



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## “BUILD A LANDMARK OR BUILD NOTHING AT ALL”

— Archbishop Demetrios exhorts at the cathedral’s 85th anniversary in 2006

Construction has begun, after over three years since applying for a permit to proceed with Phase II, which is the rebuilding of the Annunciation Cathedral’s sanctuary. (The first phase, which consists of a 39,000 square foot ancillary facility—gymnasium, hall, meeting rooms and classrooms, commercial kitchen, basement storage and offices for the Cathedral and the Metropolis—was completed in 1998, though we held events in finished portions of it since 1995.) What is being constructed now is not only a parish church. It is the Cathedral church for the Metropolis of San Francisco. The Metropolis covers the seven Western States. The old Cathedral, which was built in 1907, and was acquired in 1928 and completely transformed into an all-in-one building—sanctuary, hall, classrooms, meeting rooms, offices, kitchen—in 1936, is the only Greek Orthodox church in the country which was completely destroyed as a result of the Loma Prieta earthquake, in 1989.



We are especially proud of the architecture of the Cathedral now being built. It is destined to be a landmark, with a 67-foot high 50-foot diameter dome. Substantial, relative to the land below... an 18,000 square foot piece of land (actually 110 feet of frontage along Valencia Street, by 180 feet deep, indented by almost 20 feet halfway down from Valencia Street towards Stevenson Street. This indented area will serve as the drive down into the parking structure.) The total interior space of the Cathedral will be about

*“I consecrated this house you built to place My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there all days.”*  
— 3 Kingdoms 9:3

14,000 square feet. The cost is \$10.7 million (maximum, hard costs) to complete the entire building, except for the interior space and appointments, which is expected to cost another \$2 million, essentially what the September 12, 2010 Parish Assembly authorized. So far, we have over \$7 million in the bank and are negotiating a line of credit/loan with Five Star Bank in Elk Grove to complete the first phase, with the expectation that the additional money needed to complete the first phase will be pledged/given by the time the line of credit/loan kicks in. We also have \$1.1 million collectible, from those who will be fulfilling their pledges over time, in some cases over five years.

We gave thought to reducing the size of the building and, to cut costs, reconfiguring its shape, but we were constantly reminded that we were building a Cathedral. We often think of the words of Archbishop Demetrios of America when he spoke at the Cathedral’s 85th anniversary gala at City Hall in 2006: “Either build a landmark or build nothing at all.”

We only have one shot to do this. The dome was necessary, because it represents heaven, and the church building is where heaven and earth meet. We recognize we’re building amid a building boom in San Francisco, but this was the providential time to begin—it had to be. It’s no accident that the permit was issued on the 24th anniversary (to the day) of Loma Prieta. And it’s no accident that over \$2 million of the money collected during the Capital Campaign came from three individuals: one actually left \$1.3 because she wanted to see the church rebuilt, one (whom no one had ever heard of) left over \$600,000. precisely because we’re building a church, and the third one gave 219 ounces of gold coins, originally worth \$209,000 (which, subsequently were converted into 234 ounces of platinum coins) because we’re building a church to glorify the Name of God.

The other consideration in downsizing is that any of the modifications to the plan, alluded to above, would have necessitated redrawing of the plans, including architectural, structural, mechanical and other redesigns, and the re-submission of these plans to the City Planning Department, a process that would have been costly and would taken approximately two years. Meanwhile, construction costs would have risen to the point where a simpler structure would cost the same as the one we are building now. And, so, the decision to proceed as we are currently doing was made after much thought, but unanimously.

Now, \$10.7 (and eventually \$12 million) is a lot of money. It’s a lot of money, in part, because of the parking structure below. But the parking is absolutely necessary. It’s a lot of money because of

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features like the dome. Again, these features are an essential part of the design, and an essential expression of our Greek Orthodox Christian Faith absolutely necessary. We touched on these in the paragraphs above. Yes, we thought of shrinking the footprint or making other significant design changes. However, as we stated, this would have sent us back to the drawing board and required permitting anew—another few years lost. So, no, and we were unanimous about this—we did not wish to compromise. Every member of the Parish Council and the Building Committee, our project manager (a member of the Cathedral community) and our contract attorney (also a member of the Cathedral community), all spoke in favor of proceeding. After much discussion, on September 25, 2013 the Parish Council voted unanimously to proceed and signed a contract with McNely Construction Company, confident, in faith, that we will find the remaining funds to enable us to complete the project. Future generations will judge whether we did the right thing. In our heart of hearts, we believe we have. Meanwhile, our faith is being validated. Early on in the process, Isidoros Garifalakis of Omega Industries in Vancouver, WA, offered to provide all the steel (rebar and red iron) at cost, and to provide fabrication labor and delivery for free, saving the project several hundred thousand dollars. Our Capital Campaign has taken on new life. As we go

out, person-to-person, inviting people to make their gift, we are getting results. And we are doing this patiently, but with conviction.

One new feature of the Campaign is the creation of a “Dean’s List.” People who make six-figure gifts to the Campaign (and fulfill them), will be named to this list. So far, we have six people on the Dean’s List. Two of the six serve on the Parish Council. A number of those who have already given to the Campaign are considering increasing their gift to six-figure gifts. And, as we go around the community, various individuals are expressing an interest in making six-figure gifts. The attractive feature of this option is that these gifts can be paid over five years. In addition to special recognition, those making six-figure gifts will have naming opportunities and other benefits. However, not everyone can make a six-figure gift. We are grateful for all gifts being made, however large or small. In the end, the point is not about the size of the gift, it is that the gift is made freely and out of faith. As Saint Paul reminds us in his second letter to the Corinthians (2 Cor. 9:7): Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

When the Cathedral is finally completed and the last icon is written, a donor wall will be placed in its narthex, similar to the one which graces the wall to the left, as one enters the current building,

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### MATCHING GIFTS FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT

A few weeks ago, one of our dedicated parishioners informed us that the company she works for offered to match any contributions made by any of their employees to non-profit organizations. The individual had already pledged \$25,000. over five years to the building project, and had already submitted one payment in the amount of \$5,000. this year. Recently, we were notified that the company would be sending a check for the same amount. This means that,

potentially, this individual’s pledge will go from \$25,000 to \$50,000! If you have already pledged to the Capital Campaign and submitted a payment this year, or are planning to do so in the future, please inquire if your employer has a similar policy of matching gifts to non-profits. Please join us as we embark on this historic time in the history of our community. Every bit helps!

## 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)
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,666.00	\$54.80	\$27.40	\$18.26	\$13.70
\$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

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off Valencia Street. This donor wall will list the names of those who will have made the Cathedral possible. It will be there for posterity, for future generations of faithful to see and to be inspired, just as we are inspired by those who have gone before us. May the future generations see the names of all of us, members and friends of the Cathedral alike, who have answered the invitation, in our time, the invitation offered to us by Almighty God, who said to Moses, Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you (Exodus 25:8).

*“When an earthly king visits a place in his country, the benefit of his visit is felt long after. The Lord, the King, visited mankind on earth and the benefit of that visit will be felt to the end of time.”*

– St. Nicholas the Serb

#### PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS DECEMBER 15

### Consider joining a 2014 OCMC Orthodox Mission Team

**C**onsider joining an OCMC Orthodox Mission Team in 2014. 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 on a Healthcare team to Tanzania or Uganda, work with youth in Albania or Moldova, or offer your talents on other OCMC Teams in 2014. 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.

### THE CATHEDRAL’S 2012 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARD

**Y**es, it is that time. The time when we gather names of parishioners who wish to extend greetings to one another via the Cathedral’s Christmas card. The card is sent to over 1,000 homes. What a wonderful way to extend best wishes to one another, particularly during these challenging, yet exciting times. Your greeting brings hope and encouragement to one another, since it celebrates the Birth of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

We recognize that, in this digital age, the sending of paper Christmas cards is fast becoming a thing of the past. But, that’s for people who strictly communicate by electronic means, such as by e mail, Facebook, and, generally, the Internet. However, there’s something heartwarming about receiving a real card. What a welcome addition a “real” Christmas card is, coming as it does amid a mound of circulars, catalogues and general junk mail. For, the Christmas card announces the basic truth of our salvation: Christ is Born!

To avoid glitches, duplications and omissions, we are inviting participation in the Community Christmas card by responding to Mary Tonas, Calliope Fousekis, and Annamarie Balian on Sundays, following the Liturgy, through December 9. They will take turns staffing a special “Christmas Card Table” during the coffee fellowship hour. On December 10, the names of those participating in the Community Christmas card will be sent to the printers for processing. Mary, Calliope, and Annamarie will also collect your gift of \$25 per line, which covers the cost of the card, as well as mailing. We thank you.

Meanwhile, we are grateful to Annette Chiappari, who for many years headed the Christmas Card effort. She will be lending her assistance to this year’s effort, as well.

### Help OCMC Raise \$2,400 to Support Orthodox Mission Priests

In 2013, OCMC’s Support a Mission Priest (SAMP) program is helping 372 indigenous priests in 18 countries around the world to better serve the needs of the Church. Just \$50/month allows these priests in Africa, Southeast Asia, and South America to devote more of their time to the needs of the parish and meet the growing number of faithful.

OCMC has launched a social media fundraising campaign designed to help us raise \$2,400 for SAMP in the month of October. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Orthodox-ChristianMissionCenter> and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/ocmc>. To make a donation, please click here: [bit.ly/1c0Wnll](http://bit.ly/1c0Wnll). In addition to making a gift, please also share this link with your friends and family, asking them to do so as well. As always, thank you so much for all you do to support missions and help raise awareness about OCMC!

### PHILOPTOCHOS NEWS

**D**ecember begins a wonderful season of warmth and celebration as we approach that special day that is the birth of our Lord. As Philoptochos women we work in His Name to give to those less fortunate. We ask you to join us and take a moment to stop by our Angel Tree and take an ornament to give a donation for the organizations of the Hamilton House and the Boys and Girls Club and help to make their Christmas a little brighter with your gift. Angel Tree Project chair Vivian Curd and her committee will explain and give directions for your donation. This is such a wonderful project and it gives us such a warm feeling of in our hearts as we help others.

As we approach the end of this year we look to all our upcoming events in the New Year. So put these dates on your calendars and join us for these events in January. The chapter members will be preparing the wonderful breads for our annual Vasilopita which we will host on Sunday, January 12, 2014 The Philoptochos annual Crab feed will be held on Friday, January 31, 2014. See the attached flyer in this edition of the Herald.

Our members wish all a most blessed Christmas season and hope that your greatest gifts will be family and friends.

With warmest regards and love in Christ,  
Patricia Aleck

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## Annual Cretan Glendi January 18

The annual Cretan Glendi will take place at Annunciation Cathedral on January 18, 2013. The event will benefit our youth programs and the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund. Please contact John Monolakis to RSVP at 415 244-4534 or at delphi2881@sbc-global.net.

## Xronia Polla for Namedays in December!

**Best wishes to the following individuals who celebrate their namedays in November:**

Christina Tsiatis	Nick Galifianakis
Niki Kastoras	Nick Kontonis
Barbara Rotter	Nicko Georgatos
Christina Decker	Nick Varanis
Christina Johns	Nicole Garibaldi
Christos Konstantinidis	Nicole Kallas
Christos Papageorge	Nicole Papageorge
Evgenia Fkiaras	Nicole Truog
Nick Tarlson	Nicoletta Ketchum
Niko Pezo	Nikki Pappas
Nick Rally	Niko Manetas
Nicholas Ramos	Nikolaos Stathopoulos
Nicholas Shatara	Spiros E. Fousekis
Nicholas Svetcoff	Saint Barbara, December 4
Nicholas Vavuris	Saint Nicholas, December 6
Fr. Niko Bekris	Saint Spyridon, December 12
Nicholas Economides	Saint Eleftherios, December 15
Nicholas Delis	Saint Dionysios, December 17
Nicholas Tzafopoulos	Saint Evgenia, December 24
Nicholas M. Balian	Feast of the Nativity, December 25

You may wish to consider sponsoring a coffee hour on the Sunday closest to your nameday, as a way of celebrating with our parish family. For more information, please contact Mike Canellos at (415) 864-8814.

\*\* The information above was taken from the data submitted on our 2013 stewardship pledge cards. If your name does not appear on this list, please feel free to give your information to our stewardship data table in the gallery, or by filling out a 2013 stewardship pledge card. \*\*

## Community Link Continues Ministering to Those in Need

Community 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, please contact Pauline Oetzel at poetzel@hotmail.com. The last Community Link in 2013 will be December 21.

## YOUTH NEWS

### Sunday School Korner

Wow, we have great attendance in each class and lessons are really moving along! November was a month learning about all the things we are thankful for and December we teach giving at all levels. Watch the handout coming home from your teachers and engage with your child/children about the lessons learned.

December is highlighted by the Christmas Program, December 15th immediately following the Divine Liturgy in the Hall. This is a community favorite and you won't want to miss out! Warm up your voice, as you will want to participate in our community sing a long. Parents, Teachers and Students have been busy preparing for a heartwarming play. Practice will occur every Sunday with the children and attendance is very important, even though this is a busy time of year. Children are assigned parts in November. Children who do not participate in Sunday School and/or practices are welcome to join us in the chorus during the program. The day will include a Christmas Play with community sing a long, Free Luncheon, Arts n crafts for children and a visit from Santa. Volunteers needed to help at the arts n crafts tables and much more. Mothers to help with dressing our students in costumes, stage direction, Special treats, etc. Questions about the program? Contact Christoula Pezo, our Director at 650.219.0170.

Please remember we are in the middle of our annual Food Drive, ending Dec. 15. Bins for food drop off are located in the Cathedral halls. Please help us teach the children the importance of giving to those less fortunate. Remember: Canned goods are preferred, but all non-perishables accepted. Please no glass containers. Our goal is over 500 pounds this year!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Halloween Party after Church October 27th. The children were adorable and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the students who participated in the UNICEF program. This was our third year participating and we were able to collect money for children to have clean drinking water for 3 months. Thank you!

\*\*Sunday School will not be in session on Sunday, December 1st, 22nd and 29th. Families are encouraged to attend Liturgy together. Classes will resume Jan. 5th, 2014\*\*

## Greek School Going Strong

If you have any questions, or would like to sign up your child up for the 2013-2014 school year, please contact Anthi Janssens (anthij@comcast.net) or Philip Athanasiades (philippos1cy@yahoo.com).

Some noteworthy dates are as follow:

- **December 21: Christmas, no class**
- **December 28: Christmas, no class**
- **February 15: President's Day, no class**
- **April 19: Greek Easter, no class**
- **May 24: Memorial Day, no class**
- **June 7: Last day of Greek school!**

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## Dance Groups Resume Practicing

Anyone interested in joining any of the groups, please contact Irene Kyriacou at (650) 591-0690 or email [sassygrk@aol.com](mailto:sassygrk@aol.com) .

### The dance groups are as follow:

To Mellon (4-5 year olds)

Thisavri (6-8 year olds) – directed by *Shareen Fousekis, Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos* and *Lea Papavasiliou*

Spithes (9-13 year olds) – directed by *Irene Kyriacou, Lea Lyberopoulos & Lea Papavasiliou*

Ekrixi (14 & up) – directed by *Michael & Nicole Garibaldi*

They will resume practice on August 18.

Also, the dance groups were selling t-shirts the week before and at the festival and we sold out! I had quite a few people ask us to order more and I am going to place another order with Ari after the weekend. I was wondering if you can send out an email to your young adults asking if any of them want a t-shirt before I put my order in? There are 2 different shirts - Molon Lave and the Keep Calm shirt (see proofs above). All shirts are in adult sizes (S, M, L, XL, and XXL). If anyone wants one, please ask them to email me at [sassygrk@aol.com](mailto:sassygrk@aol.com) with which shirt, and size they would like. I need to know by the end of the weekend. I may order a few more as extras but it depends. The price of each shirt is \$20 and proceeds go to dance group.

Thanks,  
Irene K.

## Young Adults Make Health Kits for Philippines

On November 21, our young adults met at the Cathedral and made over 20 kits with various supplies to be sent to those effected by the recent hurricanes in the Philippines, one of the worst natural disasters in recent history. The kits were sent through International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), and were the fourth time our young adults had made such kits as part of IOCC's relief efforts (Cuba, Japan, Haiti).

We look forward to next month's dinner/gift exchange on December 13!

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

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.

## GOYA Winter Camp at Saint Nicholas Ranch January 2-4, 2014

The Metropolis of San Francisco Youth Office is organizing a winter camp to be held at Saint Nicholas Ranch this coming January 2-4, 2014. The retreat will be organized by Paul Gikas, the Metropolis Youth Director, with assistance from Jacob Saylor and the rest of the summer camp team. The retreat will be for all youth grades 9-12. Schedule, prices and more information will be forthcoming, but for now, save the date!

## JOY Resumes and Meets at Pezo Home November 12

Our Cathedral JOY met at the Pezo home in November, and had a wonderful time. The evening included games, dinner and a faith lesson with clips from the Jackie Chan movie "Shanghai Noon." Many thanks to Chrisoula and Lester for opening their home to us.

Next month, we'll be putting together a Christmas craft project, which will include ornaments to hang on the Metropolis Christmas Tree!

**\*\*JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is open to all young people between grades 3-6\*\***



The Annunciation Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos  
Society presents its:

## 32nd Annual Crab Feed

Friday, January 31, 2014

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

\$55.00 per person



Reservations will be secured only by receipt of payment

For Reservations call:  
Annunciation Cathedral at 415.864.8000

Valet Parking Available

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) and/or \_\_\_\_\_ table(s)  
(Maximum 10 people per table. Include the names of all guests to  
be seated at the table)

Make checks payable to: Annunciation Philoptochos, Attn: Crab Feed  
Please mail completed reservation form and check by January 20 to:  
Annunciation Cathedral: 245 Valencia Street San Francisco, CA 94103



THE ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL  
LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US  
FOR OUR

*Annual Vasilopita and Brunch*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2014

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DIVINE LITURGY  
KORINTHIAS COMMUNITY HALL



For questions or to reserve call the Cathedral  
at 415-864-8000 by January 3, 2013 or email  
[p\\_aleco@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p_aleco@sbcglobal.net)

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# A CRETAN GLENDI

Live Music Directly from Crete

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## SATURDAY – January 18, 2014

### Annunciation Cathedral

245 Valencia St, San Francisco  
6:00 p.m. cocktails (no-host Bar)  
7:00 p.m. dinner and dancing

*See Back for Parking Guide*

### Ticket Prices:

**\$60 / \$30 (under 12)**

### Enter the Raffle:

1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: iPad

4th Prize: A Big Screen TV  
and more.

### *Proceeds Benefit the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund*

Reserve your tickets by calling, emailing or sending in the RSVP below by January 10, 2014

Diane Kounalakis at [kounalakis@comcast.net](mailto:kounalakis@comcast.net) or call 650-343-6214 / Nick Varanis at [nickv@astound.net](mailto:nickv@astound.net) or call 650-756-1992

Voula Fanourgiakis at [boukabeach@yahoo.com](mailto:boukabeach@yahoo.com) or call 650-873-7299 / John Monolakis at [delphi2881@sbcglobal.net](mailto:delphi2881@sbcglobal.net) or call 415-244-4534

Please RSVP by January 10th

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

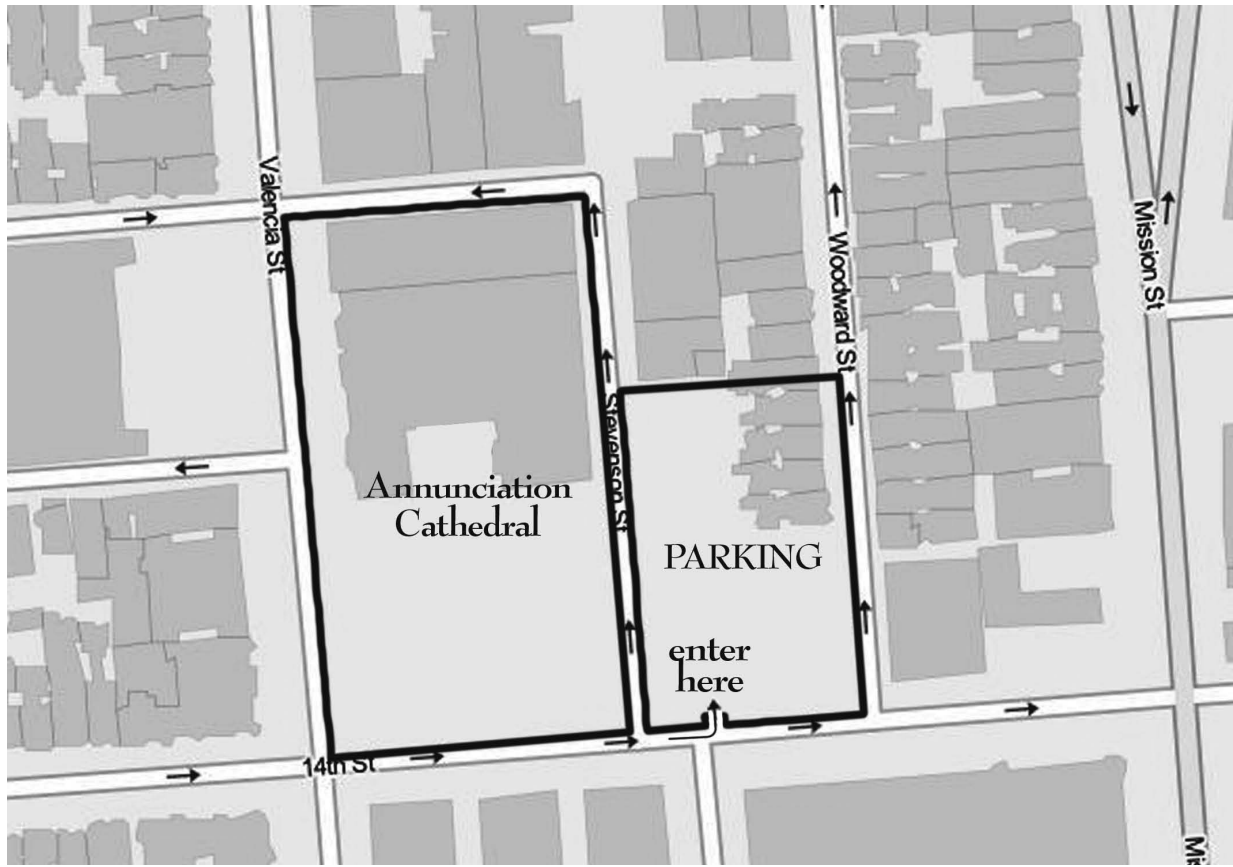
Number of tickets: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Under 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Epimenides/Ariadne Chapter** and mail to  
2463 Royal Oaks Dr, Alamo, CA 94507

*If you would like to put a table together,  
please list the names of your guests here:*



**ZENANLI Parking lot  
344 14th Street  
San Francisco, CA**



## SAVE THE DATE

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos and the  
Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos joyfully invite  
you to attend

### **“LIGHT THE PATH”**

a Christmas Luncheon in support of

THE BISHOP ANTHONY  
PHILOPTOCHOS STUDENT AID  
ENDOWMENT FUND

**Saturday, November 23, 2013**

Saint Anthony Greek Orthodox Church  
Pasadena, California

**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

Nativity of Christ Greek Orthodox Church  
Novato, California

Christmas Entertainment  
And a presentation by one of our own Seminarians

A formal invitation will be forthcoming...

Call: 415-431-2600

Email: [office@sfphiloptochos.org](mailto:office@sfphiloptochos.org)

# Light THE PATH

*“Let your light so shine before men,  
that you may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.”  
Matthew 5:16*

PHILOPTOCHOS  
GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO



*“The Bishop Anthony Philoptochos Student Aid Endowment Fund is a tangible effort to secure the future of our faith and culture in this Metropolis; for it is through this Fund that our future priests, educators and pastoral assistants are supported both*

*financially and morally in their education. From the beginning, the Metropolis Philoptochos has been the guardian angel of this important project. May our Lord grant His love and grace to all who labor and support the Student Aid Endowment Fund.”*

***His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco***



**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR AMBASSADOR IOANNIS ANDREADES**

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco, and the Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council and Philoptochos honored the distinguished service of Ambassador Ioannis Andreades upon his departure from San Francisco at a Farewell Reception, Sunday, November 3, 2013



*“Just as a candle is lighted from another candle, so also a good work is born from a good work.”*  
 – St. Nicholas the Serb

The Christian life is all about giving – God gives himself to us (John 3:3), and we give back from the bounty of his blessings. The following is a list of contributors to the Capital Campaign to date (\$1,000 and above). We thank them for their generosity and for sharing our vision for the future. Eventually these names will appear on the donor wall of the new Cathedral. Is yours among them?

**Pinnacle**

*Mountanos, Anne and Angelo*

**Founders (\$1,000,000 +)**

*Costopoulos, Katherine*

**Cornerstone (\$250,000 - \$999,999)**

*Athan-Olin, Virginia*

Moulinos, Alexander & Mari

**Grand Benefactors (\$100,000 - \$249,999)**

Konstin, Gus  
Mountanos, Michael S. & Erika

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Rally, Dean & Tami

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*Helen Tsalamakos*

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Papageorge, Christos & Despina  
Sogotis, Paul & Eva  
*Tentes, Beatrice*

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Vorrises, James & Louise  
Vouchilas, Gus  
Zaphiris, Dr. Alex/Fisher, Gary

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Milionis, Mary & Kosta  
Moulas, Vasiliki  
Nager, Perri  
Nicklas, Helen

Novo, Dustin & Chrisoula  
Pezo, Lester & Chrisoula  
Philoptochos - Argyres Family  
Sogotis, Theodore & Thea  
Stratakis, Ari & Marcy  
Tarlson, Nick & Arnzen, Mauna  
Tonas, Basil & Mary  
Tzafoopoulos, Nicholas & Vasiliki  
*Vorrises, Vassiliki & Dionisios*

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Anagnostou, Sam & Soula  
Augustus, Angie  
Balian, Robert & Annamarie  
Bissas, Maria  
Chiappari, James  
Contos, Christopher  
*Bratis, Dionisia*  
Davies, *Mitchell* & Ethel  
Fousekis, Vlasias & Kalliope

Frangos, Ilias  
Garibaldi, David & Kathy  
Haralambopoulos, Costa & Ria  
Kokalis, Despina  
Kontrafouris, Tom  
Kyriacou, Justin & Afroditi  
Lampros, John & Magda  
Misthos, Michael and Christina  
Navarino Messenian Society

Panomitros, John & Helen  
Patisis, Yiota  
Poulos, James & Despina  
Selimis, Nikos  
Stathopoulos, Mr. & Mrs. Marios  
Vorrises, George and Loula  
Zakynthian Glendi  
Zambelis, John & Pamfilia

**Patrons (\$1,000 - \$4,999)**

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Arsinoos, Mariam  
Balian, Nicholas  
Eliopoulos, John & Annette  
*Garefalos, James*  
Georgopoulos, Dennis  
Johns, John & Christina  
Johnson, Nick  
Kaimaki, Eirni  
Kallas, Louise  
Kasaris, Mary  
Lukehart, Ryan & Marie

Markanton, Helen  
Mattis, George and Cleo  
Monolakis, John & Demetra  
Morales, Helen  
Mourgou, George  
Papageorge, Petros & Frances  
Pappas, Voula  
Peters, Kenneth & Polytimi  
Poulakidas, Jennifer  
Riley, George and Rose  
Roumeli Society of BA  
Shatara, Nader & Sawsan

Shuhaibar, Constantine  
Souza, Marcelo  
Stratoudakis, George & Georgia  
Terzis, Dimitri  
Tsagaris, Eleni  
Varanis, Nickolas & Ludi  
Vorrises, Angelo  
Vorrises, Stephanie  
York, Bessie  
Vrakas, Eleni

*Italics Denotes Deceased*

## Altar Group Schedule for October

The schedule for the month will be as follows:

December 1- Group 1

December 8- Group 2

December 15- Group 3

December 22- Group 4

December 25- All altar servers ages 12+

December 29- All altar servers welcome

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, Taumaoe Selianitis, Dimitri Selianitis

Group 4- 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!

*“Glory be to God for all things.”*

– Saint John Chrysostom

## SACRAMENTS AND SERVICES At the The Cathedral

### BAPTISMS

Jason Benjamin Franklin Van Dyke, son of Noel and Jeanne McMichael, was baptized at the Cathedral on October 26, 2013. His sponsor is Michael Morgan.

Mina Vafiadis Stam, daughter of Mark and Roula Stam, was baptized at the Cathedral on November 2. Her sponsor is Nick Vafiadis.

Giorgos Panagiotis Cazanis, son of Panagiotis and Katerina Cazanis was baptized at the Cathedral on November 9. His sponsors are Niko and Nicole Pikios.

Na mas Zisoun! (Long Life)



The teaching liturgy

# D E C E M B E R C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MON.	TUESDAY	WED.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am, Dance Practice			Construction Meeting, 10 am  Building Committee Meeting, 7 pm		Saint Nicholas, Orthros 10:30,  Liturgy 11 am (at St. Nicholas, Diamond Heights)	Greek School, 10 am  Philoptochos Light the Path Luncheon (Novato)
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am,  Sunday School Christmas program rehearsal, 10:30 am Dance Practice		JOY, 6:30	Construction Meeting, 10 am	Saint Spyridon, Liturgy, 10 am	Young Adult Gift Exchange, 6:30 pm	Greek School, 10 am
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am, Parish Council Elections; Sunday School Christmas Program; 10:30 Food Drive, Dance Practice		Saint Dionysios, Liturgy 10 am;  Philoptochos Christmas Luncheon	Construction Meeting, 10 am  Cretan Glendi			Community Link, 9 am
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am, Dance Practice		Christmas Eve, Royal Hours 9 am, Vespers Liturgy 10 am	Christmas Day, Orthros 9 am, Liturgy 10 am			Greek School, 10 am
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				
Orthros, 9 am, Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Dance Practice						

*“When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don’t pray, they don’t.”*

– William Temple



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– ST. NICHOLAS THE SERB