



FATHERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL MAY 24, 2026

Sunday of the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council

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No Fasting | Mode Plagal 2 | 10th Orthros Gospel

On this Lord's Day, the Seventh Sunday of Pascha, we remember the Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council (Nicaea, 325 AD); we also remember Symeon the Stylite of the Mountain; Saint Vincent of Lerins; Meletios the Commander & his Companion Martyrs; and Gregory, Archbishop of Novgorod.

First Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 46.

Verse 1: Oh, clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of rejoicing.

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

Verse 2: For the Lord most high is fearsome; a great King over all the earth. *Ref.*

Verse 3: He subdued the peoples under us and the nations under our feet. *Ref.*

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

Second Antiphon. Mode II. Psalm 47.

Verse 1: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, who were taken up in glory to heaven from us. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Verse 2: God is known in her palaces; when he helps her. *Ref.*

Verse 3: For behold, the kings assembled; they came together. *Ref.*

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

Third Antiphon. Mode 4.

Apolytikion of the Feast of the Ascension, Mode 4: Ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, χαροποιήσας τοὺς Μαθητάς, τῇ ἐπαγγελίᾳ τοῦ ἁγίου Πνεύματος, βεβαιωθέντων αὐτῶν διὰ τῆς εὐλογίας, ὅτι σὺ εἶ ὁ Υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὁ Λυτρωτὴς τοῦ κόσμου.

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, after You filled the Disciples with joy, by promising to send them the Holy Spirit, and You blessed them and established their faith, that You are the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world.

Apolytikia & Kontakia

Resurrectional Apolytikion, Mode Plagal 2: Ἀγγελικαὶ δυνάμεις ἐπὶ τὸ μνήμα σου, καὶ οἱ φυλάσσοντες ἀπενεκρώθησαν, καὶ ἴστατο Μαρία ἐν τῷ τάφῳ, ζητοῦσα τὸ ἄχραντόν σου σῶμα. Ἐσκύλευσας τὸν Ἄϊδην, μὴ πειρασθεὶς ὑπὲρ αὐτοῦ, ὑπήνησας τῇ Παρθένῳ, δωρούμενος τὴν ζωὴν, ὁ ἀναστὰς ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

When the angelic powers appeared at Your grave, the soldiers guarding it feared and became as dead. And standing by the sepulcher was Mary who was seeking Your immaculate body. You devastated Hades, not afflicted by it. You went to meet the virgin, and granted eternal life. You resurrected from the dead. O Lord, glory to You.

Apolytikion of the Holy Fathers, Mode Plagal 4: Ὑπερδεδοξασμένος εἶ, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ φωστῆρας ἐπὶ γῆς τοὺς Πατέρας ἡμῶν θεμελιώσας, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν πρὸς τὴν ἀληθινὴν

πίστιν, πάντας ἡμᾶς ὀδηγήσας· πολυεύσπλαγχνε, δόξα σοι.

Supremely blessed are You, O Christ our God. You established the holy Fathers upon the earth as beacons, and through them You have guided us all to the true Faith, O greatly merciful One, glory be to You.

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 the Feast of the Ascension, Mode Plagal 2: Τὴν ὑπὲρ ἡμῶν πληρώσας οἰκονομίαν, καὶ τὰ ἐπὶ γῆς ἐνώσας τοῖς οὐρανόις, ἀνελήφθης ἐν δόξῃ, Χριστε ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, οὐδαμόθεν χωριζόμενος, ἀλλὰ μένων ἀδιάστατος, καὶ βοῶν τοῖς ἀγαπῶσί σε· Ἐγὼ εἶμι μεθ' ὑμῶν, καὶ οὐδεὶς καθ' ὑμῶν.

When You had fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, * and united things on earth with the things in heaven, * You were taken up thither in glory, O Christ our God, * going not away from any place, * but continuing inseparable, * and to them that love You crying out: * "I am with you, and there is, therefore, none against you."

After the Trisagion: Order of the New Testament Readings

Prokeimenon of the Apostle. Hymn of the Three Youths. Mode 4. Daniel 3:26,27.

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our fathers.

For you are righteous in all you did for us.

The reading is from the Acts of the Apostles (20:16–18; 28–36): IN THOSE DAYS, Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. And from Miletos he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. And when they came to him, he said to them: "Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God which he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities, and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'it is more blessed to give than to receive.' "And when he had spoken thus, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Alleluia.

The Gospel Reading is from John (17:1–13): AT THAT TIME, Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.

And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work which you gave me to do; and now, Father, you glorify me in your own presence with the glory which I had with you before the world was made. "I have manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you; for I have given them the words which you gave me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you did send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are mine; all mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Parish Council: Team B

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

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

SUMMER HOURS BEGIN IN JUNE

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



ANNUNCIATION
PARISH ASSEMBLY
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026
FOLLOWING THE DIVINE LITURGY



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 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

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

ANNUNCIATION



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



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\$75
PER CAMPER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 31



QUESTIONS? nhansen@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)

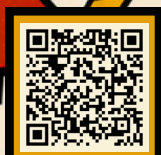
BE A HERO.
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

REGISTER BY
MAY 31



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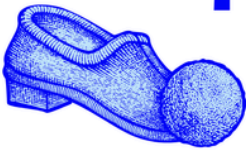


Annunciation

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

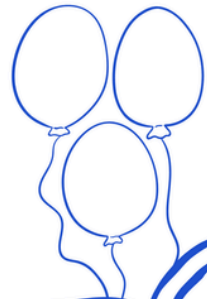
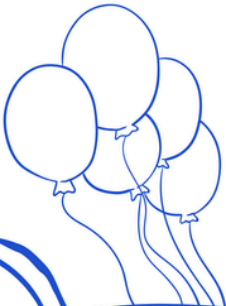
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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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 24-31

Sunday, May 24	Fathers of the 1st Council 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Monday, May 25	<i>Church Office Closed for Memorial Day</i>
Wednesday, May 27	10:30am Bridge-Dominoes Group Meeting
Thursday, May 28	6:00pm Adult & Young Adult Volleyball Practice 6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
Friday, May 29	10:00am Mahjong Group Meeting 1:30pm Annunciation Historical Group Meeting
Saturday, May 30	Saturday of Souls 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday, May 31	Holy Pentecost 9:00am Orthros, 10:00am Divine Liturgy <i>Final Day for Summer Day Camp, Graduate Recognition, and Greek Dance Registrations</i>

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).

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