



THIRD SUNDAY OF MATTHEW
JUNE 21, 2026

The Third Sunday of Matthew

June 21, 2026

Apostles' Fast (fish, wine & oil allowed) | Mode 2 | 3rd Orthros Gospel

On this Lord's Day, the 21st day of June, we remember Julian the Martyr of Tarsus; Terentios, Bishop of Iconium; and Nikitas the New Martyr of Nisyros.

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, Ἀλληλουῖα.

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 Logos of God....

Third Antiphon. Resurrection Apolytikion. Mode 2.

Ὅτε κατήλθες πρὸς τὸν θάνατον, ἡ Ζωὴ ἡ ἀθάνατος, τότε τὸν Ἅιδην ἐνέκρωσας τῇ ἀστραπῇ τῆς Θεότητος, ὅτε δὲ καὶ τοὺς τεθνεώτας 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 by the lightning flash of Your Divinity. Also when You raised the dead from the netherworld, all the Powers of the heavens were crying 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 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, ἀμαρτωλῶν δεήσεων φωνάς, ἀλλὰ πρόφθασον, ὡς ἀγαθή, εἰς τὴν βοήθειαν ἡμῶν, τῶν πιστῶς κραυγαζόντων σοι· Τάχυνον εἰς πρεσβείαν, καὶ σπεύσον εἰς ἰκεσίαν, ἢ προστατεύουσα ἀεί, 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 Hymn: The Order of the New Testament Readings

The 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.

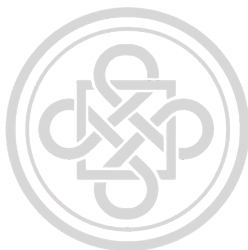
The reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans (5:1-10): BRETHREN, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

ALLELUIA.

The Gospel Reading is from Matthew (6:22-33): AT THAT TIME the Lord said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is sound, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is not sound, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall

we drink?' or 'What shall we wear? For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

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

Altar Guild

Kathy Ballas

Memorials

Vasiliki "Betty" Cronin (40 days), Alice Ousley (40 days)

40 Day Blessing

George, Son of Connie Simvoulakis Fairey and Amon Fairey

Coffee Fellowship

Sponsored by the Cronin Family and the Ousley 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 - June 21 to observer@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, June 29 - Koulourakia
Saturday, July 11 - Dolmathes

9:00am

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



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2026/2027

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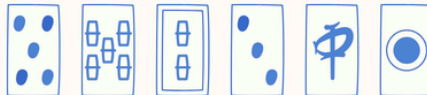
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ANNUNCIATION SENIOR LEAGUE

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

ANNUNCIATION
PARISH LIBRARY

Please contact Bernadette Kontos with questions
bernadettekre1985@gmail.com or (916) 505-3946



2026 CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Summer Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch scholarships are available to Annunciation youth. To receive a partial camp scholarship reimbursement, submit your camp confirmation, along with proof of registration fee paid in full, to accounting@annunciationsac.org.

Reimbursements will be issued at the conclusion of the registered camp session.

Sunday Coffee Sponsors

Philotochos would like to thank all the families and ministries that have sponsored Sunday Coffee Fellowship this past year. With schools ending for the year, families are scheduling activities, and vacations for the summer and Sunday Coffee Sponsors tend to become sparse.

Please consider sponsoring one Sunday Coffee this July or August

Available dates are listed below:

Available dates for July: 5, 19

Available dates for August: 2, 9, 16, 30

To sign up as a coffee sponsor, schedule a memorial or just ask question(s), contact Effie in the Church Office at 916.443.2033 x222



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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!



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.

June 21-28

- Sunday, June 21** **Third Sunday of Matthew**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
- Wednesday, June 24** **Nativity of the Forerunner John the Baptist**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy
10:30am Bridge-Dominoes Group Meeting
- Thursday, June 25** 11:30am ASL Summer Luncheon & Bingo
6:00pm Byzantine Chant Class
6:00pm Adult & Young Adult Volleyball Practice
- Friday, June 26** 10:00am Mahjong Group Meeting
- Sunday, June 28** **Fourth Sunday of Matthew**
8:30am Orthros, 9:30am Divine Liturgy

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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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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