



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



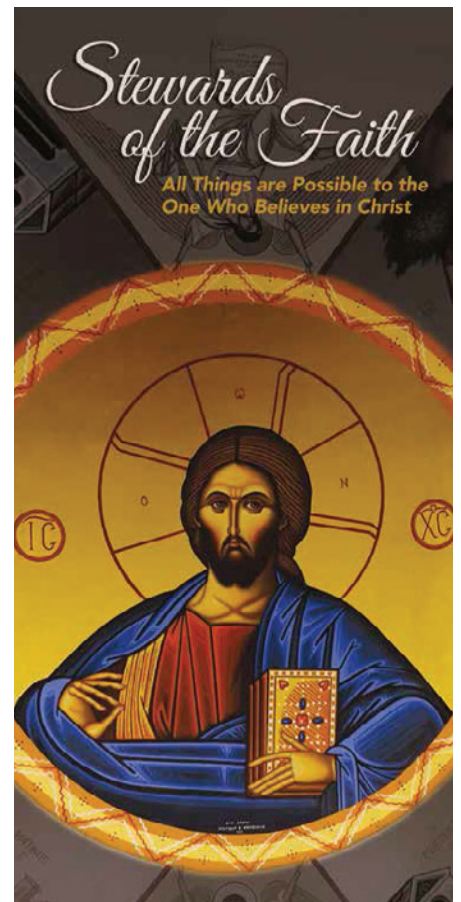
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Stewardship is All About Counting our Blessings

Shown above is an icon of the multiplication of the five loaves, or the feeding of the 5,000. It depicts Christ blessing the loaves and entrusting them to the disciples. In turn, the disciples distribute the bread to the people. This is a prefiguring of the Eucharist, where the clergy have been entrusted with the distribution of the Eucharist, i.e. the Body and Blood of Christ. We receive this Body and Blood of Christ as we receive Holy Communion. The stewardship material which we have received, and which we will be forwarding to you later this month, says: stewardship is grounded in the Eucharistic sacrifice. It's all about blessings--the blessings we receive from God, the blessings which we share with one another. It's all about counting our blessings. Put differently, it is our response to our belief in God and what God has done and continues to do for us. Stewardship is a sacred connection between us, the believers, and the Church, which is His Body.



Stewardship and You

Stewardship makes possible the many ministries offered by the Cathedral, beginning with its worship services. This is why, when you receive your stewardship packets for 2019, later this month, or beginning of December, please put them on top of your pile of "to do" items. Consider where Annunciation Cathedral would be without you, how your support makes these things possible. And this support comes as a result of your faith in God, from whom we receive everything we have. Indeed, God makes all things possible. In the words of Scripture, "all things are possible to him who believes" (Mark 9:23). We, in turn, are Stewards of the Faith.



GOYA
attends the
49ers Game
See page 11 for
the full story!

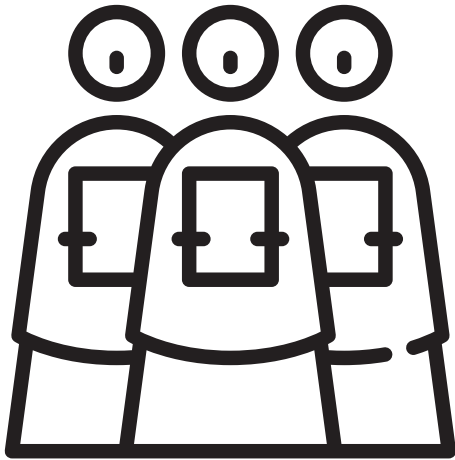
We want to Say “Thank You-Ευχαριστώ”

As noted in recent issues of the Herald, we are printing the names of current stewards of the parish to say thank you-ευχαριστώ. It's only appropriate, as, this month, we observe the uniquely American holiday of “thanks giving,” not to mention that the Divine Liturgy itself is properly called Θεία ευχαριστία—divine thanksgiving. At the same time, we want to shake things up a little bit. We want those who are not on the list to ask, why am I not on the list? How about my joining in and helping fund the programs offered by the Annunciation Cathedral parish? After all, I, too, am a baptized Orthodox Christian and consider the Annunciation Cathedral my home parish. Thank you.... Ευχαριστώ! The list includes those who have submitted their 2018 Stewardship pledge, as of October 15, 2018.

Aleck, Demetria	Drolapas, Mrs. Themis	Karas, Joanna	Makras, Thalia	Panomitros, John & Helen	Stathopoulos, Nikolaos & Voula
Aleck, Patricia	Economides, Nicholas & Janine	Karas, Kathy	Manetas, Mr.	Pantages, Mary	Stathoudakis, Frosso
Allen, Maria & Andrew	Economopoulos, Nancy & Philip	Karas, Mr. & Mrs. Tom	& Mrs. Peter	Pantages, Mr. & Mrs. Peter	Stavrvides, Marilena
Ambus, Anthony & Zetta	Economou, Chris	Kasolas, Michael & Stella	Marcopoulos, Cynthia	Papadakis, Emanuel	Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Peter C.
Angelopoulos, Jean	Efstratis, Jenny, Greg & Alexi	Kastoras, Athanasios & Niki	Mares, Kathryn & William	Papadakis, Mr. Spiros	Stratakis, Anna
Armatas, Christina	Efstratis, Lisa	Katen, Ken	Markanton, Helen	Papadakis, Peter	Stratakis, Michael
Arsinoos, Mariam	Eliopoulos, Annette & John	Katsanis, Gari	Markoulakis, Greg & Sophia	Papageorge, Mr. and Mrs.	Stratakis, Mr. & Mrs. Ari
Aroanitis, Athena & Nicholas	Eliopoulos, Louie	Kavalaris, James & Joanne	Mastrokyriakos, Christos & Melisa	Papageorge, Mr. & Mrs. Tom	Stratoudakis, George & Georgia
Asprogerakas, Danny & Eliana	Elite, Dr. Anthony	Kemney, Danae & Knute	Mathios, Anthony & Patricia	Papavasiliou, George & Lea	Svetcoff, Nicholas
Athanasiades, Philip & DIALA	Fanourgiakis, Mike & Demetra	Keramari, Mr. & Mrs. Demitrios	Mattis, Mr. & Mrs. George	Papingu, Robert & Alma	Tamaras, Joy
Bagatelos, Michael	Fikaris, Antonia	Klobuchar, Michael & Georgette	Mavrakakis, Mary	Pappas, Voula	Tamaresis, Dorothy
Bagatelos, Peter A.	Fkias, Evgenia N	Kokalis, Despina Nick	Mavroudis, Aglaia	Pappis, Loula	Tarlson, Mr. & Mrs. Nick G.
Balian, Annamaria & Robert	Fotenos, Mr. James F.	Kokores, Jackie	Mavroudis, Vikki	Paras, Demetra	Thomas, Mr. James
Balian, Nicholas M.	Fousekis, Mr. & Mrs. Vlasis and Kalliopo	Konstantinidis, Deno C. & Bella	McKnight, Nektarios L.	Paras, Helen	Thompson, Stephanie & Jeffrey
Bardis, John & Kathleen	Fousekis, Shareen & Spiros	Kontomis, Mr. & Mrs. Andreas	Melitas, Irene	Parashis, Marion	Tonias, Basil & Mary
Barlas, Constantine	Fragakis, Charalambos & Marianthe	Kontomis, Mr. & Mrs. Nick	Mellos, Faye & Michael Holland	Patiris, Mrs. Yiota	Tostado, Daniel & Lea
Batsakis, Alexandros	George, George	Kosaris, Paul & Irene	Merkouris Family	Patropoulos, Joan	Tsagaris, Eleni
Bazgan, George	George, Sam	Kostakis, Stamatia	Meyer, Beverly A.	Pavlakos, Rose	Tsagaris, Aphrodite
Bissas, Maria	Georgiadis, John & Sophia	Kostoulas, Alexandra & Andersen, Theodore	Miltiades Andrew	Peters, Kenneth & Polymithi	Tsiatis, Athanasios & Christina
Boone, Harriet	Glaflkides, Mr. & Mrs. Constantine	Kotseroglou, Theofilos & Marianne	Mires, Mary	Petrou, Janis G.	Tsokas, Mr. & Mrs. Dimitrios
Bozionelos, Jim & Florika	Glaros, Stanley	Kotsonis, Peter & Shu Young	Mitchel, Mary	Piccinini, Pamela	Tsougarakis, Nicholas
Callas, Ellen	Grampas, Bonnie	Kottas, Angelos	Monolakis, John S. & Demetra	Polyzos, Jason P.	Vafiadis, Mr. & Mrs. Konstantinos
Callas, Georgia	Grohs, Katie and Bob	Koulos, Mr. & Mrs. Leo Paul	Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. Monte	Polyzos, Maria & Jason	Vafiadis, Mrs. Irene
Callas, Louis	Gumas, Alexandra	Koupas, Evelyn	Morales, Mrs. Helen	Pope, Antoinette	Varanis, Terpsi
Cardellini, Marie	Haginicola, Leo & Tiffany	Kouropoulos, Georgia	Morales, Robert	Potamou, Anna Hilla	Vardakastanis, Bobby & Katerina
Carter, Eleni	Hamberis, Paul	Koutoulas, Angelo & Victoria	Morearty, Margaret	Poulakidas, Jennifer	Vardakastanis, Dimitri & Penelope
Larissopoulos	Haralabopoulos, Peter	Koutoulas, Dina	Fotinos	Poulakidas, Sakee & Irene	Vastardis, Rachel
Cazanis, Katerina & Peter	Haralambopoulos, Constantine & Eleftheri	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Moulas, Dean & Marietta	Poulos, James & Despina	Vavloukis, Anna Maria
Censani, Nicole Zoto	Haras, Louis & Panagiota	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Moulas, Mrs. Vasiliki	Proutnzos, George & Pat	Vellis, Aris
Chechile, Cory & Dimitra Farnas	Hernandez, Mr. Jose & Sofia	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Moulas, Vicky A.	Psarras, Andreas	Vellis, Costas & Meena
Chiappari, James	Kleftogionne	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Mountanos, Michael S. & Erika	Quinn, Martin & Georgiana	Violet, Lee & Stavroulla
Chiappari, Philip & Annette	Hillas, Patrick	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Mourgos, George & Dena	Raggio, Nicholas & Anastasia	Vlahos, Cynthia
Chiappari, Yvonne & Anthony Chiappari	Holloway, Vicki Eleni	Koutoulas, Pete & Voula	Mouroufas, Tula	Rakos, Jim & Kelly	Vorrises, Angelo J.
Cocoles, Jim & Luba	Janssens, Anthi 1	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nager, Perri	Rally, John & Mary	Vorrises, Denis J. & Renee
Cocoles, Stanley	Johns, Mr. & Mrs. John	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nashawati, Bashar & Roud	Rangaves, George	Vorrises, Louise & James
Contos, Christopher	Jouganatos, Connie & Sprio	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nicolas, Helen	Rangaves, Kay	Vorrises, Marie & Lukehart, Ryan
Costouros, Dr. & Mrs. John	Jura, Sarah	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nicolas, Rita	Razis, Mrs. Harklia	Vorrises, Mr. & Mrs. George
Cruz, John	Kallas, John & Kristina	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Novo, Dustin & Chrisula Bissas	Roumeliotis, Valerie & Dimitri	Vorrises, Stephanie
Cusulos, Nan	Kallas, Mrs. Louise	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nuris, Manoli	Sarikakis, Emilia	Louise
Dalianes, Athan & Marguerite	Kalligeros, George	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Nuris, Thomas & Liberty	& Mrs. Mike	Vouchilas, Georgia
Danielidis, Maria	Kamenis, Steve & Eleni	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Ocampo, Melisa	Sheldon, Athena	Vozaites, Antonios & Thalia
Davies, Ethel	Kanakis, Evangelia & Peter	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Oetzel, Robert & Pauline	Simotas, Demetrios	Vriheas, Loula
De-Simone, Giovanna-Maria	Karais, Angelus	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Offill, Christina & Billy	Simotas, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry	Wiener, Carl A
Decker, Christina	Karas, Bill	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Orologas, Maria	Siouris, Michele Y.	Yannaghas, Mary
Dekaristos, Mrs. Anastasia	Karas, Chris	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Ossipoff, Alexander & Lula	Skinas, Mr. & Mrs. Kosmas	York, Bessie
Delis, Nicholas & Stephanie	Karas, Eva	Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Panagiotopoulos, Anton & Sotiria	Sogotis, James	Zapantis, John & Mary
Demetry, Andrew		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Panagiotopoulos, Magdalini	Sogotis, Mrs. Rose	Zarikos, Panagiotis & Angie
Derdevanis, Charlotte		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	Panagotacos	Sogotis, Mr. & Mrs. Paul	Zografos, Mrs. Evanthia
Dermizakis, Katherine		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	White, Connie	Spanos, Georgia	Zotos, Sarah Beth
Destein, Patricia		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	White, Connie	Spyridis, Maryanne	
Destein, Nick		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	White, Connie	Stamatopoulos, Anna	
Dhawan, Anirudh & Brittany		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	White, Connie	Stathopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Marios	
Dougherty, Matthew		Koutoulas, Kosta P. & Stephani	White, Connie		

Further on Stewardship

Two kinds of letters are going out this month: 1. Letters to those who are not currently pledged Stewards of the Cathedral. These include people who've just let their stewardship for 2018 slide, or people who don't see how important their participation is. The letter is meant to invite their support, especially for 2019. 2. Additionally, letters to those who are currently pledged Stewards of the Cathedral, whose names appear below. The letter is intended to thank them for their support and to invite their support, once again, in 2019. Those who give derive joy, not only for supporting the work of the Church, but joy, as well, in the many blessings bestowed on them by God for their support. As noted above, stewardship is an expression of that sacred connection between us, the believers, and the Church, which is His Body.



Choir News

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Colossians 3:16. Your Annunciation Cathedral Choir is a ministry which supports our congregation at the Sunday liturgy. The Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy is unique, as the entire service involves a dialogue between the Priest and the people, represented by the choir. The more you participate in and understand this dialogue, the more enriching your spiritual experience in the weekly Eucharistic “celebration.” We welcome those who are interested in serving in this essential ministry. No experience is necessary, but musical experience, a good “ear,” and enthusiasm is a plus. We start at 10:15 each Sunday morning and usually finish about noon.

For more information, contact the Cathedral Music Director, Nick Tarlson at 415-956-5700 or nick@tarlson.com.

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What Should You Do if You Have Questions About What's Happening in the Wider Church?

As noted in last month's Herald, parishioners have been barraged with any number of issues having to do with the Church at the local level, meaning in our Archdiocese, and the world-wide level. On the one hand, we've read about financial concerns in the Orthodox Observer. More recently, we read or heard about issues arising since the decision by the Ecumenical Patriarchate—the Mother Church—to recognize and accede to the request for autocephaly by the Church in the Ukraine. The Tome, as the official document is called, was recently granted. The Patriarchate of Moscow, in turn, announced the decision not to commemorate the name of the Ecumenical Patriarch, which throws relations into disarray, if not schism. By the way, there is a long history behind this most recent situation, going back almost to the founding of the Church there some 1000 years ago and, certainly, during the next 500 years, when the Metropolitan of Kiev (Ukraine) was directly under the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which, intermittently, granted autocephaly in a number of countries, notably, in the Balkans. We encourage our parishioners to become better informed by reading. The Orthodox Observer, for example, or variously on the internet. At the same time, and more importantly, we encourage our parishioners to pray, as we do in the Divine Liturgy, “for the holy Churches of God and for the unity of all.” The Orthodox Church remains one, though, in our country, especially, and in other parts of the world, we have the presence of any number of jurisdictions. The Faith is One, as God is one. Let us remember the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father, the night of His betrayal, which led to His crucifixion and death: “I pray that they may be one, as thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe...” (John 17:21).

Amazon Smile

A lot of us buy books, household items, and what-have-you on Amazon. If you sign up, at no cost to you, Amazon will make a contribution, based on your purchases, to the Annunciation Cathedral. If you have not already done so, visit smile.amazon.com to enroll. It's as simple as that. Make sure you log on to Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon and tell them Annunciation Cathedral is your charity of choice. Thanks.

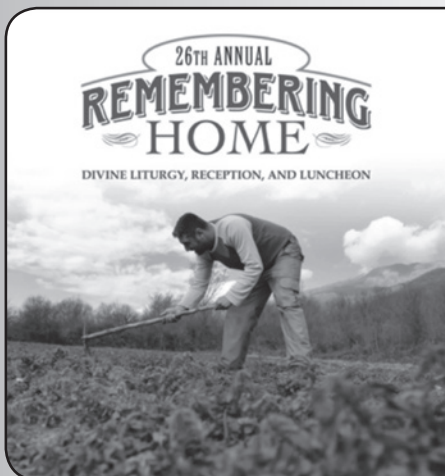
Valencia Street Changes

A number of changes are scheduled for a portion of Valencia Street, from Market to 15th Streets, which will definitely impact our parking. Recently, we met with representatives of the Bike Coalition and also with representatives of the SFMTA, to discuss the impact. Representatives of Friends School, which is housed in the old Levi's Building, as well as of the Millennium School, which is domiciled, here, also participated in the meeting, as the decision impacts them, as well. Essentially, the City, at the direction of Mayor London Breed, was directed to come up with a plan addressing the issue of safety. The plan, which we are told, is a pilot plan, essentially consists of moving the bike lanes in both directions, north and south, towards the curb, and creating parking just outside that lane and the traffic lane. Special loading zones (yellow zones) are planned for either side of Valencia Street. Meanwhile, the Cathedral's white zone is being extended to include the entrance to the new Cathedral, as well. However, the median is being eliminated, so we will no longer be able to park there on Sundays. All this argues in favor of facilitating the opening of our parking structure, which we are planning to do. We are working out a plan to enlist the services of our valet company, which handles our Sunday parking, to include temporary utilization of our lot during the week. We still won't be able to drive down the ramp and into the garage, as we have to install the gates, finish the low wall, and finalize the lobbies and the elevator, creating "a clear path of travel." All this for approximately \$300,000, which we simply don't have at this time. The parking plan with the attended service, which will run for a six-month trial period, will commence as soon as practically feasible. The point of all this is to find the proper balance between safety for cyclists and motorists alike and also the need for vehicles to park, and vehicles to load and unload. Work on Valencia Street is said to commence late in December 2018 or early January 2019.



Community Christmas Card

It's only October, but not too early to think about the Cathedral's Community Christmas Card. Mailed to over 1000 families, the card includes your greetings for a Blessed Christmas and a joyous, peaceful New Year to them, and beyond. And, it is an additional means of support to the Cathedral's ministries. The donation remains \$25 per listing. For a number of years, our "Christmas card elves" included Kalliope Fousekis, Annette Chiappari and Annamarie Balian. Though the first two are recuperating (and we pray for the restoration of their good health), they join Annamarie (at least in spirit), at the Christmas Card table located outside the pangari, on the way to coffee hour. The table will be set up for the entire month of November. Meanwhile, if you are unable to come to church and would still like to be included in the card, you may let them know, by e mail. For Annamarie, it's baliana@aol.com. For Kalliope, it's kallopef@aol.com. And, for Annette, it's Annette.chiappari@yahoo.com. You may also phone the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.



Join us to celebrate 26 years of
International Orthodox Christian Charities'
global humanitarian work

Sunday, November 4, 2018

~ FEATURED GUEST ~

Nick Kasemeotes, IOCC Gift Officer

~ HOSTED BY ~

Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral
4700 Lincoln Ave. | Oakland, CA 94602

Matins/Orthros 8:30am | Divine Liturgy: 10:00am
Coffee Hour and Reception: 12:30pm | Luncheon: 1:00pm



IOCC Dinner to be Held in Oakland

As the graphic above shows, this year's IOCC dinner, to benefit the work of this premier inter-Orthodox aid organization, will take place Sunday, November 4, beginning at 12:30 p.m. The event will take place in the fellowship hall of the Ascension Cathedral, Oakland. Usually a sell-out, the Remembering Home dinner is one means by which area communities contribute to the work of IOCC, but also become better acquainted with one another. For information and registration, please use this link:

www.iocc.org/rememberinghome

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believe
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Theology
God
preach
spirituality
worship

As everyone has been busy preparing for our festival, plans for our 100th anniversary celebrations took a back seat. Now that the festival is behind us, we will be designating meeting dates, inviting the entire community to participate in what should be first-rate celebrations marking the establishment of this historic community. Just to reiterate, 2021 will mark the Cathedral's 100th anniversary. 100 years since the Cathedral and the Diocese (now Metropolis) was established by Meletios Metaxakis (along with the then Dioceses of Chicago and Boston, and the Archdiocese, which is headquartered in New York). Originally, our Cathedral was named St. Sophia and was located at Hayes and Pierce Streets, right across from San Francisco's famed Alamo Square. In 1928, the Cathedral, however, the community relocated to Valencia Street, in large part because the Valencia Street site was more accessible. It was renamed "Annunciation," in 1936. (Its corporate name is United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation.) As noted, we are initially planning to print a commemorative book, as well as a "100th anniversary weekend," culminating in a grand gala event. Jim Loukas, who heads the Commemorative Book Committee, is in the process of gathering photographs and information, from both parishioners and the community at large, for inclusion in the book. In the process, Jim found and has forwarded a photograph of our Greek School in 1950, which we've reproduced on the back page of the present issue. Additional information about this effort, as well as 100th anniversary events in general, culminating in grand gala event, will be forthcoming.

From the Epistle to the Hebrews: 9:1, 9: The first covenant also had ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary... Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Communion Hymn: I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord (Psalm 115:4)

Introduction to Orthodoxy

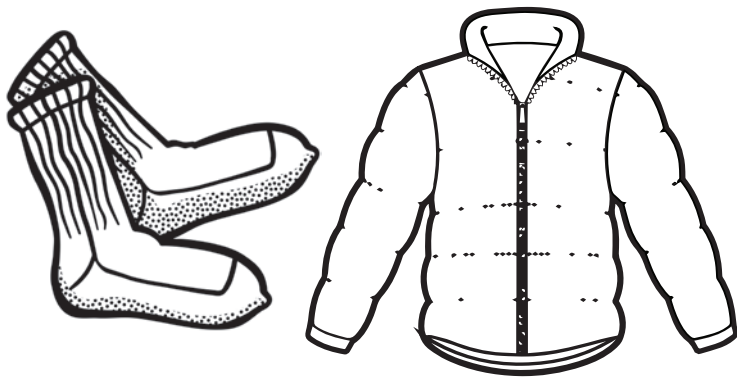
Introduction to Orthodoxy" Class Welcomes New Members to the Faith

The new Annunciation cathedral recalls the beauty and majesty of other churches more than a millennium old, such as Hagia Sophia in Constantinople. Those who have been fortunate enough to witness its construction know that, like those older churches, it is being built to last, and one can imagine it serving the needs of the faithful, God willing, centuries from now. The building is an impressive, outward sign of our community's conscious outreach to the city and the world. By building a sanctuary for God, we are simultaneously expressing a gesture of welcome to all future generations of Orthodox Christians.

Some of them will be born into our families, while others will marry into the faith. Still others will come to us simply because they are astounded by the beauty of our worship, the richness of our theological traditions, and our special emphasis on the mystery of our intimate encounter with God. Whether future parishioners are drawn into the fold by love for its members, for their resilient, ancient faith, or by a mixture of the two, we must continue to be prepared to accommodate incoming Orthodox Christians of every background.

The Cathedral's "Introduction to Orthodoxy" class aims to facilitate the spiritual journey of those considering joining our Church. We prepare adult inquirers for their baptisms and chrismations, and we explore the richness of our faith through discussion of Holy Scripture, the theology of the Church Fathers, and the lives of the Saints. The goal of the course is to provide people with acculturation in the Church prior to their becoming full members in it.

The class has been meeting on a weekly basis. Going forward, however, it will meet two times a month. In November, the dates are November 11 and 25.



Truly consider hosting a coffee hour on behalf of your family, church organization, or remembrance of a loved one for the balance of each month. Please contact Grace Koutoulas at gmkoutoulas@yahoo.com or contact the church office at 415-864-8000 to reserve your Sunday or get more details.

Sock Drive/Coat Drive

Our Young Adults, in tandem with our Ladies Philoptochos, is conducting sock drive for the month of November and a coat drive for the month of December. The items will be given out to our guests who come to Community Kitchen, now that we are entering the colder months. The November Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, November 20, and the December Community Kitchen will take place Tuesday, December 18. The coats may be gently used or new. Adult sizes only, please. While the socks for November may be left at the pangari, the coats should be left in the front office. The office is the first room on your right, as you enter the building, off Valencia Street and, of course, the pangari is the vestibule, as we enter the chapel, for worship. Thank you. Our guests, especially those living on the streets, will be grateful.



Trim Your Tree and Help the Building Fund at the Same Time

The Ladies Philoptochos is proud to sponsor the sale of the official Annunciation Cathedral Christmas Ornament. This is an etched depiction of the new cathedral and is a limited edition 24k gold plate on brass ornament. Proceeds from the sale of the ornament go to the building fund.

This keepsake ornament is a tangible reminder of what we are building—the new Annunciation Cathedral. The ornament helps us reflect on the generations of faithful—those who immigrated and those born here—over the past several decades that dedicated themselves to creating the community we call the Annunciation Cathedral.

Ornaments will be sold after church starting in November through December 16. Consider ordering one or several ornaments for your own Christmas tree, or as gifts. Each ornament will be accompanied by a certificate of authenticity. Please contact Philoptochos at 415-864-8000 or philoptochos@annunciation.org to order your ornament and get more information.



Coffee Hour Sign-Ups Needed

Coffee hour is a time for our community to gather and say hello to our friends, family and new comers. Philoptochos has volunteered to host coffee hour the third Sunday of each month...stop by to say hello and support one of our ministries.

By George of Nicomedia: Today the Theotokos, the Temple that is to hold God, is led into the temple of the Lord, and Zacharias receives her. Today the Holy of Holies rejoices greatly, and the choir of angels mystically keeps feast. With them let us also celebrate the festival today...

Save The Date

San Francisco Annunciation
Cathedral Philoptochos Ladies
Christmas Lunch

Members and Guests

Friday December 7, 2018

Nick's at Rockaway Beach
100 Rockaway Beach Ave, Pacifica, CA 94044

Details to follow!



Tikey Zes to Lead Benefit Concert (Save the Date)

March 23 (Annunciation weekend) has been selected as the date for a concert to be directed by Maestro Tikey Zes, to benefit the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund. The concert is actually Dr. Zes' idea. He's discussed it with key members of his group of singers, and they are all eager to perform songs both liturgical and secular. We are grateful to him, both for the initiative and because, some years ago, he was Annunciation's choirmaster. As we know, Dr. Zes is professor emeritus of music at San Jose State University and continues to lead the choir at the St. Nicholas Church in San Jose. The concert is scheduled to take place at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Please "save the date." Additional information is forthcoming.



Philoptochos Christmas Pastry Sale

This is a special bake sale to raise funds for the many charities and ministries that our San Francisco Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos supports. We will be selling our delicious homemade pastries boxed and ready to go.

Combo Box

Quantity (10 Piece): _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____
(Includes 4 Baklava, 3 Kourabiedes, 3 Melomakarona)

Baklava

Quantity (1/2 Dozen): _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Melomakarona

Quantity (1 Dozen): _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Kourabiedes

Quantity (1 Dozen): _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____

Traditional Koulourakia

Quantity (1 Dozen): _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Vanilla & Chocolate Koulourakia

Quantity (1 Dozen): _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total Quantity: _____ **Total Amount:** \$ _____

LAST DAY TO ORDER: Sunday, December 2nd

ORDER PICKUPS: Only on Sunday, December 16th after Church Services

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Check Order: Make check payable to Annunciation Philoptochos

Credit Card Order: CC # _____ Exp: _____

Mail your order form with your **check or credit card** information to the address below:

Annunciation Philoptochos
245 Valencia Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Any questions, please call the Philoptochos Office @ 415.864.8000

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Dementia Caregiver Support Group News

Please join us for our Dementia Caregiver Support Group at the Cathedral. We are proud to partner with and host the Alzheimer's Association monthly support group meeting on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 11am-12:30pm. Our first group met on Tuesday October 2, in the Cathedral's conference room, which is located on the second floor, to right of the elevator. The November one will take place on Tuesday, November 6. Families providing care and support to a loved one diagnosed with a dementia and/or have concerns regarding their loved one's memory are welcome to attend. Space, however, is limited. For more information, please contact Heather Gray, Family Program Manager, at 1.800.272.3900 or email her at hgray1@alz.org.

The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos
Society presents its:

Annual Crab Feed

Friday, January 25, 2019

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.



\$60.00 per person

Reservations will be secured only by receipt of payment

Valet Parking or
Parking lot available at:
344 14th Street, S. F., 94103

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) and/or _____ table(s)

Total Amount enclosed: _____

(Maximum 10 people per table. Include the names of all guests to
be seated at the table)

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Annunciation Cathedral: 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
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Creation Care Toolkit

As noted, the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has launched a Creation Care Toolkit with the goal of helping individuals and parishes take immediate action to care for God's Creation. The Toolkit, as announced by His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America in his Encyclical for September 1st, as well as by His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco, is available now at www.goarch.org/en/society/ecology.

In his most recent encyclical for the Feast of Indiction and the Day of Protection of the Environment, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Bartholomew writes, "The ecological culture of the Orthodox faith is the realization of its Eucharistic vision of creation, summarized and expressed in its church life and practice. This is the Orthodox Church's eternal message on the issue of ecology. ... Adhering to this tradition, the Mother Church calls upon its Archdioceses and Metropolises, as well as its parishes and monasteries throughout the world, to develop initiatives, coordinate projects, organize conferences and activities that foster environmental awareness and sensitivity, so that our faithful may realize that the protection of the natural environment is the spiritual responsibility of each and every one of us." The Creation Care Toolkit offers easy to find Sunday School lesson plans, videos, articles, vespers service and more. These resources have been designed for use by the parishes and communities to begin their own Creation Care activities. For more information please contact the Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations at 212.570.3593.



New Young Adult Resource: The Y2AM Ministry Plan

A new version of the Youth Ministry plan, for the 2018-19 ministry year, has been announced by the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries (Y2AM) of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

This Ministry Plan is a comprehensive set of youth and young adult resources to help ministry workers lead effective, Christ-centered ministry. It takes the ministry insights behind successful programs like Be the Bee and turns them into a clear, easy to follow plan.

This year's theme is "**A Life of Offering**", and is designed to help young people offer their lives to God as faithful Orthodox Christians. **The Y2AM Ministry Plan gives week-by-week guidance for the upcoming ministry year** (September 2018 - May 2019). It includes carefully designed resources for JOY (grades 3-6), GOYA (grades 7-12), and OCF/Young Adult Ministry. The Y2AM Ministry Plan also offers a Family Supplement to help parents build faithful homes.

"Too many youth and young adult workers are stretched thin, expected to both design and lead effective ministry. That's why so many people were excited when we launched the Y2AM Ministry Plan last summer. And they're going to love the new version we've made for the new year," said Steven Christoforou, Director of Y2AM.

Feedback has been incredibly positive so far. Eva Konstantakos, Director of Y2AM Detroit, said that the Ministry Plan "supports ministry workers with a complete curriculum, thoughtful sessions and activities for all ages, which we can utilize throughout the ecclesiastical year. The Y2AM Ministry Plan helps to bring youth, young adults, and families into a deeper relationship with Christ on their journey toward the Kingdom."

The Y2AM Ministry Plan can be accessed at y2am.org/MinistryPlan as a free download

For more information please contact the Department at 646.519.6780 or by email at y2am@goarch.org



Community Kitchen

The Cathedral's Community Kitchen, which began under the name "Soup Kitchen," operates the third Tuesday of every month. The volunteer work involves food prep, cooking, hall setup, serving the meal and—so important—cleanup. We also have a food pantry, so a few awesome volunteers come early to bag up canned/non-perishable goods for our guests to take with them. Some volunteers arrive earlier, but the typical timeframe is 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Shown above are just some of our Young Adults, who spearhead the Community Kitchen ministry. Won't you join them? Following each Community Kitchen, after cleanup, the Young Adults gather in the second-floor conference room for wine and cheese. They get to know one another better. They welcome new members. They address topical issues. And, of course, they plan for the following month's Community Kitchen. In November, the Young Adults will team up with the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos for a Thanksgiving feast! This month, Community Kitchen will take place on Tuesday, November 20. Our guests count on us to provide them with a hot meal, and fellowship. May we, in turn, count on you? Once again, that's Tuesday, November 20, 5:30 p.m. for set up and 6:30 p.m. for serving.



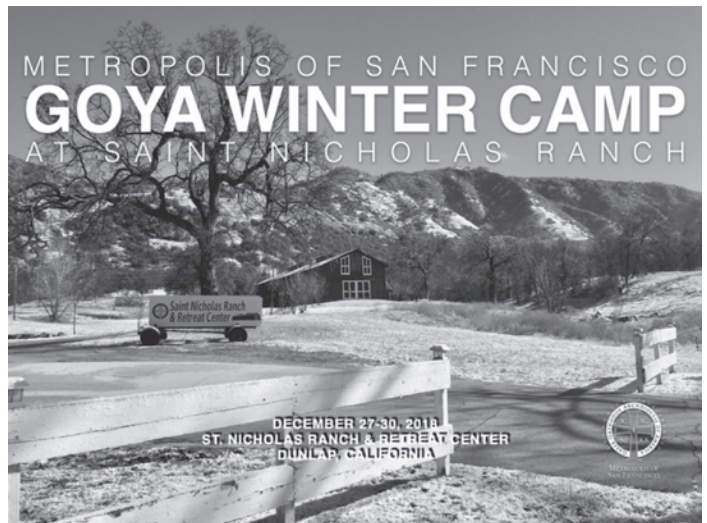
Some 100 guests come to the Cathedral's Community Kitchen, to be fed, to get out of the cold, to feel acceptance and warmth by people who care. The Cathedral, through its Young Adults, is honored to be able to host this event the third Tuesday of every month.

Parish Council

MEETING

Have you ever thought about serving on the Parish Council? Want to know more about serving on the Parish Council? We invite you to log on to the Archdiocese web site, www.goarch.org, and enter keyword Parish Council. You will find several articles about what service on the Parish Council entails and what is expected of a member of the Parish Council. One, of course, is that you are a member in good standing of the Annunciation Cathedral (as defined by the Archdiocese Regulations, for at least one year prior to the elections. Then, if you are still interested, please contact Father Stephen, fatherstephen@annunciation.org. Or, contact the members of this year's Nominating Committee: Kathy Dermitzakis, Irene Poulakidas, or Anthony Ambus. If you are new to the Parish Council, a mandatory seminar will take place at the Cathedral on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m. (This date is subject to change, depending upon the availability of the candidates.) This year, seven people will be elected to the Parish Council, to a two-year term, beginning January 1, 2019. Of the sixteen-member Parish Council (the Dean is a permanent member of the Council) eight are elected one year, and seven are elected the following year. In this way, continuity is ensured. The election of the seven will take place on Sunday, December 16, following the Divine Liturgy.

For the Nativity of the Theotokos: David prophesied concerning thee, O undefiled, foretelling thine entry and thy consecration in the temple. Keeping this feast today, the ends of the earth glorify thee, O far-famed Lady. Zacharias rejoices as he receives thee at thine entry this day into the temple, thou Mother of the Word of life, who, Virgin before childbirth, hast remained after childbirth Virgin. The Holy of Holies is filled with exultation as it welcomes thee, who dost sustain our life. Therefore, we also cry to thee in song: Entreat thy Son and our God on our behalf, that we may be granted great mercy.



GOYA attends 49ers Game, Plans Ice Skating in December

One of the great things about being a part of GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is that you get to do things as a group. One of these is ongoing participation in the Community Kitchen program. Another is attendance at retreats, as the GOYA winter camp, planned for December 27-30, at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center. Another is attendance at a 49ers game, as shown in the photos, above. (Sorry the 49ers lost, but it was great being together and experience the new Ballpark. For December, GOYA is planning another ice skating trip, being planned for either December 2 or December 9 (although the 2nd is preferable). The success of GOYA is basked 1. On the enthusiastic participation of our youth, 2. The enthusiastic leadership of Matia Kostakis, GOYA Advisor and 3. The enthusiastic support by our wonderful parents. For further information about GOYA, please contact Matia at Matiak23@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIPS

As college education becomes more and more expensive, funding becomes more and more of a challenge. We have been asked to announce that the PanHellenic Scholarship Foundation is offering a total of \$250,000 to 40 Greek American undergraduates. Twenty awards of \$10,000 will be given based on academic achievement and financial need, two of which are allocated solely for the Music and Arts fields. Twenty awards of \$2,500 will be awarded based solely on academic achievement. The application is available on the Foundation's web site, www.panhellenicscholarship.org. Meanwhile, the Cathedral has a few scholarships, including the Bagatelos Scholarship, which is earmarked for those planning to become physicians, and the Vavuris Scholarships, which is earmarked for those planning to become attorneys. In addition, the Tsikitas, Pappas and Coundouris Scholarships have been offered intermittently, as income on these funds warrants bestowal of the scholarships. This is in addition to a Philoptochos Scholarship, given each year, and a Vellis Scholarship, given until the funds are exhausted, to individuals who participated in the Cathedral's Sunday School program. Additional information about the Cathedral scholarships will appear in 2019 issues of the Herald.

Apolytikion of the feast, Tone 4: Today is the foreshadowing of the good pleasure of God and the herald of the salvation of men. The Virgin is revealed in the temple of God, and beforehand she announces Christ to all. Let us therefore cry to her with mighty voice: Hail! Thou fulfilment of the Creator's dispensation.



Our Young Adults are becoming increasingly involved in the life of the Church. They are worshiping on Sundays and, after a number of years, are still hands on in charge of our Community Kitchen, which is held the third Tuesday of every month. Hardly a Sunday goes by when we don't welcome a new Young Adult or two. Some come from parishes clear across the country. Others are more local. Some come immediately upon arrival. Others do so after months of living in the City. Some scope us out, visiting other Bay Area churches, to determine if we're a good fit for them. Let's face it, different strokes for different folks. Some like more Greek in the Liturgy, others less. Still others are looking for a more "spiritual" or "engaging" parish. Others show up when they need a certificate of membership because they want to baptize someone or because they're going to be married. No matter what, we are impressed by the genuine interest of our Young Adults and we welcome them. We're here to serve. And, we invite them to become involved in the life of the parish, certainly in the monthly Community Kitchen and our get-togethers afterwards, as well as the following, designed exclusively for them, like the Fall Retreat, which occurred October 12-14, the Young Adult Paraklesis and dinner, which took place on October 26, as well as the upcoming Ski Weekend. For more about this, please contact jduterte@sanfran.goarch.org.

A Pressing Need for 19 Students from Greece

The US Embassy in Athens, in tandem with the Metropolis of San Francisco, is looking for housing for 9 nights, November 2-10, for 19 college-age students from Greece. The students will be visiting the greater Bay Area, including Silicon Valley, Stanford, Google, Facebook, and Uber. This is a great opportunity for host families to meet with some of the brightest students from Greece; among them are winners of a Challenge startup competition. Host families would provide housing only. No meals or transportation. If you are able to do so, please reply via the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/ipkL3eNwLfFEHHJ23> For further information about the program: <https://www.mindspace.gr/>



Dance Group News

The Annunciation dance program resumed on Sunday, August 19. Our program encompasses dancers from Pre-K to adult. The goal of our program is to cultivate appreciation of Greek culture and heritage through dance while also fostering fellowship in our youth and community. Therefore, the families of our dancers are stewards of the parish. All groups attend the annual Folk Dance Festival (FDF), sponsored by the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco. During the year, dance groups perform at Annunciation's Greek Festival as well as other special events.

With the exception of our Young Adults, our groups practice on Sundays, beginning at 12:30 p.m. We recognize that space constraints pose a challenge, but we have to make it work. So, we appear to be crowded on Sundays. We are. And we should be. After all, it's God's people, gathered in His temple, glorifying His holy Name. Interested in joining our award-winning groups? Contact Lea Lyberopoulos at karthia808@yahoo.com

The Cathedral's dance groups are:

To Mellon: Pre-K-1st grade (must be at least 5 years old in Fall 2017)
Directed by Irene Kyriacou and Katerina Sarikakis

Revmata: 2nd-4th grade in Fall 2018
Directed by Katerina Sarikakis, Trina Mithos and Eleni Taptelis

Thisavri: 5th-7th grade in Fall 2018
Directed by Irene Kyriacou,

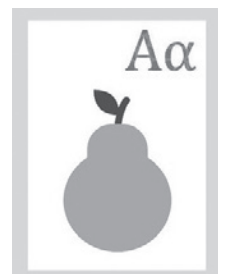
Lea Lyberopoulos, and Lea Papavasiliou

Spithes: 8th -12th grade in Fall 2018
Directed by Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos, and Lea Papavasiliou

Atithasi: Young Adults
Directed by Michael Garibaldi and Nicole Garibaldi

Greek School News

Greek School is fully underway! We welcomed 37 students of all ages this school year. Classes occur every Saturday from 10 - 12:15 pm. This year, many of the classes are using a well known educational platform from the Papaloizos publications. We are very excited to be using these materials (print and online) and look forward to a successful school year!



If there is any interest in adult Greek classes, please send a quick note to Shu at 415-518-8750.

Sunday School News

*“Of all holy works, the education
of children is the most holy.”*

~Saint Theophan the Recluse

Our Sunday School resumed on Sunday, September 9. We cannot stress how important religious education is. (In fact we like the “religious education” or “Christian formation,” in place of “Sunday School.”) In any case, we recognize the challenges posed by so many other pursuits—sports, dance, extracurricular activities. However, the Faith is taught in the home and is reinforced in the church. If not, then we risk raising a generation of young people whose only connection with the Church is that they played basketball or that they danced here. Parents: please take heed! Meanwhile, we need to grow, even rebuild our Sunday School program. We are very encouraged by the attendance of so many children since classes began, and we are also so grateful for the volunteers who stepped up to teach our children: you demonstrate your commitment to teaching our Faith to the next generation. God bless you. Let’s work together to grow this vital program, to the glory of God, and the salvation of our souls.



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Pangari Schedule

Serving on the pangari is a privilege, not only for Parish Council members, but for anyone who would like to be a part of the team of those who extend welcome to our services, especially for those who are visiting us from out of town and also people new to the community. The following teams, created so as to match up with their respective children, who will be serving in the altar on those days, consists of Parish Council members. Duties include the passing of the collection plate(s) and the seating of guests.

Team #1

Deno Konstantinidis
Philippos Athanasiades
Christopher Kyriacou
Dean Nicolacakis

Team #2 (Second Sunday Please)

Paul Sogotis
George Ambus
Mike Sarikakis

Team #3

Nicholas Rally
Nicholas Svetcoff
Chris Ramos

Team #4

Manoli Nuris
Vasiliki Moulas
George Gavros

Peter Manetas, Nick Kontonis, Michael Bagatelos, Gus Vellis also serve at the pangari, on a regular basis.

Philoptchos members and other members of the community are invited to participate, as well. Please speak to Paul Sogotis, our “chief of protocol,” and indicate your willingness to be a part of the pangari team.

Serving in the Altar

Serving in the altar is a wonderful way for our young people to participate in the worship of our church, and learn more about our faith. For the present school year, we are very pleased to announce the altar leaders program! This year, three of the older altar servers have taken on the responsibility of coordinating the groups during services each week. We hope to add several more to their ranks in the coming years!

If any families are interested in their boys joining an altar group, who are above the age of 10, feel free to contact **Father Stephen** at fatherstephen@annunciation.org. Thank you also to **Nektarios McKnight** for guiding and instructing our altar servers each Sunday. As always, if anyone has any questions or suggestions, feel free to let us know. Thanks!



Our altar schedule for November is as follows:

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- November 4 - Group 1
- November 11 - Group 2
- November 18 - Group 3
- November 25 - Group 4

Our altar groups are as follow:

Group 1- Stelios Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Andrew Vellis, George Tsokas, Victor Nicolacakis, Justin Perez, Christian Kleinekorte

Group 2- Christopher Apostolos Percia, Panagiotis Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis, Steven Monolakis, Matheos Zarou, Andonis Ambus

Group 3- Steven Chiappari, Gianni Kefalas, Nicholas Shatara, Michael Kamenis, Vlasis Kyriacou, Thanos Kyriacou, Nathanael Shatara

Group 4- Nathan Tesfai, Bobby Kontonis, Hari Manetas, Alexander Kasolas, Matthew Nuris (Jonas Tesfai- Group Leader)

Don't see your name here? Would you like to join us? We would like you to. Report for altar duty any Sunday morning, prior to 10:30 a.m., and Nektarios will make the appropriate arrangements. Meanwhile, it is also imperative that you attend Sunday School.

Interested in forming a group of girl altar servers, beyond the Myrrh Bearer's (Angels) program that we have during Holy Week and Pascha? Please contact Evangelia Raptis-Zarou, erz.raptiszarou@gmail.com



Sacraments

Funerals

Alexandra Diakakis, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 22, was buried October 1. She is survived by her daughter, Michelle Diakakis.

Stephen Peter Katches, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 2, was buried October 15. He is survived by his children Sandra Giannini, Kathy Kuhn, and Nick Katches, two sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Georgia Vouchilas, who fell asleep in the Lord on October 20, was buried October 24. She is survived by her children Leo, Gus, and Anastasia Vouchilas.

Aionia I Mnimi! Eternal Memory!

N O V E M B E R C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
Orthros 9 am Divine Liturgy 10:30 am Introduction to Orthodoxy 9 am Parish Council, 12:30 p.m.			Church Basketball 7 pm	Church Basketball 7 pm		

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The above is a photo of our Greek School back in 1950. Can you identify anyone? The photo was sent to us by Jim Loukas. Thanks, Jim. The priest is Father Timothy Pantelakos.