

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 19, Verses 1-8: In those days, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the upper country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve of them in all. And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 1, Verses 29-34: At that time, John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς ἑορτῆς, Apolytikion of the Feast: Ἦχος α΄. Mode 1:

Ἐν Ἰορδάνῃ βαπτιζομένου σου Κύριε, ἡ τῆς Τριάδος ἐφανερώθη προσκύνησις· τοῦ γὰρ Γεννήτορος ἡ φωνὴ προσεμαρτύρει σοι, ἀγαπητόν σε Υἱὸν ὀνομάζουσα· καὶ τὸ Πνεῦμα ἐν εἴδει περιστερᾶς, ἐβεβαίον τοῦ λόγου τὸ ἀσφαλές. Ὁ ἐπιφανεὶς Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, καὶ τὸν κόσμον φωτίσας δόξα σοι.

IN MEMORY: Three years after his passing, we remember our beloved **Johnny Eliopoulos**. He and his family remain in our prayers. May his memory be eternal! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!

HOUSE BLESSINGS: During the season after Epiphany it is customary to have house blessings. If you would like Father Angelo to come bless your house, please contact him at fr.angelo@annunciation.org

PARISH COUNCIL: Next week, Sunday January 14, our Parish Council will be sworn in following Divine Liturgy for 2024. Afterwards, they will hold a special meeting to hold Officer Elections. We wish our new and returning members good strength as they undertake another year of service to our community.

FDF 2024: The 47th Annual Greek Orthodox Folk Dance & Choral Festival (FDF) is happening February 15-18, 2024 at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel! We have many dancers, directors, and family members going down to represent our Annunciation Cathedral in Anaheim this year. We pray everyone has a wonderful experience and we know our dancers will make the Cathedral proud. Καλή Επιτυχία!

FDF PREVIEW LUNCHEON: On Sunday, February 4, 2024 our Dance Program will be hosting a Preview Luncheon in our hall following Divine Liturgy for our parishioners who will not be able to go down to FDF. All are invited to the luncheon, come support our dancers!

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES:

Annual Crab Feed Friday, January 26, 2024

The Annunciation Philoptochos Crab Feed is being held on Friday, January 26, 2024! Tickets are \$100 per person. Please contact Maria at crabfeed@annunciation.org or visit <https://www.annunciation.org/crabfeed2024> to make a reservation

Vasilopita Coffee Hour January 14, 2024

Please join Philoptochos in this annual event that recognizes Saint Basil the Great, Archbishop of Caesarea and the wonderful tradition of cutting the vasilopita to see who will "win the coin".

