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ARCHBISHOP DEMETRIOS OF AMERICA VISITS ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL, SAN FRANCISCO, SITE, SIGNS STEEL

On Saturday, May 30 (after the June Herald had gone to press), His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America, accompanied by Archdeacon Panteleimon, visited the site of the rebuilding of the San Francisco Metropolis Cathedral and signed a steel column (see photo). His Eminence was met by Bishop Apostolos of Medeia, representing Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco (who was visiting the St. Demetrios, Camarillo parish for the purpose of opening that community's Agape Center), Father Stephen Kyriacou, Cathedral Dean, and Presbytera Aliki, S. Chris Kyriacou, Parish Council President, and his wife, Irene, Archon Paul Sogotis, Architect John Goldman, and General Contractor Dan McNely. Tula Mouroufas and Ethel Davies joined the group at a luncheon following. As soon as His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos returned to San Francisco,



he, too, signed the steel (see photo). His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos was not able to be with us for the steel signing on June 14, as he presided over ground breaking services for the new facilities of the Annunciation Church in Sacramento.

Modeled after Constantinople's Church of Hagia Eirine, with echoes of the Great Church (Hagia Sophia), the new Cathedral is in the shape of a Greek cross, with an apse and the narthex bringing it to 165 feet in length. Its central dome, 50 feet in diameter, rises to 70 feet. It features an adult baptismal font and a choir loft. It will seat 800. The new Cathedral, the ground breaking for which took place on November 6, 1997 by His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who also laid the cornerstone, features 70 underground parking spaces. It replaces the historic Cathedral which was lost as a result of damage suffered in the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Before leaving the site, His Eminence the Archbishop signed the steel column directly behind the synthronon in the Ieron (altar). May 30th was an historic moment in the life of the Annunciation Cathedral.



His Eminence Archbishop of Demetrios of America celebrated the Divine Liturgy at the Annunciation San Francisco on Sunday, July 5. A reception followed. Thanks to Polytimi Peters for preparing all the food and refreshments served at the reception.



WE'VE REACHED THE \$10,000,000 MARK!

On October 17, 2013 – 24 years to the day of Loma Prieta Earthquake, which inflicted irrevocable damage to the old Cathedral—we signed a not-to-exceed contract with McNely Construction in the amount of \$10.7 million. Meanwhile, we paid off the loans on the facilities we built in Phase One (almost \$2 million) and also Architectural, Consultant and Permit Fees, in connection with the rebuilding of the Cathedral (almost \$1.5 million). We still have \$1 million in the bank and an additional \$1 million in receivables (from those who've made pledges to the Capital Campaign, some for as many as 5 years). We have approximately \$3.5 million to go to complete the present phase of the construction (everything but the inside of the Cathedral). To do the interior, complete with pews, iconostasis and other appointments, we will need an additional \$2.7 million. We have every reason to believe we will raise the money to complete the construction of the Cathedral and to maintain it. A recent study suggests the parking structure below the new Cathedral, rented out during non-church hours, will bring in some \$53,000 a month. So, we are not worried about the funds to complete and maintain the Cathedral. We have every faith in our people and, above all, in God. What we are doing at this milestone moment is stopping and giving thanks to God who, as of June 1, 2015, has made it possible for the Annunciation Cathedral Community to raise \$10,000,000 to date, as we proceed to rebuild the Cathedral to the glory of God!

STEEL RISING AND RISEN!

One has only to look through the front gates or the gallery doors to see the Cathedral rising. We've been busy since March 25th of this year laying the vertical or "red-iron steel" (called "red-iron" because of its protective orange-red coating, similar to that of the Golden Gate Bridge). Some 1,000 pieces of red iron steel form the "skeleton" of the Cathedral. All the steel has now been erected, including the steel in the transepts, the towers (one of which will house the elevator), the apse, including the apse half-dome, the 50-foot diameter dome itself, the narthex and the choir loft.

On Sunday June 14, 2015, a special "steel signing" took place. Please have a look at the photos throughout this issue of the Herald, of young and old, of rich and poor—all God's people, making a physical connection with the new Cathedral. Merging their identities, so to speak, (for our names identify us), with Christ, who is the very foundation of the Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Blessing of the Waters service (*agiasmos*) was celebrated. Then, everyone processed out to the construction site, where everyone had an opportunity to sign the steel columns using special markers which were provided. People got to keep the Sharpies, imprinted with the words: Building the Annunciation Cathedral to the Glory of God...Steel Signing... June 14, 2015. What a special blessing this day was. A beautiful luncheon, provided by Angelo Koutoulas of Chick 'N Coop, followed. Our thanks go to Mr. Koutoulas and his staff and also to the Cathedral staff for the set-up and for tidying up afterwards.

Our goal is to complete the exterior and also have a fully operational parking structure by June, 2016, even as work on the interior begins. From start to finish, depending upon fund raising, the work on the interior, including iconography and furnishings, could take another year.

As for the money required to complete the project, surely there are people "out there" who have waited for this moment before making their contribution, be it \$1000 or be it \$1 million. We pray the Holy Spirit inspires the putting of hand to the checkbook. That the heart may be moved to give generously and joyfully. As Scripture says, "let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor. 9:7).

These are exciting times our community and for San Francisco. Amid the biggest building boom in the City in decades, a house of worship is rising, and a Greek Orthodox Cathedral at that! Amid all this for-profit construction a church rises, proclaiming the Gospel of hope, of salvation, of God's love. And to think that we, in our own way, are contributing to the growth of our City by offering a sacred house of worship, for the glory of God, the God who says, "Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you. *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγιασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν.*" (LXX, Exodus 25:8). There can be no greater satisfaction in life.

No one has stated this undertaking more nobly than His All Holiness, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, at ground breaking on November 6, 1997, when he said: "The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified." May it be so!

REBUILDING OF THE CATHEDRAL EXCITES EAST COAST

The following article recently appeared in the *Hellenic News*, which primarily serves readers on the East Coast, from Connecticut to Virginia. *Hellenic News* also sponsors *Hermes Expo*, a networking organization among professionals, mainly young adults. Read the text below or, if you prefer, log on to: <https://hellenicnews.com/the-rebuilding-of-the-annunciation-greek-orthodox-cathedral-in-san-francisco-ca/>

The Rebuilding of The Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco, CA

Posted on June 19, 2015 by *Hellenic News* in *Greek Culture*, *Latest Important News*, *Omogenia*

By *Aphrodite Kotrotsios*, *Co-Publisher*

In 1989, the Annunciation Cathedral in San Francisco, CA, was demolished due to the Loma Prieta Earthquake. It is the only ever Greek Orthodox Church to have been destroyed by an earthquake in the U.S. Annunciation Cathedral is the Cathedral Church for the Metropolis of San Francisco, which is made up of the seven western states. For years, members of the Cathedral have proudly been organizing a building fund in order to rebuild the Cathedral, and now the project is currently underway. In 2013, the Cathedral was granted a building permit. Goldman Architects of San Francisco have developed the design of the new Cathedral which is based on Hagia Eirine, which is located near the Great Church of Hagia Sophia. The New Cathedral is destined to become a landmark in the U.S. as His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios indicated in his address at the Cathedral's 85th anniversary gala in 2006. The interior will be designed with iconography by world renowned iconographer Giorgios Kordis, professor of Byzantine Iconography at the University of Athens. The Cathedral is on its way to its fundraising goal, but any help would be greatly appreciated for this amazing project. The new Cathedral is underway to becoming a representation of a century of history and ecclesiastical tradition in the heart of San Francisco.

We would like to wish Father Stephen Kyriacou, Father Nikolaos (Niko) Bekris, parishioners, and the rebuilding team of Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral the best of luck in completing their project.

Hellenic News also posted:

Please click here to view a short film by Kostas Petrakos on the blessing of the New Cathedral

<https://vimeo.com/130899671>. The video is of the June 14, 2015 Steel Signing, and includes clips of the signing by Archbishop Demetrios of America, Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco and Greek Ambassador Ioannis Andreades.



Former Greek Consul General of
Greece in San Francisco Ambassador
Ioannis Andreades signing the steel.



His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos
signing the steel.

PEOPLE ASK: WILL THERE BE ANOTHER STEEL SIGNING?

The June 14, 2015 Steel Signing was successful in many ways. First and foremost, due to liability strictures, it was the first time parishioners were allowed, as a group, to visit the construction site of the new Cathedral. Over 300 parishioners took part. They followed the acolytes, clergy and choirs and processed in an orderly way through the Valencia Street gates and counterclockwise, around the interior of the “bones,”—the structural steel skeleton of the new Cathedral. They signed their names as well as names of loved ones, forming a once-in-a-lifetime “connection” with the structure. God had blessed us with a cloudless sky. The warm Mission sun beamed as everyone experienced a foretaste of what it will be like to participate in the Divine Liturgy of the new Cathedral. Well, one can't help but go out and share good news. And, so, the minute we got to the hall for the meal, prepared, served and donated by Angleo Koutoulas of Chick 'N Coop, people were on cell phones, sharing their experiences with family and friends. Naturally, the question was asked, especially by those who were unable to attend: would they ever get the opportunity to sign the steel? For now, construction has resumed in earnest. During July, the interior steel will be installed and it would not be possible for groups to access the structure for a long time. We are thinking that we will hold another steel signing as soon as the exterior is constructed, that is, when our present contract with McNely has been completed, just before we begin to work on the interior. For, we would like as many people as possible to come and see and feel what is to come and to give glory to God, who makes all things new. We expect this will take place by Pentecost, 2016.

“Inspire us with Thy
Holy Spirit, ever active
and joy-creating.”

– St. Nicholas the Serb



**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

Gift Giving to the Capital Campaign

For those parishioners or friends of the Cathedral who wish to make a donation, you may consider donating funds from your stock portfolio. If you were to sell this stock on the open market most likely you will pay capital gain taxes. To avoid paying capital gain taxes, you simply donate the stock to the Annunciation Cathedral, a non-profit 501(c)3 religious corporation.

The stock needs to be publicly traded on one of the exchanges (NY, NASDAQ, etc) then you simply report it on your tax return as a noncash charitable contribution. You get the appreciated value for the donation and do not pay tax on the capital gain. Then all you will need for taxes is a letter of acknowledgment from the Cathedral, with the name of the stock, date of donation and number of shares received. For additional information regarding the transfer of stock to the Cathedral, please contact Father Stephen at fatherstephen@annunciation.org or Angie Leventis at aleventis3@comcast.net.

Parking During Construction

Parking for up to 70 cars is available in the lot behind the Cathedral, at 334 14th Street and on the street. Stewards of the Cathedral are charged only \$5 to park, by showing their card; the Cathedral will pay \$7 of the parking cost for Stewards. To pick up a parking pass or to discuss your stewardship, please call Marcelo Souza in the church office. Street parking is also available on Sundays, especially along the 217' construction zone in front of the Cathedral. For your convenience, an attendant will be on hand each Sunday to monitor the drop off zone and direct parking to the Zenanli lot behind the Cathedral. We kindly ask our parishioners to be considerate of those with disabilities, giving them parking preference in the spaces on Valencia Street.

“The life of the soul is God.”
- St. John of Kronstadt



GREAT NEWS! We are having a Festival once again this year! This is a highly anticipated event bringing thousands of people together living in the San Francisco Bay Area to get a taste of all things Greek. If you would like to participate in this year's Food Festival, please consider becoming a part of the planning process, food preparation, recruiting volunteers or any other way you wish to help. We need lots of volunteers. Since last year's Food Festival was so well received, the plan is to repeat what we did last year and perhaps make some minor changes.

The following is a list of individuals who have committed to chair different areas of the festival:

General Chairs	Deno Konstantinides and Grace Koutoulas
Coordinator	Angie Leventis
Advertising/Marketing	Demetri Rizos & Angie
Volunteers	Mauna Arzen
Pastries	Philoptochos - Pat Aleck
Preparation of Food	Different Individuals
Kitchen	Deno Konstantinidis
Gyro Booth	Dance Groups
Lamb Sandwich	Bob Lyberopoulos
Grilling	John Panomitros
Meat Purchaser/Ice	Andy Psarras
Procurement/Rentals	Andy Psarras
Souvenir Book	Presv. Aliko Kyriacou/Angie Leventis
Budget	Jim Vorrises
Setup	Antonio Perez
Cashiers	Genie Mantzoros
Taverna/Entertainmen	Nick Svetcoff/Irene Kyriacou
Security	TBD
Parking	Mike Canellos
Permits	Manuel Pappas
Raffle	Demetra Monolakis/Grace Koutoulas
Restaurant Manager	Ted Leventis
Accounting	Parish Council
Signage	Deno Konstantinidis
Chapel Tours	Father Niko Bekris

We are still in the process of identifying General Co-chairs and if you are interested, please call Angie Leventis, Festival Coordinator at 650.878.2855.

Let's make this year's Food Festival another outstanding event!

Festival 2015 Cooking Schedule

AS OF 7/10/2015

Please note: Cooking schedule subject to change

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015
KOULOURAKIA
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Philoptochos

MONDAY, JULY 20, & TUESDAY, JULY 21
GREEN BEANS
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Rose Sogotis

THURSDAY, JULY 30 & FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2015
DOLMADES
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Sypridoula Stavropoulos

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2015
BAKLAVA
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Philoptochos

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 & SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2015
SPANAKOPITA
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: OPEN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015
KOURAMBIEDES
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Mary Chicos

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, & THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015
BELL PEPPERS
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Ted Leventis

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 & MONDAY, AUGUST 31
TIROPITES
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Tessie Calligeros

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015
GALATOBOUREKO
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Philoptochos

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015
SYRUP PREPARATION
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Philoptochos

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
CHICKEN PREPARATION
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Melina Navarette

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
BAKLAVA BAKING
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Philoptochos

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015
RIZOGALO
9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
CHAIRPERSON: Rose Sogotis

Cathedral's Steel Frame to Be Depicted by Local Artists!

Local artist Stacey Carter is an artist who specializes in, among other things, architectural related paintings. John Goldman, the architect of the Cathedral's Phases I and II, invited Stacey to visit the new cathedral and perhaps make art or portraits of it. Stacey loved the idea and recently visited the site along with several other artists. Their depictions of the steel frame during construction will potentially be coming soon!

For samples of Stacey's art, please visit www.staceycarter.net

Call for Photos of 1997 Groundbreaking

If anyone has any photos of the 1997 groundbreaking, celebrated by His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, please email or send copies to the Cathedral Office at marcelo@annunciation.org. We are always looking for more for promotional useage in the coming months and years. Many thanks!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, November 1 of this year, a banquet will be held in honor of His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos' tenth anniversary as Metropolitan of San Francisco, to be held at the Cathedral's Korinthias Hall. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

Stay tuned for more information!

Ionian Village Celebrates 45 Years Of Youth Ministry

Vartholomio, GREECE - On June 23, Ionian Village, the international summer camping ministry of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, began its celebratory 45th Anniversary Summer. Founded in the 1960's through the vision of the late Archbishop Iakovos, Ionian Village first summer of camping ministry was in 1970 under the leadership and dedication of Father George Poulos. Over the following 44 years, Ionian Village has welcomed over 17,000 alumni through its gates with one simple goal: to provide its campers and staff with a life-transforming experience by bringing them closer to our Orthodox faith and exploring our rich Hellenic culture and history.



This summer not only marks the 45th anniversary of the camp, but also the highest number of registrants in the history of the camp. With over 200 campers in each sold-out session, our incredible team of staff, doctors, and clergy, along with the largest Spiritual Odyssey pilgrimage for Young Adults in recent history, Ionian Village will host more people this summer than ever before.

“This success is truly a testament to our young adults who lead our campers throughout the summer. These young adult leaders leave their jobs, their internships, and their summer classes behind and come to Greece for more than a vacation. In a generation that is obsessed with advancing and succeeding, these young adults are focusing not on themselves, but on the next generation, not on making them successful business people, but true Orthodox Christians. It is amazing to see these young adults from every corner of the country come together and lead; they are so much more than camp counselors, they are leading the next generation on this pilgrimage throughout Greece, and ultimately to Jesus Christ” remarked Father Evagoras Constantinides, the Director of Ionian Village.

Ionian Village is located at the idyllic campgrounds near Glyfa Beach, of the Prefecture of Elia in northwestern Peloponnese. Campers, together with their staff members, travel to numerous sites of historical and religious importance including Ancient Olympia, the island of Zakynthos, the island of Kefallonia, the city of Patras, the monasteries of Mega Spilaion and Agia Lavra, the island of Aegina, the historic and martyric town of Kalavryta, and lastly the city of Athens. Session one of Ionian Village will run until mid-July, with session two from mid-July to early August, welcoming campers from every Metropolis of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. For more information about Ionian Village or to see updates from our 45th year of summer camping ministries, please visit www.ionianvillage.org.



ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW'S RESPONSE TO POPE FRANCIS' CLIMATE ENCYCLICAL

TIME magazine website published an exclusive article outlining the response of His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew to the Climate Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis *Laudato Si'*, presented this morning at the Vatican.

The article starts with the words of His All-Holiness as follows:

In a series of seminars organized between 1994 and 1998 on the island of Halki off the coast of Istanbul in Turkey, we drew attention to the close connection between ecology and economy. Both terms share the Greek root *oikos*, which signifies “home.” It therefore came as no surprise to us that our beloved brother Francis of Rome opens his encyclical, which is being released today in the New Synod Hall of the Vatican, with a reference to God’s creation as “our common home.”

His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew “has been the first one in the Christian world to draw the attention of the world community to the seriousness of the ecological problem and the duty of the Church to voice its concern and try to contribute with all the spiritual means at its disposal towards the protection of our natural environment,” said His Eminence Metropolitan John (Zizioulas) of Pergamon, who represented the Ecumenical Patriarch at the presentation of the Pope’s Encyclical.

“The issuing of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* is, therefore, an occasion of great joy and satisfaction for the Orthodox,” said Metropolitan John. “On behalf of them I should like to express our deep gratitude to His Holiness for raising his authoritative voice to draw the attention of the world to the urgent need to protect God’s creation from the damage we humans inflict on it with our behavior towards nature.”

He said the Encyclical comes at a “critical moment in human history” and will “undoubtedly have a worldwide effect on people’s consciousness.”

To read the TIME Magazine article go to: <http://time.com/author/ecumenical-patriarch-bartholomew/>

To read the full text of Metropolitan John of Pergamon intervention go to: <http://www.goarch.org/news/metropolitanjohnpergamon-06182015>

GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESAN FELLOWSHIP TO WORK AT THE UNITED NATIONS

The Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical, and Interfaith Relations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America announces its Faith-Based Diplomacy & Advocacy Initiative. The Initiative establishes a total of four (2 for 2015-2016 and 2 for 2016-2017) yearlong Archdiocesan fellowships at the United Nations. All Orthodox Christian graduate and post-graduate students are invited to apply for a stipend fellowship.

The Faith-Based Diplomacy and Advocacy Initiative is made possible by a generous grant awarded by The Archbishop Iakovos Leadership 100 Endowment Fund, and is meant to help develop future diplomats, policy-makers and advocates by providing them the professional framework upon which to exercise their academic training.

Fellows will focus their work at the United Nations in five main areas: 1) Religious Freedom and Human Rights 2) Environment/Ecology 3) Issues of Equality: Gender, Race, etc. 4) Global Conflict, Peacemaking and Humanitarianism 5) Health Advocacy

Among other activities, fellows will have the opportunity to join and participate in the work of United Nations NGO Committees; assist in formulating oral and written Archdiocesan statements and interventions; help plan and host "Side Events" during ECOSOC Functional Commissions; and participate in panel discussions at future Biennial National Clergy-Laity Congresses.

To apply for the fellowship please visit <http://adobe.ly/1DCQ8SO>. The deadline for submitting an application for the Fall 2015-Summer 2016 fellowship is May 31, 2015. For more information, please contact us: Ecumenical@goarch.org or 212-774-0226.

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocesan Council (GOAC) is accredited through the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN DPI) and has General Consultative Status under the Economic and Social Council of the UN (ECOSOC). GOAC has been actively working at the United Nations for 30 years.

FAITH: AN ENDOWMENT FOR ORTHODOXY AND HELLENISM ANNOUNCES 2015 "FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE"

Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism announced that it will once again offer the prestigious series of "Faith Scholarships for Academic Excellence." These merit-based college scholarships provide funding to graduating high school seniors for their university studies. The application and criteria can be downloaded from the Faith website: www.faiithendowment.org.

Each year since its inception in 2004, grants from Faith fund a series of merit-based and need-based scholarships to seniors ranked

within the top of their graduating class at public, parochial and private high schools across the country. To date, many of the Hellenic American community's most promising graduating high school seniors have been awarded these prestigious scholarships which range in size from \$1,500 - \$25,000. In addition, high school valedictorians and salutatorians also receive special recognition through this series of scholarship awards as do young people wishing to focus their university studies in STEM fields (science, technology, engineering and math).

The "FAITH Scholarships for Excellence in STEM" series was inaugurated in 2012 at the recommendation of Faith Founder Dr. P. Roy Vagelos. These scholarships are an extension of the existing "Faith Scholarships for Academic Excellence" for students entering their freshman year at colleges and universities in the USA and award support to students for all four years of their undergraduate studies based on the recipients' abilities to fulfill the following three criteria: major in a STEM field, maintain a 3.6 minimum GPA, and participate/service in organizations related to the Hellenic and Greek Orthodox community.

"The future of the US economy is dependent on STEM subject knowledge and mastery by our students. I know they will meet this challenge. The Founders of Faith are very pleased to support this important initiative and also support the best and brightest young people and future leaders of our community," said FAITH Founder Dr. P. Roy Vagelos.

Earlier this spring Faith awarded sixty-four (64) financial aid travel grants to young people from all over the USA to attend Ionian Village through its Faith-Ionian Village Travel Grants Program for the 2015 summer season. Recipients of the Faith Ionian Village Travel Grants will have the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience Greece and learn more about their Hellenic heritage and Orthodox faith through visits to ancient sites, monasteries, and cultural institutions through Ionian Village.

In 2015, Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism will renew the Endowment's partnership with the Fulbright Foundation of Greece by underwriting a series graduate and research scholarships through the prestigious US-Greece Fulbright Exchange program.

For more information and application materials about the Faith Scholarships for Academic Scholarships, please visit: <http://www.faiithendowment.org/pdf/2016-faithscholarshipapplication.pdf> and/or www.faiithendowment.org. Deadline: June 27, 2015.

"Prayer of the heart leads to joy of the heart. Nothing is difficult for a joyful person, because he has love."

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica

ARCHDIOCESE ANNOUNCES THE FALLING ASLEEP IN THE LORD OF HIS GRACE BISHOP ANTHIMOS OF OLYMPOS

His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America announced with great sadness, during the meetings of the Archdiocesan Council, the falling asleep in the Lord of His Grace Bishop Anthimos of Olympos, age 80, in his residence in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts. Following the announcement the Archbishop offered a trisagion memorial service, in the Archdiocesan Council meeting room.



Born as George Draconakis in Kasteli, Crete on November 19, 1934 to Nikolaos and Kalliope, he was drawn to the church from a young age and followed the calling of the Lord. He was a graduate of the Patriarchal Theological School of Halki where he received his Master of Divinity degree.

He was ordained to the Diaconate in 1954, and to the Holy Priesthood in 1956. He was elevated to the rank of Archimandrite in 1959. He served parishes in Belgium where he studied at the Catholic University of Louvain. From 1960 - 1969 he was assigned to the Archdiocese of Germany in several capacities and served parishes in Berlin and Nuremberg before being appointed as the Archdiocese Vicar.

In July 1969 he arrived in the United States and was appointed as the parish priest of Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Clinton, Massachusetts. During this time he continued his education at the Harvard Divinity School. In July 1971 he was appointed Dean of the Archdiocesan Cathedral in New York City, where he served until his election as Bishop in 1977. From the time of his election through 1979 he served as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He was enthroned as Bishop of the Diocese of Boston in April 1979 and served there until he was enthroned as the first bishop of the Diocese of Denver in 1983.

Bishop Anthimos was a close friend of Metropolitan Anthony of San Francisco of blessed memory, both having been born and raised in Crete. His Grace was a frequent visitor to the Metropolis of San Francisco. He loved attending the annual Folk Dance and Choral Festival; was a great supporter of Saint Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center and the Monastery of the Theotokos the Life Giving Spring in Dunlap, California; and was a beloved friend and spiritual father for many faithful through the country.

Bishop Anthimos is survived by his brother, Rev. Fr. Konstantinos Draconakis, who had served as a priest in Germany for many years, and is now retired and resides in Crete. He had expressed the wish to be entombed in his motherland, in Kasteli Fournis near Neapolis in Crete. May his memory be eternal!

Father Stephen accompanied Bishop Anthimos' remains to Crete, where he was interred on June 9.

Ongoing Catechism Class

Ongoing Catechism Class - Many years to the servants of God Matthias, Michael, and Socrates!

Five months ago we began a new catechism (religious education) class at the Annunciation Cathedral, taught by Marcelo Souza. Over the last month, we had three baptisms! Matyas Tamas was baptized on April 29, taking the name Matthias, Bob Li was baptized on May 7, taking the name Michael (the Archangel), and Scott Robson was baptized at Holy Cross Church in Belmont on May 14, taking the name Socrates. Many years!

The Cathedral has had a pre-marriage program for the last five years, which often includes many individuals who have not been baptized in any Christian faith but would like to learn more. This class serves as preparation for those seeking baptism - not only those entering the Church through marriage, but any other inquirers, as well as Orthodox people desiring to learn more about our Faith, or a refresher course.

The class is meeting every other Tuesday. We are now using two introductory books - *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology* by Fr. Andrew Louth, and *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism* by Timothy Keller - in addition to investigating our Creed as the summary of the Faith. We are also reading through the Gospel of Mark.

Please keep our catechumens - a key part of the future of our church! - in your prayers.

*“You can see also that here,
in this life, when we ask
our parents for something,
they will grant it—if we are
obedient to them, of course.
The Most Holy Mother
of God prays without
ceasing to her Son for us.”*

- Elder Thaddeus of Vitovnica



Purchase on Amazon.com and Support the Cathedral!

The Cathedral recently received a small donation from Amazon.com's AmazonSmile program, which the Cathedral has been enrolled for almost a year now. If you sign up for AmazonSmile (free), Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to a non-profit of your choice, in this case Annunciation Cathedral! Growing this program would be a tremendous help to the Cathedral while shopping on one of the biggest online businesses in the world!!

When making online purchases from Amazon, just select "Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral" as your charity of choice. Here's how to enroll in this program:

- Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and log in with your Amazon account (if you don't have an Amazon account, you can create one from that web page by clicking on the 'Create an account' link)
- Enter 'Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral San Francisco' in the search field and hit 'Search'
- You should see a single result of 'Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral'. If you see more results, locate the one with 'San Francisco, CA' next to it.
- Hit 'Select' to make the Annunciation your charitable organization choice for your Amazon account.

That's it! When shopping on Amazon this Christmas season, simply sign into <https://smile.amazon.com> for the Annunciation to receive 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. You'll know you're in the AmazonSmile program because the top left corner of the web page will show 'amazonsmile' instead of 'amazon'.

Introduction to Orthodoxy Class

The Cathedral's Intro to Orthodoxy class, taught by Alexander Kozak, has now entered its eighth year! The class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey, but it is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith.

The class explores Christian theology and practice through reading selections of Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or re-discover), week after week, why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact Alexandros Kozak at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com.

OIKOS

OIKOS (Orthodox in *Koinonia* Outreach Services) is a new ministry being spearheaded by Dr. Katina Kostoulos, which specializes in psychotherapy in the Orthodox Christian tradition. Events in the past have included Sunday seminars and group sessions, with more events coming up!

For additional information on retreats or topics related to OIKOS, please contact Dr. Katina Kostoulos, Ph.D., katinakost@aol.com

Dr. Kostoulos has run parenting groups and taught parenting at Various Orthodox Churches in Southern California for the past 20 years, and has been in private practice with children, adolescents and adults for over 25 years. She recently moved to San Francisco and practices psychology and psychoanalysis in San Francisco, California.

Metropolis Offers Camperships for Summer Camp 2015

This year the Metropolis will offer "camperships" to once again assist families experiencing financial challenges. In prior years most camperships covered the full price of camp registration. Due to the extremely high demand for financial assistance in the last few years, the majority of camperships will cover 25% or 50% of camper registration, with a very limited number covering full registration. This is being done in order to assist financially more families throughout the Metropolis. This year we have also improved the process by creating an online form for the parish priest to fill out.

Campership Application Process:

1. Families fill out the online Campership Application (link found at gosfyouth.org)
2. Families will ask their parish priest to fill out the online Parish Priest Recommendation.
3. Once the campership application and Parish Priest recommendations are reviewed by the Metropolis, the family will be contacted by email.

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Please note: Applications are accepted on ongoing basis and camperships are awarded on a first-come first-served basis until camp sessions are full, or available funds are distributed. Submission of an application does not guarantee that a campership will be granted, or that the entire amount requested will be awarded.

Xronia Polla for Namedays in July and August!

Best wishes to the following individuals who celebrate their namedays this month:

Patricia Aleck	Mary Mitchel
Maria Allen	Maria Mountanos
Peter Bagatelos	Tula Mouroufas
Maria Bissas	Maria Nicolacakis
Marie Cardellini	Pauline Oetzel
Peter Cazanis	Magdaline Panagiotopoulos
Giovanna-Maria De-Simone	Mary Pantages
Anna Diamantopoulos	Peter Pantages
Louie Eliopoulos	Voula Pappas
Peter Eliopoulos	Patricia Philliou
Maria Fanourgiakis	Maria Polyzos
Toula Georgatos	Despina Poulos
Sam George	Mary Rally
Panos Gogonas	Patty Rally
Panagiota Haras	Rose Sogotis
Peter Haramis	Panagiotti Sogotis
Mary Kasaris	Anna Stamatopoulos
Marina Keller	Maria Stamatopoulos
Despina Nick Kokalis	Marios Stathopoulos
Panagiota Koutoulas	Peter Stephens
Panagiota Koutoulas	Anna Stratakis
Pete Koutoulas	Mary Tonas
Panteleimon Kyriacou	Mary Tsingos
Magda Lampros	Mary C. Tsougarakis
Patricia Lazarakis	Maria Vavuris
Effie Makras	Marianne Velonis
Maria Mastrokyriakos	Marie Vorrises
Mary Mavrakakis	Loula Vriheas
Mary Mires	Mary Yannaghias

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. The suggested donation for sponsorship is \$100. For more information, please call the office at (415) 864-8814.

*** The information above was taken from the data submitted on our 2015 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 2015 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. Community Link is a small group of Annunciation parishioners who visit members of our community who may be confined due to illness or age. Please keep them in your prayers!



Cathedral Office Team

Many, many thanks to our team of office volunteers! Over the last year, these beloved Cathedral parishioners have generously volunteered their time and commitment to several of our bigger mailings. Our fantastic team of **Al and Loula Ossipoff, Alexia Kleinekorte, Carl Weiner, and Paul Hamberis** have been a HUGE help in putting together mailing materials, specifically, the Easter, Stewardship, and Christmas mailings, a massive task which they continue to do capably and with joy. We are grateful for their assistance and look forward to their help the remainder of this year, as well. Thank you!

The Cathedral office team always welcomes additional assistance from those who are able and willing to offer. If you'd like to join the office team, please call (415) 864-8000



Sunday School graduation, June 7.

YOUTH NEWS

**Sunday School to resume this fall!
Have a wonderful summer!**

'Like'
Annunciation
Cathedral Sunday
School!



Annunciation Dance Year Kicks Off!!

Our new dance year is once again underway, and there are now FIVE dance groups at the Cathedral!

Pre-K group, turning 3 1/2 - 4 in 2015, or entering PreK or Kindergarten in fall 2016
Beginning elementary group, Kindergarten-2nd grade in Fall 2015
Thisavri, 3rd -5th grade in Fall 2015
Spithes, 6th-10th grade in Fall 2015
Ekrixi, 18 and up.

Please contact **Lea Lyberopoulos**, dance board president, at karthia808@yahoo.com for further information.

JOY Summer Party at the Konstantinides Home

A wonderful JOY summer event was enjoyed at the Konstantinides home on Saturday, June 20! We thank Deno and Bella for their warm hospitality, and hope to hold JOY at their house again next year. Thank you!

JOY will resume this October. See you then!

Please contact Father Niko at fatherniko@annunciation.org for more information. Hope to see you there!



Philoptochos President Pat Aleck with the Archbishop following divine liturgy.



Philoptochos throwing a baby shower for Presbytera Stella on May 31.

“The question is not ‘How am I to find God?’ but ‘How am I to let myself be found by him?’... God is looking into the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.”

– Fr. Henri Nouwen



Young Adults Hit SF Street Food Scene, Attend Giants Game

In addition to running our soup kitchen and food pantry, our Cathedral young adults held two events recently. First was a street food night at the new Duboce Truck Stop last May 28, and a Giants game on July 7! Both events were well attended, and a great time was had by all.

In August, our group will celebrate its annual Paraklesis service and dinner on August 7. Hope to see you there!

JOY (Junior Orthodox Youth) is open to all youth grades 3-6

*** GOYA (Greek Orthodox Youth of America) is open to all youth grades 7-12***

*** Our Young Adult group is open to all youth age 22-35(ish)***

More information for all of our youth group events can be found on our "Youth of Annunciation Cathedral San Francisco" Facebook page.

You can also find more information on the NorCal GOYA events by contacting Johanna Duterte on "Metropolis of San Francisco Youth and Young Adult Ministries."

Altar Groups in July and August

Our altar schedule for this month is as follows:

July 5- Archbishop Demetrios celebrating, all altar boys over 12

July 12- Group 2

July 19- Group 3

July 26- Group 4

August 2- Group 1

August 9- Group 2

August 16- Group 3

August 23- Group 4

August 30- All welcome

Our altar groups are as follow:

Group 1- Niko Manetas, Stelio Kyriacou, Kosta Lyberopoulos, George Tsokas, Victor Nicolacakis

Group 2- Demetri Kontonis, Andrew Vellis, Panagiotis Sogotis, Yianni Sogotis, Steven Monolakis, Sean Souza

Group 3- Niko Pezo, Demetri Rally, Steven Chiappari, Gianni Kefalas, Nicholas Shatara

Group 4- Jonas Tesfai, Nathan Tesfai, Bobby Kontonis, Hari Manetas, Matthew Nuris

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. 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. 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!

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Philip Deve, son of Alex Deve and Vasiliki Gkiza, was baptized June 7. His sponsors are Frederique Dame and Jean Luc Solans and Panagiota Gkiza

Eleftherios, son of George Comninos and Maria Moraitis Comninos, was baptized June 14. His sponsor is Georgios A. Tsapakis

Na mas zisoun! Long life!

Dimitra Ioannis Kintis,

**WHO FELL ASLEEP IN THE LORD ON JULY 5,
WAS BURIED JULY 14.**

**SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN,
George Kintis and Maria Farmas
AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

J U L Y C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			Construction Meeting, 10 am		Independence Day Observed (Offices Closed)	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am Archbishop Demetrios Celebrating Divine Liturgy		Young Adult Giants Game, 7:15	Construction Meeting, 10 am			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am		Festival Meeting, 7 pm	Construction Meeting, 10 am			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am	Feast of Prophet Elias, Divine Liturgy 10 am	Soup Kitchen, 6:30	Construction Meeting, 10 am			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am	St. Panteleimon, Divine Liturgy 10 am	Parish Council, 7 pm	Construction Meeting, 10 am			

A U G U S T C A L E N D A R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am			Construction Meeting, 10 am	Feast of the Transfiguration, Orthros 9 am; Divine Liturgy 10 am		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am			Construction Meeting, 10 am			Dormition of the Theotokos, Orthros 9 am, Divine Liturgy 10 am
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am		Soup Kitchen, 6:30	Construction Meeting, 10 am			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29, 30 & 31
Orthros, 9 am; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 am			Construction Meeting, 10 am			

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– *St. Nicholas the Serb*