

ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL

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NOVEMBER 2023

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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Beginning the eleventh month of the year, November, we all anticipate so many wonderful feast days and holidays. On November 1st, our church celebrates Sts. Kosmas and Damianos and their mother Theodota. On the 3rd, we celebrate St. Elpidophoros (Nameday of our Beloved Archbishop). On the 8th, Synaxis of the Archangels. On the 9th, we remember St Nektarios and on the 13th, St John Chrysostom. On the 14th, we celebrate Philip the Apostle and St Gregory Palamas followed by St Matthew the Apostle on the 16th, and the start of the Nativity Fast on the 15th. We also celebrate the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple on the 21st, St. Katherine the Great on the 25th, and St. Stylianos on the 26th. And finally, St Andrew the First-Called Apostle (and patron Saint of Greek Orthodox Clergy) on the 30th.

As you can see, the feasts are abundant in November, and I haven't even mentioned all of the Saints! Yet there is one celebration in November we all celebrate regardless of our Faith or belief, and that is Thanksgiving. On that day as

we gather around the table, we need to be thankful. And what the secular world forgets, is whom we thank. I thank God! I thank Him for my family, my community, my friends, and for all the blessings He has given me in my life. I also pray for those who are not around a table of abundance, and that all are warm and fed and safe.

While Thanksgiving is not necessarily considered a religious holiday, it teaches us important faith-based lessons. It allows us to pause and reflect on things and people we are grateful for and hopefully motivates us to give to those less fortunate. It is an opportunity to help those in need that struggle with food insecurity, poverty, loneliness and other hardships. The holiday also promotes community and connection. It is a time to come together to strengthen bonds and build a sense of togetherness in the spirit of unity and compassion. It also teaches important values to our children, such as empathy, generosity and the significance of helping others. The fulfillment and happiness not only benefits those who are helped, but those doing the helping.

Therefore my friends, I view the Month of November as a very Holy Month. It is a month that brings everyone together: those of great faith and those of little faith. We must remember we are all brothers and sisters in Christ.

On behalf of Presvytera Mary and my family, God Bless you all and have a Glorious God-Blessed Thanksgiving.

+Fr. Angelo Pappas

A reminder, should anyone have or hear of someone ill, in a Nursing Home or Shut-In, please contact me at: 843.467.3379 or call the church office. Thank You!



November Schedule of Services

Sunday, November 5th
5th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Wednesday, November 8th
Synaxis Michael, Gabriel, & all Heavenly Hosts
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Thursday, November 9th
Saint Nektarios of Pentapolis
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, November 12th
8th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, November 19th
9th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Tuesday, November 21th
Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple
Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Sunday, November 26th
13th Sunday of Luke
Orthros 9:00am, Divine Liturgy 10:00am

Thursday, November 30th
Apostle Andrew, the First Called
Divine Liturgy 10:00am





“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

Our Stewardship theme for 2024 is **“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant,”** from the Parable of the Talents. We are all blessed with certain gifts. This parable stresses the importance of developing our gifts, multiplying them, and offering them back in service to God.

On Sunday, November 12th we will be celebrating Stewardship Sunday at the Cathedral! We are happy to offer a luncheon free of cost for everyone following Divine Liturgy.

There will also be brief presentation on the importance of a thriving Stewardship program in our community. We invite everyone to attend and learn more about how we can all positively impact our Cathedral. Let’s come together to realize our potential as a community. If you would like to attend the luncheon, please RSVP by simply emailing Denise Yeilding at denise.yeilding@annunciation.org We look forward to seeing you there!

YOU ARE INVITED TO

Stewardship Sunday
Well Done Good & Faithful Servant

SUNDAY, NOV 12

Free Luncheon

Please RSVP to
stewardship@annunciation.org

Vendors Wanted
Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, December 2 10am - 4pm
Annunciation Cathedral

Contact Denise.yeilding@annunciation.org



FREE
ENTRY



Christmas
**HOLIDAY
BAZAAR**

MUSIC, FOOD & GIFTS

SHOP FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS AND DECOR
WHILE SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTISANS



DECEMBER 2, 2023



10AM - 4PM



ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL
245 VALENCIA ST, SF





Philoptochos Society

3rd Annual

Christmas Holiday Lunch

Thursday, December 14, 2023

11:30 am

Nick's Seafood Restaurant

100 Rockaway Beach Ave, Pacifica

\$75 per person

RSVP by 12/3

Grace Koutoulas at 650-518-4657

or grace.koutoulas@annunciation.org

Menu choices:

Broiled Teriyaki Skirt Steak

Halibut

Crab & Shrimp Salad

Vegetarian Pasta

Elpida



On Sunday, October 15th, children gathered at the Cathedral for Elpida. Our TK/K students learned about St. Demetrios and how he showed bravery in his faith. Our 1st-4th grade students learned about St. Luke. St. Luke was the first Orthodox Iconographer. After learning about St. Luke, Elpida students created their own icons on walnut wood planks. They turned out beautifully!

Our Highschool students and middle schoolers combined classes this session and focused on giving back to the community. Students created "blessing bags" for the homeless. Each bag contained scarfs, gloves, hats, toiletries, written notes of encouragement and an icon of Panagia. Our Elpida students made over 50 bags that will be distributed to our soup kitchen guests in November.

Our next Elpida session will take place on November 19th. Classes will focus on the Nativity Story and preparing for the upcoming **Christmas Program on December 17th**. Please join Elpida as they present their Christmas Program to the Annunciation Cathedral following Divine Liturgy on December 17th. More Details to Come!



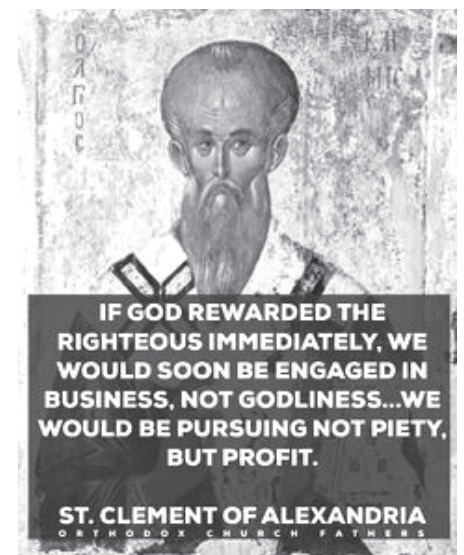
Fall Parish Assembly

On Sunday, November 19th we will be holding our fall Parish Assembly meeting. All Cathedral parishioners in good standing are invited to attend. We encourage maximum parishioner participation as we discuss the matters of utmost importance in our community. The meeting agenda will be available soon. Please save the date and make the effort to be present for this meeting.

Parish Council Elections

Each year in December we hold our elections for Parish Council. If you are interested in serving your Annunciation Cathedral and actively taking part in working to ensure the well-being of our community, we invite you to run for Parish Council. The self-nomination forms which are required to run will be available at our Parish Assembly meeting on November 19th. These forms will include important information regarding the necessary Youth Protection Training and Background checks required by the Metropolis to run for Parish Council. The forms will also include the date of the mandatory Parish Council Seminar which will take place prior to elections.

The election itself will be held on Sunday, December 10th following Divine Liturgy. All parishioners in good standing are eligible to vote and we encourage maximum parishioner participation. If you would like more information, please contact Christo Pappademos at Christo.pappademos@annunciation.org





November 1, 2023

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral,

Now that we have entered the Christmas holiday season, it is time to prepare for our Cathedral's yearly tradition of sharing warm greetings through our community Christmas Card.

Please return the form to the church office with the names spelled clearly as you would like them to appear on the card, The deadline for submitting the form is Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. The suggested donation this year is \$30, but please prayerfully consider any amount you would like to give.

With love in Christ,

Bishop Ioannis of Phocaea



Please **PRINT** your name as it is to appear on the card and return this form with the contribution **NO LATER** than Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. Please observe the deadline for printing purposes. Names cannot be added after the deadline. Please include your contact number.

Name(s) _____

Your contact number _____

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH



OH COME,
all ye faithful

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
Christmas Program!



17 December
12:30 PM

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SAN FRANCISCO

Lunch Tickets will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for children under 12

SAVE THE DATE! MORE INFORMATION TO COME!

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