



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## REBUILDING THE CATHEDRAL: WHAT'S NEW?

**V**ery exciting things are happening, and we wish to share them with you. As we have already noted, the plans for our project have been approved by the City Planning Department. Last year, we were issued a Conditional Use Permit. This permit gives us a green light to proceed with the accessing and exiting the parking component from Valencia Street, rather than from Stevenson Street.

Having received Planning Department approval, the plans are now being reviewed by the City Building Department. Each component (architectural, structural, mechanical, fire, etc.) is being individually reviewed. The plan checker is currently reviewing code requirements for exhaust from the parking component.

As soon as the remaining components are reviewed and approved, we will be issued our Building Permit. We expect this to happen this spring.

Meanwhile, we have identified ten contractors, who have experience in building churches. These contractors will each receive a bid set of drawings and asked to submit their bids. Our Building Committee will meet with each of the contractors whose bids are reasonable, with a view to negotiating a contract with the contractor selected. As we have mentioned in previous editions of the *Herald*, **Ken Katen**, a member of our congregation, will oversee the construction. Ken has, until recently, been gainfully employed in this field. He has retired, and now wishes to offer his services to the community at no cost. This is very generous, on his part, and we thank him.

We will keep you informed as we hear from the City Building Department, and as we enter the contractor bid and contract negotiation phases.

As for our fund raising effort, we are in the process of compiling a chart, showing how much as been raised to

date and how much we have to go. In general, our Capital Campaign has so far raised \$3 million, \$2 million of which has been paid, and \$1 million of which is being paid in installments, as the various donors have specified. (Some have indicated they will pay their pledge in five-year installments, some in three years, some in two, and some in one.) All of this has come about through the generosity of 105 individuals and families! We are reaching out to the entire community, so that we have 100% participation.

We are pleased to inform our parishioners that we received good news recently with respect to another bequest, in excess of \$1 million! We are expecting these proceeds any day now, and will make the announcement as soon as we received them. This is truly amazing news, and believe it is our Lord who is leading this effort. This only encourages us to move ahead and to raise the rest of the \$2.5 million still need to fully fund our project. Our Capital Campaign Committee is busy calling fellow parishioners, inviting their participation. Our goal is to keep raising money, at the rate of \$100,000 a month. In this way, the new church will be fully paid for when it is completed. We are very excited because YOU, the parishioners are very excited. As the actual start of construction becomes a reality, more and more people are looking forward to it in a most positive way. For example, some people who had been asked to give, a year or two ago, and who had been hesitant about giving, partly due to the recession, now are approaching us, telling us they, too, want to participate. An important factor may be that the new tax laws make it advantageous for people to contribute, as all gifts to the Capital Campaign are fully tax deductible. We ask only that our participation be done prayerfully. Elsewhere in the present *Herald* you will find a chart that shows how a gift can be made by contributing on a monthly basis or even over a five-year period. Please study the chart to determine at what level you might be able, over time, to make a meaningful contribution to the Campaign.

Become "part of this once-in-a-lifetime sacred opportunity to rebuild the Cathedral to the glory of God!"

## WHAT DOES MY GIFT TO THE BUILDING FUND REALLY AMOUNT TO OVER A FIVE YEAR PERIOD?

Below are some different ways to look at how you can make a meaningful gift.

AMOUNT	PER YEAR OVER 5 YEARS	PER MONTH OVER 5 YEARS	PER DAY OVER 5 YEARS	2 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)	3 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)	4 PERSON FAMILY- PER DAY (EACH)
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$833.00	\$27.40	\$13.70	\$9.13	\$6.85
\$30,000	\$6,000	\$500.00	\$16.43	\$8.22	\$5.48	\$4.10
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$416.00	\$13.70	\$6.85	\$4.56	\$3.42
\$20,000	\$4,000	\$333.33	\$10.95	\$5.49	\$3.65	\$2.74
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250.00	\$8.22	\$4.11	\$2.74	\$2.05
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$166.66	\$5.47	\$2.75	\$1.82	\$1.36

### Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2013

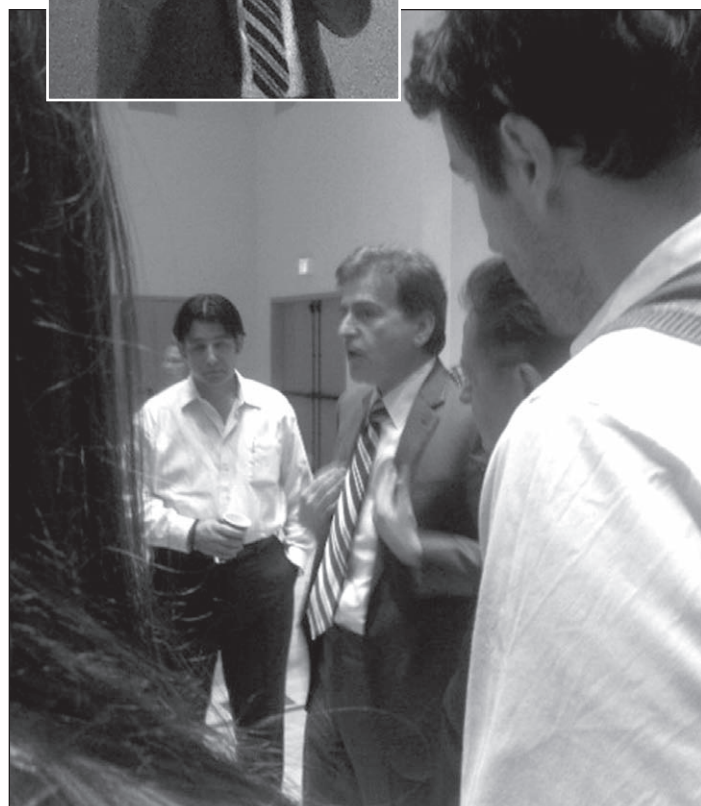
Consider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2013. Mission Teams serve our Holy Orthodox Church's unending mission effort that all people may come to know the saving love of our Lord. Be a living witness as a family on a Family Outreach Team in Albania, take part in stewardship training in Uganda, or offer your talents on other OCMC Teams in 2013. Team applications and details are available online at [www.ocmc.org](http://www.ocmc.org) or call the OCMC at 1.877.463.6787 (ext 142) for more information.



Dr. Alex Alexopoulos during his presentation on the Greek economic crisis, at the Cathedral March 15



Dr. Economides answering questions following his presentation on March 15



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## STEWARDSHIP: WHAT DOES IT MEAN AND WHAT DOES IT COST?

by Gus Vouchilas, Stewardship Chairman

**W**e all make choices in this world – sometimes for better – and sometimes for worse. Perhaps we have found ourselves looking back at a choice we made and pondered it, regretfully knowing that there may have been a better outcome had we made a different decision. The decisions we make may not always be the best, but despite all else, God has given us the free will to make choices that affect our lives, and often, the lives of others.

This notion may not seem entirely relevant to Stewardship at first glance, but when we consider that our actions now will impact the future, it becomes exceedingly clear that the Lord counts on us to get things done in this world – otherwise, why give us the will to make our own decisions? He could make them for us on His own.

But He chooses not to. The character of an individual is built upon choices made in this world in the present time. Whether we choose to help the needy – or not. Whether we choose to feed the hungry – or not. Whether we think that what we say might hurt someone else – or not.

Clearly, these choices needn't be as simple as one or the other. But how does the Lord see our actions? Did He not ask the tax collector to give his money to the poor and follow Him (Mark 10:21) – promising treasure in Heaven? And what was the choice the tax collector made? We know the result but we don't know if he regretted it one day as he reflected on his life. And what about Judas Iscariot? – the regret he felt for betraying the Lord is clear – it was enough to cause him to take his own life (Matthew 27:3–10). When we consider the power of our innermost thoughts and our abilities to make choices – most importantly we must ask - are they the right choices and have they been reflected upon through heartfelt prayer?

The relevance of actions we take now, then, directly relate to Stewardship in that God relies on us to make decisions that impact our lives; and as part of our lives, our church. Our church is the cornerstone of life that fills spiritual needs as well as social needs. We have grown to expect so much from the church – isn't it fitting that we provide for it in return?

So what does Stewardship cost then? It is a commitment to God, to the church, to our Cathedral family, and to an open heart that understands the needs of the Cathedral so that it can vibrantly serve our community. Without you, there is no Cathedral.

The church, of course, has a need for service but it also has financial needs as we all know. We know this because each year the Stewardship Committee looks to its parishioners for a heartfelt and generous (sacrificial) pledge. This pledge is a testimony to faith in Christ the Lord, to the continued service of the Cathedral to her people, and the wherewithal for each of us to make the right choice knowing that in the end, we will have done the right thing – and have no regrets.

If each current Cathedral pledge was increased by only \$150.00 this year, our Stewardship goal of receiving half of the Cathedral operating budget in Stewardship funds by 2015 would be easily attainable. The yield from such a small amount from each individual or family, would make a tremendous difference overall. It could easily provide us with an additional \$45,000 for the year, or more. Over the next three years, an increase of \$150.00 by our Stewards would easily help us achieve this surmountable goal. Imagine what a difference this would make. When we consider that a single cup of coffee at 1.50 a day for one hundred days (just over 3 months) would be the equivalent amount, it seems a shame not to consider it to the benefit of God's house.

The cost of Stewardship is very individual. What matters most is that each of us knows in our heart, mind, and soul that we have done what we can to help keep our Cathedral strong, vibrant, and ever spreading the word that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the reason behind it all.

*Please consider increasing your Stewardship pledge by 150.00 for 2013. You may notify the Cathedral office of the change (particularly for those on credit card payments) or simply note it in the 'memo' section of your check.*

“And now I bend the knee of my heart, beseeching Your goodness.”  
– A prayer of Manasseh, King of Judah, from the Great Compline service

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## IONIAN VILLAGE AND SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY 2013

The dedicated staff of the Youth and Young Adult Ministries department of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese has been hard at work these past few years growing the wildly successful Ionian Village program. The following are two programs that have been put organized for summer 2013:

### Ionian Village

Ionian Village, the summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, is now accepting registrations for its summer 2012 programs. Operating from a beautiful seafront campsite on western Peloponnesus in Greece, Ionian Village brings its campers and staff into close contact with their faith and heritage as they travel throughout the country to sites of cultural and religious importance. Ionian Village offers two camping sessions: Summer Travel Camp and Byzantine Venture. Registration is open to Greek Orthodox youth who have completed grades 7 through 12.

### Spiritual Odyssey 2013: Cyprus and Crete

While in Cyprus, participants will experience our faith and culture first-hand, visiting sites where the Apostles

once preached, also learning about the Cypriot struggle and ongoing division of the island. Participants will also explore the beautiful beaches, food, and culture of the island of Cyprus. Participants will then travel to Crete where they will marvel at the ancient ruins in Knossos and experience the island's rich religious heritage.

Spiritual Odyssey is an Ionian Village program for young adults, ages 19-28, giving them an opportunity to travel to sites of both historical and spiritual importance, while exploring their faith with other people their age. This fun and exciting pilgrimage gives its participants an opportunity to do more than just travel, it allows them to experience the sites of Orthodox and historic importance with other young adults, and most importantly, it allows them to grow together as a group, experiencing their faith and culture with each other and as a family. **Total Cost** (includes airfare) is \$2750.00. All forms and payments are due by May 1st.

For more information about any of the Ionian Village programs, or to participate in this summer's programs, visit [www.ionianvillage.org](http://www.ionianvillage.org) or contact the Office of Ionian Village at (212) 570-3536.

"Lord of the Powers, be with us. For in times of trouble we have  
no other help but You. Lord of the Powers, have mercy on us."  
- Hymn from the Great Compline service

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### Marriage and Family Retreat at Annunciation April 13

On Saturday, April 13 the Annunciation Cathedral will be hosting a marriage and family retreat from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm. **Mr. George Papageorge**, a marriage and family therapist and wonderful presenter will be the keynote speaker of the event. George has made several presentations for the Metropolitan of San Francisco as well as other parishes in recent years and they have been most excellent. Lunch will be provided, and the event will be complimentary.

The program for the adults will be as follows:

10:30am - Noon: First presentation

Noon - 1pm: Lunch

1pm - 2:30pm: Second presentation

Please note that the Cathedral Young Adults will be hold-

ing programs for all youth in attendance in the Kytherian Room simultaneously that the presentations to the adults are being offered. The schedule for the youth will be as follows:

10:30am - Noon: Programs in the Kytherian Room  
(for those not in Greek School)

Noon - 1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm - 2:30pm: Programs in the Kytherian Room and  
Conference Room

We sincerely hope that you will be able to make it to this program, which deals with something so crucial to our lives as Christians, our relationship with our spouses and our families. For more information, please see the flyer included in this issue of the *Herald*. Please contact **Father Niko** at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@annunciation.org) to RSVP, just so we know how much food to prepare.

Hope to see you there!

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## PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**G**reetings from Philoptochos! As we start the Great Lent of Pascha Philoptochos is once again sailing into the spring months full of energy and activity. April and May are busy months for our Chapter and our ladies are ready and willing.

Our Chapter hosted the reception following the Metropolis lecture on the Crisis in Greece and Necessary Structural Reforms on Friday evening March 13, 2013. We thank Mike Canellos for purchasing all the tidbits and Antonio for setting up. Not only was the lecture informative but all enjoyed the reception following the lecture. Those who could not attend really missed.

On **Monday, March 25th** we held our annual Philoptochos luncheon celebrating the Feast Day of our Cathedral. Popi Zakis and her committee provided a delicious salmon luncheon following Church service. I can't thank enough all who worked to prepare the delicious lunch in addition to their generous monetary donations. Despina Kokalis did buy all the salmon for the luncheon in memory of her late husband Jim and Joy Tamaras contributed in memory of her late husband Nick. Again, my thanks to all who worked to make this day special.

Our **Easter Bake Sale** will be in progress the month of **April**. Once again our ladies will be preparing Easter Breads, red eggs and koulourakia for your Easter festivities. We will be busy taking orders and preparing for **pickup on Friday, May 3 (from 9AM to 5 PM)** and on **Saturday, May 4, (from 10AM to 3PM)**. Please fill out the order form which will be included in the Herald. **The deadline date for orders is April 28, 2013.** You won't want to miss these wonderful delicacies for your family and friends.

In May we will be hosting our **Mother's Day Luncheon and Fashion Show**. The date is **Saturday, May 11** and will take place at the Cathedral. This year's *Nautical* theme promises to be fun and exciting. So join us as we go on a cruise of fashion to faraway places, a delicious luncheon, entertainment and a great raffle. This year's chairs Irene Kyriacou and Niki Ketchum are planning a great day that you won't want to miss. They are planning a day to remember filled with fun, music and fashion on the S.S. Annunciation. For information check the flyer that appears in this month's Herald edition. Join us as we sail into fashion on a very special day!

Our members hope the light of the Pascha season burns brightly for all.

With warmest regards and love in Christ,  
Patricia Aleck  
Philoptochos President

## 2013-2014 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America Scholarship Applications Available

**A**pplications and instructions for the three scholarships administered by the Chancellor's Office of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, are now available for awards to be made for the 2013-2014 academic year. Two of these scholarships are for undergraduate studies: the **George & Naouma (Gioule) Gioles Scholarship** and the **Katina John Malta Scholarship**; the third one is the **Paleologos Graduate Scholarship**, which is awarded for graduate work of a non-theological nature. Each of these scholarships was established through generous gifts from dedicated Greek Orthodox Christians who wanted to provide financial assistance towards the education of young people from our Orthodox community.

The deadline for applying for all three is **April 26, 2013**. Further details, including complete instructions and applications, are available on-line on the website of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America at:

<http://www.goarch.org/archdiocese/administration/chancellor/2013>

Applications may also be requested by **e-mail** at **scholarships@goarch.org**, or by written request to the Scholarship Committee, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, 8-10 East 79th Street, New York, NY, 10075.

## WEEKLY CRETAN MUSIC & DANCE WORKSHOP, RIZITES

**M**ission Statement: A Cretan dance, instrumental, & song hobby group/ para, where those who want to learn more in general and for the popular Cretan Glendia they participate in regularly during the year throughout California and the U.S. and Crete, can meet to apply and develop their skills confidently and in an authentic way that maintains strong roots.

Content: The study and style execution of Cretan dances and music from the original provinces in Crete they came from.

Moderator/Teacher/Director: **Petros Papageorge**  
[petrosp@athertonappliance.com](mailto:petrosp@athertonappliance.com)

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## YOUTH NEWS

### April Sunday School Korner

**S**unday School has a very exciting month! So many things happening in our classrooms during lent. Our children are participating in Lenten lessons each Sunday. Learning about fasting, confession, and how we should treat others at this time. We encourage parents/grandparents to bring children to Sunday School at 10:30am each Sunday.

Our Oratorical Festival was a great success! Congratulations to Haben Yohannes, Junior Division Representative to the District competition. Congratulations to all our speakers for a job well done: Anna Kleinkorte, Yonas Tesfai, Maria Novo, Anastasia Pezo, Bobby Kontonis, Panayiotis Sogotis & Nathan Tesfai. All Students in 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th grade wrote speeches in class. Presenting speeches to our community was optional.



His Eminence metropolitan Gerasimos with Father Stephen and Jim Lucas at the SF Historical Society Expo

### Community Link Continues Ministering to Those in Need

**C**ommunity Link, now in its ninth year of existence, is a group of Annunciation parishioners who meet once a month on a drop-in basis to visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. We travel to hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. Many of those we visit no longer have family or friends to support them and just need to know there is someone who cares. A short visit or phone call can lift one's spirits a great deal. If anyone in the community knows of any other home bound parishioners to add to our list or would like to join us for a visit, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. Upcoming Community Link dates for 2013 are: April 27, May 18, and June 15.

"Almighty Lord, You have created all things in wisdom.  
In Your inexpressible providence and great goodness  
You have brought us to these saving days,  
for the cleansing of our souls and bodies, for control of our  
passions,  
in the hope of the Resurrection."  
— Prayer from the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts



Our 2013 Parish Oratorical Festival Participants with Fathers Stephen and Niko after their presentations on March 10

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## Calling all Angels!

**N**ow is the time for all girls to sign up to be an Angel (Myrrh Bearer) during Holy Week. Please contact Denise Yeilding to sign up and be part of this wonderful Annunciation tradition. Girls in 3th grade and older are eligible for participation. We welcome College Students home for Holy Week to take the lead. This is a wonderful tradition at Annunciation! Let's get everyone involved. Help needed: volunteers to help with Angels are needed to facilitate the program.

April 21st is Godparent's Sunday. Invite your Nouna or Nouno to come to Sunday School with you and take communion together. This is a wonderful shared experience.

April 28th is Palm Sunday. All Sunday School classes will take class photos. Remember to wear your Sunday best!

We invite all families to participate in the services on Easter Sunday. Father Stephen and Father Niko will be looking for volunteers to speak in foreign languages during the Agape Vespers service on Sunday afternoon. No classes will be held Easter Sunday.

Looking ahead...applications are now available for the *Sunday School Vellis Scholarship*. The first scholarship was awarded June 5, 2011. The Sunday School of Annunciation Cathedral created a scholarship in memory of Andrew and Efrosine Vellis for their dedication to both the Sunday School and their Church. Please contact the Church office for criteria and application to apply for this year's scholarship. Applications and support materials should be sent to the Church office (Attention: Vellis Scholarship) by May 15th, 2013. The Vellis Scholarship will be awarded at Sunday School Graduation on June 2nd. The applicant should be available to receive the Scholarship in front of the community.

As always we would love to encourage the community to help participate, not only in the classroom, but also in preparation of events & programs. Please contact **Denise Yeilding** at [dyeilding@yahoo.com](mailto:dyeilding@yahoo.com) to get involved.

## Youth Groups Active as Great Lent Begins

**T**he Cathedral's youth ministries were back underway in March after a brief hiatus in February! First, our Cathedral JOY met Tuesday, March 12 at the home of the **Athanasiaides** family, with almost 20 kids in attendance! We played a fun icebreaker game, had dinner, and did a talk on generosity and self-sacrifice using a scene out of the movie "The Hunger Games." We thank **Philip** and **Diala** for their hospitality and for opening their home to us, and all the parents for bringing their children once again.

Our GOYA held its second annual Family Night on March 22, the first Friday of Great Lent. GOYAns and their family members attended the first Salutations service of this year at the Cathedral, and then had a potluck dinner in the Kytherian Room. **His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos** was also in attendance at the service and dinner. We thank all the families who brought a dish for the potluck, and especially **Nicole Georgiou Garibaldi** for organizing the event for a second year in a row! We look forward to many more GOYA family nights in years to come.

Finally, our Cathedral Young Adults organized their first community service project of 2013 on March 27, where twelve young adults assisted at the San Francisco Food Bank. Thanks go to **Stefani Kalligeros** and **Christina Tsiatis** for organizing the last two community service projects. How appropriate for our young adults to offer back to our San Francisco community at the beginning of Orthodox Great Lent.

For more information on any of our youth groups, feel free to contact **Father Niko** at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@annunciation.org), or visit the "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco" Facebook group page.

\*\*JOY is open to all youth grades 3-6 and meets on the second Tuesday of each month\*\*

\*\*GOYA is open to all youth grades 7-12 and generally meets the third Monday of each month\*\*

\*\*The Cathedral Young Adult group is open to all young adults 22-35(ish)\*\*

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## Altar Group Schedule for April

The schedule for the month will be as follows:

**April 7 - Group 1**

**April 14 - Group 2**

**April 21 - Group 3**

**April 28 - Palm Sunday- All Altar Servers 12 and older**

The altar group rosters are as follow:

**Group 1-** Niko Pezo, Demetri Rally, Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, Andrew Vellis

**Group 2-** Anthony Obester, Demetri Kontonis, Bobby Kontonis, Niko Manetas, Hari Manetas, Matthew Nuris

**Group 3-** Steven Flynn, Clint Flynn, Tony Selianitis, Taumaos Selianitis, Dimitri Selianitis

**Group 4-** Anthony Tadesse, Jonas Tesfai, Nathan Tesfai, Steven Monolakis, Panagioti Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis

If any families are interested in their boys joining an altar group, who are above the age of 10, feel free to contact **Father Niko Bekris** at [fatherniko@annunciation.org](mailto:fatherniko@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!

## Greek school classes Resume

We thank our wonderful teachers and the families that have supported our Greek School this year. This wonderful program continues going strong, with an excellent staff of teachers and growing enrollment each year. Classes are held each Saturday at 10 am.

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up your child for Greek School during the 2013-2014 school year, please contact **Pamfilia Zambelis** at [pzambelis@yahoo.com](mailto:pzambelis@yahoo.com).

## Join the Annunciation Sunday School Facebook page and "Like" Us!

On our page you will find updates posted regularly about our classes.

I look forward to seeing our many families participate in our many programs over the next two months. This is a wonderful time of year! Thank you for your support.

Denise Yeilding  
Sunday School Principal





# Annunciation Cathedral Family Retreat



April 13, 2013

10:30am - 2:30pm

## SCHEDULE:

- 10:30am** “Raising Kids with Emotional Intelligence”  
Insights into the emotional lives of our kids and the parenting styles that promote closeness and confidence.  
**Youth program will be held in the Kytherian Room**  
(for those not in Greek School)
- 12:00pm** **Lunch will be provided**
- 1:00pm** “Why Marriages Succeed or Fail”  
An honest look at what we can do to strengthen our relationships.  
**Youth program will be held in the Kytherian Room**



Topics led by Speaker Geoge Papageorge, MFT

No cost. All ages welcome! Please RSVP to [faterniko@annunciation.org](mailto:faterniko@annunciation.org) by April 8

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## PARISHIONERS INVITED TO FIRST PARISH ASSEMBLY OF 2013

**P**arishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend the first regular Parish Assembly for 2013, to take place in the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall on Sunday, April 7, following the Divine Liturgy. The Agenda is as follows:

### Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
  2. Reading/Approval of the November 11, 2012 Minutes of the Parish Assembly
  3. Treasurer's Report
  4. Reports:
    - a. Stewardship
    - b. 2012 Festival
    - c. Youth
  5. Metropolis Clergy-Laity Congress (Held at St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center February 25-26)
  6. Plans for rebuilding the Cathedral Church: Progress Report
  7. Report/Election of the Board of Auditors
  8. Election Nominating Committee (Parish Council elections will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2013)
  9. Old Business
  10. New Business
- Closing Prayer

Parishioners in good standing (that is, those who are ecclesiastically in good standing with the Orthodox Church, as defined in the Archdiocese Regulations, and who have met their stewardship obligations to the Cathedral) may participate in the Parish Assembly. Quorum requirements, as defined in the Parish By-Laws are: 75% of the Parish Council (i.e. 12 out of 15 members), an equal number of other parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral or, if fewer than 12 members of the Parish Council are present, then 75 parishioners in good standing, plus the Dean of the Cathedral.



Some of our Young Adult ladies enjoying the evening at an event in February

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## ΚΟΙΝΟΤΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΣΗ ΣΤΙΣ 7 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

Καλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού όπως παρευρεθούν και λάβουν μέρος εις την πρώτη συνέλευση των μελών την Κυριακή 7 Απριλίου ε.έ. μετά από τη Θεία Λειτουργία. Τα θέματα συζητήσεως, αφού πρώτα γίνει προσευχή και εκλεγεί ο πρόεδρος της συνελεύσεως είναι:

Τα πρακτικά της 11ης Νοεμβρίου 2012  
Οικονομικός απολογισμός ταμίου  
Αναφορά επιτροπής Stewardship  
Αναφορά επιτροπής Φεστιβάλ  
Αναφορά επιτροπής νεολαίας  
Πόρισμα Κληρικο-λαϊκής συνελεύσεως  
(έλαβε χώραν εις το Ίδρυμα Αγίου  
Νικολάου 25-26 Φεβρουαρίου ε.έ.)  
Αναφορά επί της οικοδόμησης-εράνου  
Αναφορά-εκλογή Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής  
Εκλογή Ονομαστικής Επιτροπής  
(Οι κοινοτικές εκλογές θα λάβουν χώραν  
εις τις 15 Δεκεμβρίου ε.έ.)  
Παλαιά θέματα  
Νέα Θέματα  
Προσευχή



Sunday School Principal Denise Yeilding announcing the Oratorical Festival Results

“Lead us in Your way,  
 that we may walk in Your truth;  
 gladden our hearts,  
 that we may be in awe  
 of Your holy name,  
 for You are great in the wonders  
 You perform.”

– Prayer from the Liturgy of the  
 Pre-Sanctified Gifts



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 of  
 San Francisco



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 Federation  
 of Northern  
 California



Greek  
 Consulate of  
 San Francisco



[www.hellenicfederation.org](http://www.hellenicfederation.org)

## Bay Area Hellenic Cultural Activities 2013

Celebrating our Culture and Heritage on the occasion of Greek Independence Day  
 Parade & Celebration In San Francisco

Sunday, April 7, 2013

Parade starts at 2:30 PM at 5<sup>th</sup> & Market St. (Be there by 2 PM to line up)  
 Greek Food Festival, Celebration, and Dancing 12-6 PM at Civic Center Plaza  
 Folk Dance Competition with the first place Dance group receiving \$500, Second place \$300, and third place \$200

Greek Independence Run in Oakland at Lake Merit, Saturday, March 30, <http://run.pahh.com/>  
 Belmont Greek School Independence Celebration, Sunday, March 17, after Liturgy [belmontgreeksschool](http://belmontgreeksschool)  
 San Jose Greek School Independence Celebration, Saturday, April 6, 6 PM Greek School  
 San Jose City Hall Greek Flag Raising, Monday, March 25, 4 PM, 200 E. Santa Clara St. at 5<sup>th</sup> St.

[www.hellenicfederation.org](http://www.hellenicfederation.org)



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*The Annunciation Cathedral's Ladies Philoptochos  
54th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show  
"Bon Voyage on a Fashion Cruise"*



*Saturday, May 11, 2013*

*11:30 Reception 12:30 Lunch*

*Donation: Adults \$55 Children 12 & under \$20*

*Annunciation Cathedral*

*245 Valencia Street*

*San Francisco, CA*

*Attended parking available*

*For reservations, please contact Angie Leventis  
aleventis3@comcast.net or the Cathedral (415)864-8000*

<b>Sunday, April 7, Boys High School (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation vs. St. Nicholas SF	2 pm
<b>Sunday, April 7, Adult B Division (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation 1 vs. Annunciation 3	3 pm
	Annunciation 2 vs. Ascension	4 pm
<b>Wednesday, April 10, Adult B Division (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation 1 vs. Saint Nicholas SF	7 pm
<b>Sunday, April 14, Adult B Division (at Ascension, Oakland)</b>	Ascension vs. Annunciation 1	3 pm
<b>Sunday, April 14, Boys High School (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation vs. Holy Trinity	2 pm
<b>Sunday, April 14, Adult B Division (at Annunciation)</b>	St. Nicholas SF vs. Annunciation 3	4 pm
<b>Sunday, April 21, Boys High School (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation vs. St. Nicholas SJ 1	2 pm
<b>Sunday, April 21, Adult B Division (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation 2 vs. Holy Trinity	4 pm
<b>Sunday, April 21, Adult B Division (at Annunciation)</b>	Annunciation 1 vs. Nativity	5 pm
<b>Sunday, April 21, Adult B Division (at Ascension, Oakland)</b>	Ascension vs. Annunciation 3	3 pm
<b>Sunday, April 28, Playoffs</b>		

## Agape Easter Dinner

Hosted By

**AHEPA Golden Gate Pacific #150/Daughters of Penelope San Francisco Eos #1**



**Feasting on the traditional complete Easter dinner:  
Lamb with Manestra, Freshly Baked Tsoureki, Green Salad, Easter Eggs,  
Koulourakia, Wine, Galaktobouriko, and Coffee**

**Wednesday Evening \*\*\* May 8, 2013**

**Annunciation Cathedral**

**245 Valencia Street, San Francisco**

**Reception at 6:30 p.m. \*\*\* Dinner at 7:30 p.m.**

**Cost = \$45.00 per person**

**Tables of 10 available**

Please make reservations with Foula Vasiliogiorgis at (415) 378-7200 or email at [foulaki8@gmail.com](mailto:foulaki8@gmail.com)  
or Christi Tsiplakos (650) 992-9619 and send this form along with payment to Christi at:  
30 St. James Court, Daly City, CA 94015

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO EOS#1**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make reservations by April 29, 2013.**



# Services & Sacraments At The Cathedral

## WEDDINGS

George John Dekaristos and Androniki Fragakis were married at the Cathedral on March 2, 2013. Their Sponsor is Mike Spachis.

*Na zisete!*

## BAPTISMS

Georgia Anastasia, daughter of Evangelos Peter Dekaristos and Maria Papadakis, was baptized at the Cathedral on March 9. Her Sponsors are Kosta and Stephanie Koutoulas.

Georgia Eleftheria, daughter of Gregory Nicholas Efstratis and Jenny Rebecca Dedo was baptized at the Cathedral on March 16. Her Sponsors are Harry Paul and Lisa Marie Efstratis.

*Na Mas Zisoun!  
(Long life!)*

“It is sufficient for us to know that in the Mystery of Communion we are granted the greatest of God’s gifts, and therefore we must by all means try to live in such a way that we may more often approach this most Holy Mystery, which the ancient Christians were granted daily.” - Elder Arsenios

# A P R I L C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10am Capital Campaign Meeting, 7:30pm	Basketball Practice 7pm - 8:30pm Hall Management Meeting, 7pm	Third Salutations Service, 7pm	Greek School 10am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Orthros at 9:00am Divine Liturgy at 10:30am Parish General Assembly Greek Cultural Parade, 3pm Basketball Games		Adult Greek Class 7 pm to 9:15 pm JOY, 6:30	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10 am Basketball Game 7pm	Basketball Practice 7pm - 8:30pm Dance Board Meeting, 7pm	Fourth Salutations Service, 7pm	Greek School 10am Annunciation Cathedral Family Retreat, 10:30am-2:30pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Orthros at 9:00am Divine Liturgy at 10:30am Sunday Streets in the Mission Hall Management Meeting, 1pm Basketball Games		Adult Greek Class 7pm to 9:15 pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10am Parish Council, 7:30 pm	Basketball Practice 7pm - 8:30pm	Young Adult Dinner/Gift Exchange 6:30 pm Akathist Hymn, 7 pm	Greek School 10am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Orthros at 9:00am Divine Liturgy at 10:30am Godparents Sunday Basketball Games		Adult Greek Class 7pm to 9:15pm	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy, 10am	Basketball Practice 7pm - 8:30pm	Young Adult Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Dinner, 6:30pm	Greek School 10am Orthros and Divine Liturgy, Saturday of Lazarus, 9:00am Community Link, 9:00am Palm Tying Brunch, Noon
28	29	30				
Palm Sunday Orthros at 9:00am Divine Liturgy at 10:30am Basketball Championships, 2 pm Nymphios Service, 7 pm Basketball Playoffs	Nymphios Service, 7 pm	Nymphios Service, 7 pm				

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WHO LOVE THE JUST AND SHOW MERCY TO THE SINNERS;  
WHO CALL ALL MEN TO SALVATION THROUGH THE PROMISE OF BLESSINGS TO COME..."  
— PRAYER FROM THE GREAT COMPLINE SERVICE





## Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Easter Bake - 2013

--PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW--

	<u>No. of Orders</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Bread @ \$12.00 each	_____	_____
Koulourakia @ \$7.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
Red Colored Eggs@ \$5.00 per Doz.	_____	_____
TOTAL		\$ _____

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Your order will be ready for P/U on Friday, May 3, (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. only) & Saturday, April 14, (10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. only)

Please return completed form to the Cathedral Office or call 415 - 864-8000 to place your order. Enclose payment with your order.

All orders are prepaid:

**DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDER IS SUNDAY,**  
**April 23, 2013**

Check received \_\_\_\_\_ Amt: \_\_\_\_\_