THAT TIME, as Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him. We must work the works of him who sent me, while it is day; night comes, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." As he said this, he spat on the ground and made clay of the spittle and anointed the man's eyes with the clay, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar, said, "Is not this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is he"; others said, "No, but he is like him." He said, "I am the man." They said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. The Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" There was a division among them. So they again said to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight, and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself." His parents said this because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess him to be Christ he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age, ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Why, this is a marvel! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe": and he worshiped him.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team A

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

Artoklasia

Offered by AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Sacramento Chapters

Coffee Fellowship

AHEPA and Daughters of Penelope Sacramento Chapters

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 - June 10th to observer@annunciationsac.org



AHEPA SUNDAY



Today is AHEPA Sunday when the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America recognizes the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) and the Daughters of Penelope (DOP) for their service, philanthropy, and promotion of Hellenic ideals. Today the Sacramento AHEPA and DOP chapters will sponsor Artokalsia and Coffee Hour.

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN IN JUNE

8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy



**ANNUNCIATION
PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY**

You're Invited

Sunday School End of School Year Celebration



Sunday, May 17

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy
Annunciation Hellenic Center

Join us for lunch, dessert, and fellowship
at our End of School Year Celebration
as we give thanks for a beautiful year
of faith, friendship, and learning.

Together, we celebrate our Sunday School
teachers, Director, students, families, and the
entire Annunciation community that helps
nurture our children in the life of the Church.

Hosted by the Annunciation Parish Council





SUNDAY SCHOOL

Building a solid foundation for Christian education and formation

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

As we wrap up another joyful and faith-filled year of Sunday School, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our students, families, and dedicated teachers and leaders. Your commitment and spirit make our parish thrive!

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday School will return for the 2026–2027 year on Sunday, September 13. We look forward to another blessed year of learning and growing in Christ together!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES



CLASS OF 2026

HIGH SCHOOL • COLLEGE • GRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14
AS WE RECOGNIZE OUR GRADUATES

VISIT tiny.cc/grads26 TO SUBMIT YOUR
INFORMATION BY SUNDAY, MAY 31

PLEASE CONTACT NHANSEN@ANNUNCIATIONSAC.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

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SUMMER DAY CAMP

FANTASTIC FOUR DAYS
OF FAITH, FUN & ORTHODOX HEROES

2026

CALLING ALL HEROES IN TRAINING!

Join us for **Annunciation Summer Day Camp 2026** as we discover
Faith in Action: Heroes of the Church!

Over four fantastic days, campers will train to become true heroes—learning from the saints, building a strong foundation of faith, and putting courage, kindness, and love into action. With epic games, hands-on challenges, and heroic fun, every day brings a new mission... all leading up to a final celebration you won't want to miss!



JUNE 15-18
GRADES TK-8



9:00 AM-12:00 PM



**ANNUNCIATION
HELLENIC CENTER**

\$75
PER CAMPER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31



QUESTIONS? nhsen@annunciationsac.org



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CAMP
COUNSELOR
REGISTRATION

JUNE 15-18 • 8:45AM-12:15PM

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GRADES 9-12)!

Join us as a Camp Counselor for our Summer Day Camp! This is a meaningful and fun leadership opportunity where you will help guide TK-8th grade campers through a week of faith, fellowship, and learning.

CAMP COUNSELOR ROLE:

- ★ Leading and assisting with daily camp activities
- ★ Being a positive faith role model for campers
- ★ Helping manage small groups and transitions between activities
- ★ Participating in a daily reflection and guidance session with Fr. Vinnie
- ★ Attending a Counselor Orientation (time/date TBA)

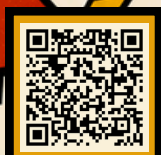
BE A HERO.
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

REGISTER BY
MAY 31



QUESTIONS?

Contact nhansen@annunciationsac.org





BAKING

Please join us as we begin baking for our 63rd annual Sacramento Greek Festival. Beginners are welcome! Come learn, support our parish, and enjoy lunch, fun, and fellowship.

Monday May 18 - Kourambiethes

Monday June 1 - Paximadia

Monday June 8 - Melomakarona

Monday June 15 - Koulourakia

Monday June 22 - Koulourakia

9:00am - 1:00pm

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

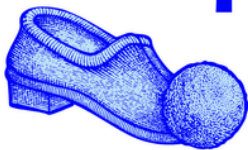


Annunciation

Creek Dance

Registration

for 2026-2027



dance season

open from April 26th to May 31st

**practices
begin in
early
September**



**scan to
register**



ANNUNCIATION VOLLEYBALL IS BACK

ADULT & YOUNG ADULT
MAY PRACTICES
THURSDAY 5/7
THURSDAY 5/14
THURSDAY 5/21
THURSDAY 5/28

6:00 PM
ANNUNCIATION HELLENIC CENTER

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2026 YOUTH VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION



FOURTH GRADE AND UP

VISIT tiny.cc/youthvolleyball26

REGISTRATION & TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION REQUIRED

TEAM FORMATION AND PRACTICE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW PENDING SUFFICIENT REGISTRATIONS

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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.

Become a Sponsor! 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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WELCOME

ANNUNCIATION
SACRAMENTO



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!



EVERY MINISTRY
EVERY MOMENT
EVERY BLESSING

YOUR STEWARDSHIP
MAKES IT POSSIBLE

STEWARDSHIP 2026

Every photo tells the story of a moment made possible by stewardship—youth growing in the faith, families worshipping together, ministries serving others, and the traditions that strengthen our parish life.

Our Annunciation community thrives because of the dedication, involvement, and generosity of parishioners like you. For many, Annunciation is where lifelong friendships were formed and core memories were made growing up in the life of the Church. For others, it has become a welcoming spiritual home where new memories are being created, one faithful step at a time. Together, these moments weave the story of our parish.

Your commitment ensures that these ministries, memories, and experiences continue now and for the generations yet to come. Thank you for supporting the mission and life of our parish and for being an essential part of our Annunciation family.

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



Please visit the Stewardship Table during coffee fellowship to learn more about our mission and how we strengthen our parish community together.

May 17-24

Sunday, May 17	Sunday of the Blind Man 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy Last Day of Sunday School Sunday School End of School Year Celebration AHEPA Sunday
Monday, May 18	9:00am Festival Baking 6:00pm Parish Council Meeting
Thursday, May 21	Holy Ascension and Saints Constantine and Helen 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy 6:00pm Adult & Young Adult Volleyball Practice 6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
Friday, May 22	1:30pm Annunciation Historical Group Meeting
Sunday, May 24	Fathers of the 1st Council 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy

Christ is Risen! Χριστός Ανέστη!

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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